

Adverse drug reactions in Canada: facts v. urban myths.

Description

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Advocates of increased regulation of new pharmaceuticals frequently cite the alarming statistic that 100,000 or more hospitalized patients in the United States die each year from adverse drug reactions (ADRs). Since the population of Canada is about one-tenth the size of the United States' population, advocates of increased drug regulation in Canada argue that 10,000 hospitalized Canadian patients also probably die from ADRs annually. This study questions the factual validity of these statistics.