



Health IT and Patient Safety: A Means To An End

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Overview

- The Crisis at Hand
- The Cavalry Arrives
- The Future is Bright



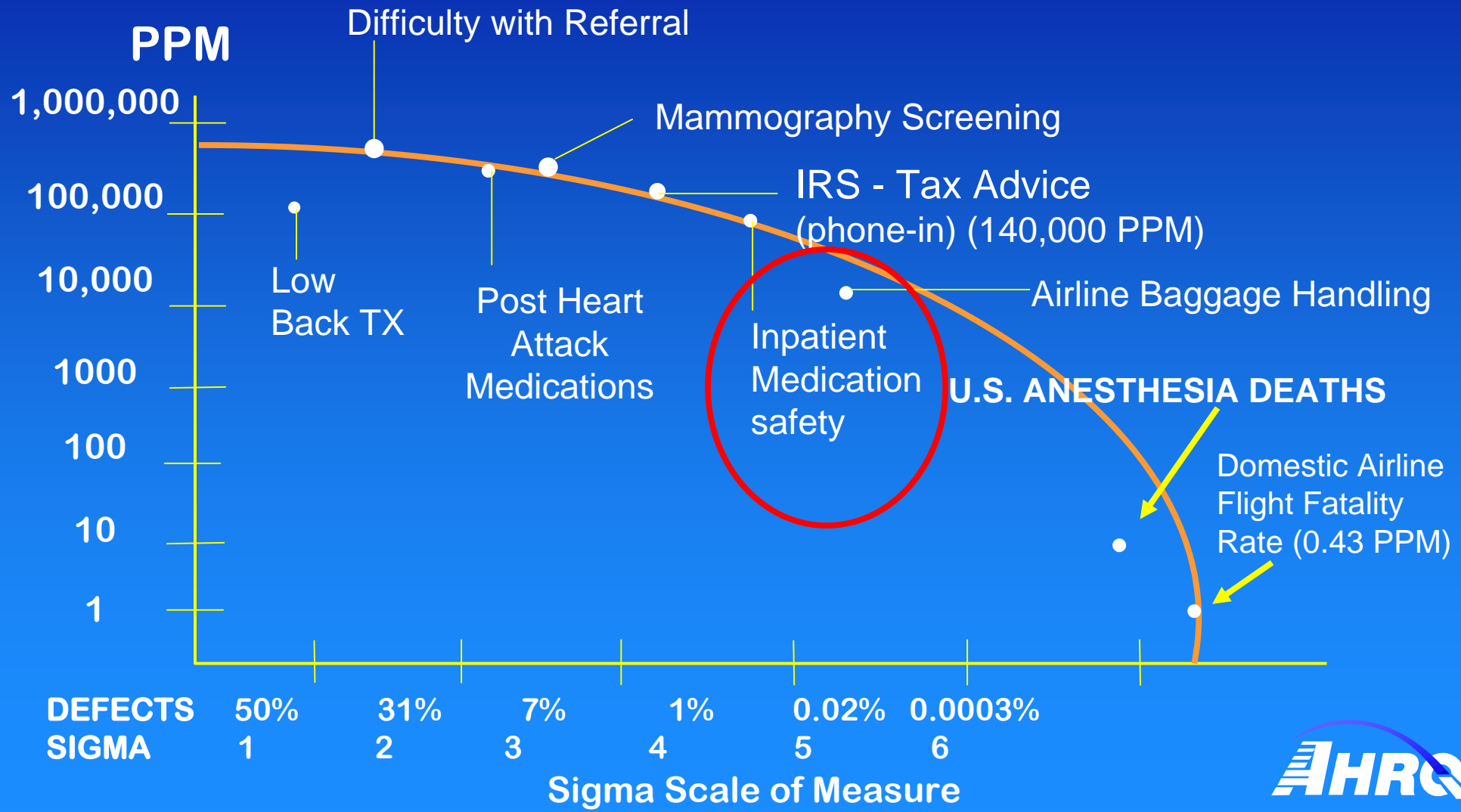


Is the sky REALLY falling?

- ADEs : 777,000 injuries and deaths per year
- 44,000 – 98,000 deaths per year



Comparative Reliability Between Industries





Who is at the center?

- Providers...
- Payers...
- Federal Government...

- Not the patient

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Technology

- Refers to any application of a systematic technique, method, or approach for practical purposes.



But What Do We Do?

- Lots we can do to improve safety:
- Systems Design
- CQI
- Institute for Healthcare Improvement



But IT in particular...

- Avoid Errors, Improve Response to Errors, Give Feedback after errors
- Improve availability of information
- Provide Guidance : Best Practices



AHRQ Portfolio

- Grants
- Contracts
- Research and Conferences (Annual Conference)
- AHRQ National Resource Center
- Healthit.ahrq.gov





End with Hope

- HHS efforts
- Secretary Leavitt
- AHIC
- CMS
- National Coordinator



Thank You

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