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# Vaccine Injuries Ratio: One for Every 39 Vaccines Administered



**By Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Chairman, Children's Health Defense**

During our September 18 debate, Spectrum TV host Renee Eng asked Kaiser's, Dr. Robert Riewerts, how many vaccine injuries he had seen during his 30 years as a Pediatrician. His answer: "None, not a single one."

## **Slide 1. A 2010 HHS pilot study by the AHCR.**

Slide 1 shows a 2010 U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) pilot study by the Federal Agency for Health Care Research (AHCR) to test the efficiency of a state-of-the-art machine counting (AI) system on data records from the Harvard Pilgrim HMO. Those government researchers found that 2.6% of vaccination resulted in injuries—a ratio one for every 39 vaccines administered. The same study found that typical clinicians see 1.3 vaccine injuries per month.

Source: <https://healthit.ahrq.gov/ahrq-funded-projects/electronic-support-public-health-vaccine-adverse-event-reporting-system>

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**“Preliminary data were collected from June 2006 through October 2009 on 715,000 patients and 1.4 million doses (of 45 different vaccines) were given to 376,452 individuals.**

**Of these doses, 35,570 possible reactions (2.6% of vaccinations) were identified.”**

**“This is... an average of 1.3 events per clinician, per month.”**

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## Slide 2. A table from HHS's 2016 Neiss-Cades survey published in JAMA

Slide 2 is a table from HHS's 2016 Neiss-Cades survey published in JAMA reporting an astonishing 19.5% of children under five who are admitted to emergency rooms for drug reactions are suffering vaccine injuries. This finding certainly represents an undercount since pediatric hospitals, which treat most serious injuries, were badly underrepresented in the database, (Only six of 63 hospitals surveyed).

Source: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27893129>

# **US Emergency Department Visits for Outpatient Adverse Drug Events, 2013-2014**

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## **Abstract**

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**Table 4.**  
 US Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Adverse Drug Events (ADEs) From Commonly Implicated Drug Classes by Patient Age, 2013-2014<sup>a</sup>

Drug Class	Patient Age <5 y <sup>b</sup>		Patient Age 5-19 y		Patient Age 20-34 y		Patient Age 35-49 y		Patient Age 50-64 y		Patient Age 65-79 y		Patient Age ≥80 y	
	No. of Cases (n = 3741)	National Estimate, % (95% CI) <sup>c</sup>	No. of Cases (n = 1248)	National Estimate, % (95% CI) <sup>c</sup>	No. of Cases (n = 540)	National Estimate, % (95% CI) <sup>c</sup>	No. of Cases (n = 493)	National Estimate, % (95% CI) <sup>c</sup>	No. of Cases (n = 477)	National Estimate, % (95% CI) <sup>c</sup>	No. of Cases (n = 434)	National Estimate, % (95% CI) <sup>c</sup>	No. of Cases (n = 477)	National Estimate, % (95% CI) <sup>c</sup>
Antibiotics	1440	36.4 (31.8-41.0)	836	21.8 (18.1-25.4)	1207	24.2 (21.5-26.9)	875	16.2 (14.1-18.2)	852	11.1 (9.8-12.4)	467	6.7 (5.5-7.9)	342	3.8 (3.2-4.3)
Anticoagulants	6	NA	13	NA	133	2.1 (1.6-2.6)	454	7.3 (6.2-8.4)	1240	13.7 (11.3-16.4)	2333	27.5 (25.3-31.1)	2266	38.8 (35.7-41.8)
Antidepressants	6	NA	391	3.8 (2.5-5.1)	184	3.2 (2.4-4.0)	157	2.7 (2.0-3.5)	128	1.7 (1.2-2.1)	35	0.8 (0.6-1.0)	24	0.7 (0.1-1.3) <sup>d</sup>
Antidiabetic agents	283	2.8 (2-4) <sup>d</sup>	336	2.7 (1.8-3.6) <sup>d</sup>	168	1.3 (0.9-1.7)	196	2.1 (1.5-2.8)	546	5.2 (4.3-6.1)	384	3.6 (2.8-4.5)	92	1.8 (0.7-2.9)
Antipsychotics	1	NA	35	NA	57	0.2 (0.0-0.7)	48	1.2 (0.7-1.9)	359	4.5 (3.4-5.6)	827	8.9 (7.5-10.4)	615	10.6 (9.3-12.0)
Antipsychotics	7	NA	177	4.8 (3.5-6.1)	340	2.3 (1.7-2.9)	228	5.1 (3.4-6.8)	178	1.9 (1.4-2.4)	41	0.5 (0.3-0.8)	15	NA
Diuretic agents	10	NA	190	2.8 (1.8-3.8)	469	7.1 (5.5-9.2)	801	14.2 (11.3-17.2)	1786	18.2 (14.6-22.1)	1722	18.6 (14.9-22.4)	839	15.2 (11.4-19.0)
Dietary supplements <sup>e</sup>	46	1.8 (0.8-2.8)	55	2.0 (1.3-2.6)	268	3.7 (2.8-4.6)	154	2.9 (2.3-3.4)	125	1.4 (1.0-1.7)	72	1.8 (1.3-2.3)	38	1.9 (0.8-3.1)
Non-opioid analgesic agents	36	1.6 (0.9-2.4)	49	1.7 (0.9-2.5)	88	1.6 (1.1-2.0)	48	1.1 (0.7-1.5)	31	0.5 (0.3-0.7)	11	NA	7	NA
Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs	52	2.8 (1.7-3.9)	117	3.0 (2.0-4.0)	225	4.0 (2.7-5.3)	166	3.2 (2.0-4.7)	132	1.5 (1.2-1.8)	69	0.8 (0.5-1.0)	18	NA
Optical analgesics	26	0.6 (0.1-1.0) <sup>d</sup>	93	3.0 (2.3-3.8)	422	7.8 (6.8-8.8)	382	6.8 (5.7-7.9)	536	5.9 (4.8-6.9)	354	4.6 (3.5-5.6)	151	3.5 (2.6-4.5)
Sedative or hypnotic agents	11	NA	55	2.0 (1.4-2.6)	128	2.3 (1.6-3.1)	160	2.8 (1.9-3.7)	146	1.6 (1.2-2.0)	106	1.8 (1.3-2.3)	55	0.9 (0.5-1.3)
Statins	13	NA	116	1.1 (0.7-1.5)	66	0.6 (0.4-0.8)	18	NA	18	NA	18	NA	18	NA
<b>Vaccines</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>19.5 (17.2-22.8)</b>												

