



# Patient Involvement

Questions Are the Answer

Get More Involved With Your Health Care

## Facts and Figures About Medical Mistakes in the U.S. Health Care System

- **Medical Mistakes in Hospitals Account for an Estimated 44,000 - 98,000 Deaths Each Year or a Minimum of 120 Deaths a Day**

(Source: Institute of Medicine, To Err is Human: Building a Safer Health System, 1999)

- **An Estimated 1.5 Million Medication Errors Occur Each Year**

(Source: Institute of Medicine, Preventing Medication Errors, 2006)

- **Preventable Medication Errors Add an Extra \$3.5 Billion to the U.S. Health Care Tab Each Year**

(Source: IOM, Preventing Medication Errors, 2006)

- **Patients in the U.S. Receive Appropriate Health Care Only About 50% of the Time**

(Source: New England Journal of Medicine, McGlynn et al, 2003)

- **More Than Half of All Americans (57%) Don't Believe That Preventable Medical Errors Occur Often**

(Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/Kaiser Family Foundation, 2006)

