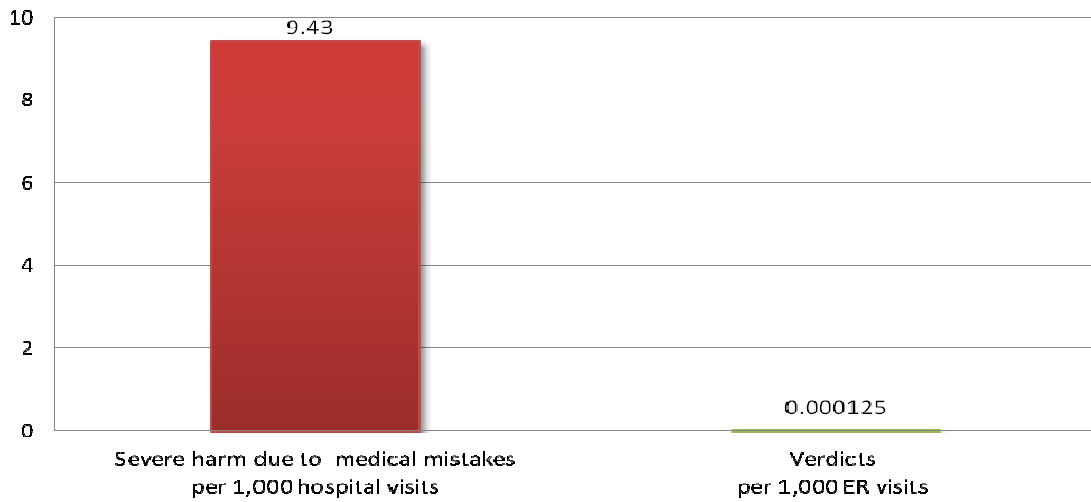


**Patient's Risk of Severe Harm Due to Medical Mistakes ¹
vs. ER Provider's Risk of Liability²**



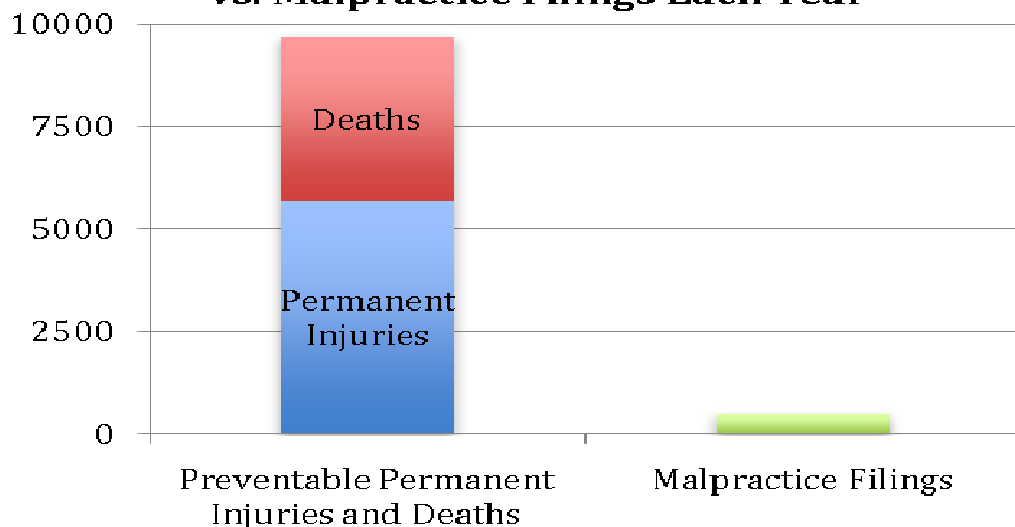
¹ The number of permanent injuries and deaths caused by a preventable medical mistake per 1,000 hospital admissions in NC.

Source: New England Journal of Medicine 11/25/2010; American Hospital Association, Hospital Statistics (2010).

² The number of ER providers found liable for medical malpractice per 1,000 ER visits in NC.

Source: NC Administrative Office of the Courts; Complaints and verdict sheets in all malpractice cases in which plaintiff obtained a liability verdict, 1999-2010.

**Patients Seriously Harmed by Medical Mistakes
vs. Malpractice Filings Each Year***



* Based on annual average rates, 2002-2007

Sources: New England Journal of Medicine 11/25/2010,

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