19.5% of drug-induced emergency room visits by children are vaccine-induced.

Vaccines

455 19.5

Patient Age ≤ 5 y<sup>b</sup>

## **How is it then that Dr. Riewerts has given thousands of vaccines and never seen an injury?**

Medical schools—largely funded by Pharma, do not teach doctors to recognize vaccine injuries, and indoctrinate pediatricians to believe such injuries don't exist. CDC tells doctors that vaccine injury is vanishingly rare. Therefore, Pediatricians like Dr. Riewerts whose patients suffer vaccine injury like seizures, epilepsy, allergies, autoimmune and neurological injuries, or SIDS, are likely to dismiss those incidents as "sad coincidences" unrelated to vaccines and never report them to VAERS.

## **Slide 3. AHCR confirmed these assessments, finding that "fewer than 1% of vaccine injuries were reported."**

Indeed, HHS commissioned the AHCR pilot study in response to criticism that vaccine injuries were horribly underreported. AHCR confirmed these assessments, finding that "fewer than 1% of vaccine injuries were reported."

Source: <https://healthit.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/docs/publication/r18hs017045-lazarus-final-report-2011.pdf>

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**According to an HHS funded study:**

**“Adverse events from drugs and vaccines are common but underreported... Likewise, fewer than 1% of vaccine adverse events are reported.”**

## Slide 4. CDC terminated the system-wide roll-out and stopped returning phone calls from their sister agency.

Slide 4 shows that CDC officially were so panicked by AHRC's revelations that they killed the AI system-wide roll-out and stopped returning phone calls from their sister agency. Today, CDC purposefully continues to use a surveillance system designed to under-count vaccine injuries by over 99%!

Source: <https://healthit.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/docs/publication/r18hs017045-lazarus-final-report-2011.pdf>



## Electronic Support for Public Health - Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System - 2010

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Unfortunately, there was never an opportunity to perform system performance assessments because the necessary CDC contacts were no longer available and the CDC consultants responsible for receiving data were no longer responsive to our multiple requests to proceed with testing and evaluation.

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