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Malpractice and other adverse events affect one in seven Medicare patients

A new study from the Office of Inspector General of the US Health and Human Services Department estimates that one in seven Medicare patients in hospitals -- or some 134,000 patients per month -- are hurt by "adverse events" in hospitals.

Nearly half of those events are preventable, based on reviews by doctors, the report says.

Read the summary of the [report here](#).

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And here is a [USA Today story](#) about the report.

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