

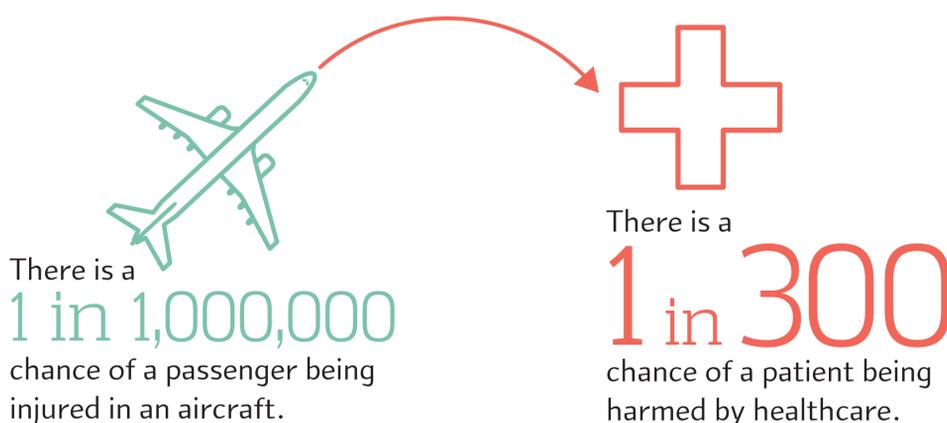


# The Path to Success in Improving Patient Safety

Patient safety is a top concern of every nurse, physician, hospital worker, and healthcare administrator. However, despite the effort that goes into keeping patients safe, there are many factors that can threaten their well-being. Here are a few ways to help avoid those threats and keep everyone safe.

## What's the current state of patient safety?

Right now, patient safety doesn't look stellar. Mainly, this issue has come about because of employee disengagement, low staffing, and a lack of resources:



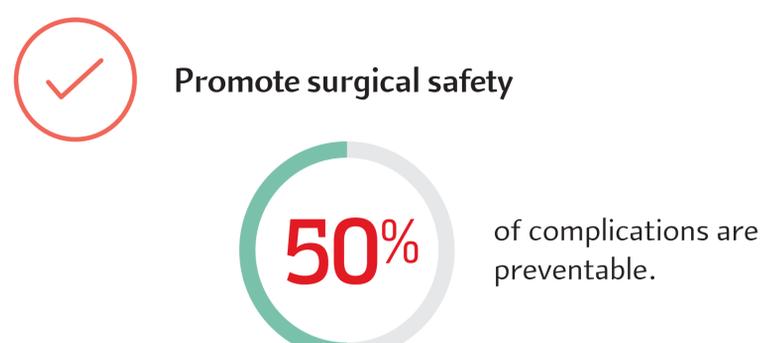
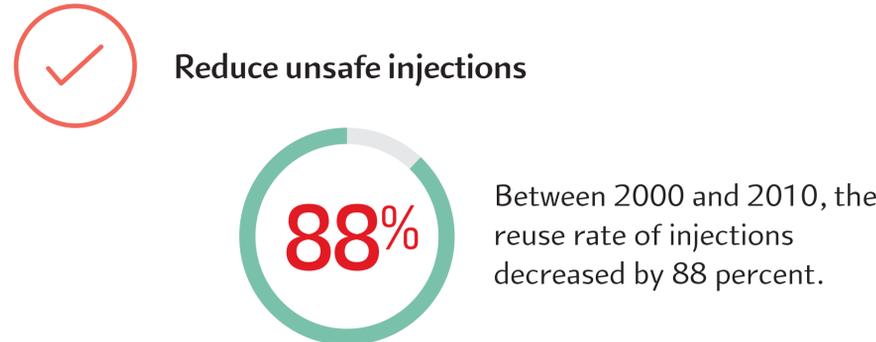
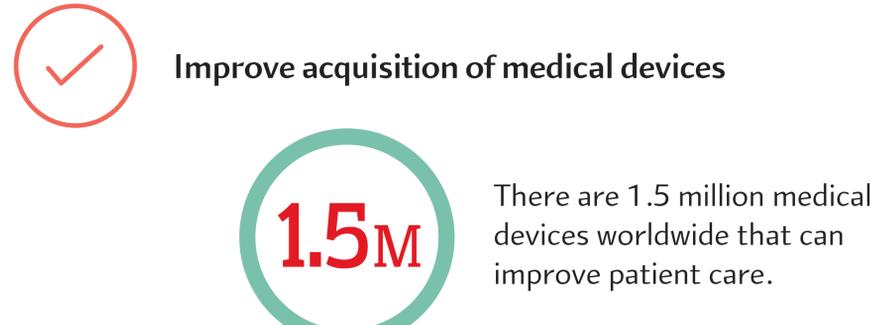
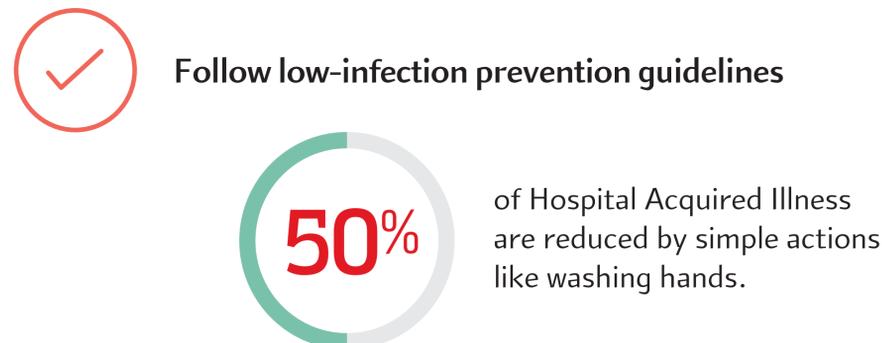
of all healthcare spending is wasted due to patient safety ignorance.



of the time patients are not recommended the care they need.

## How can we improve?

Luckily, a few simple changes can work toward improving patient safety:

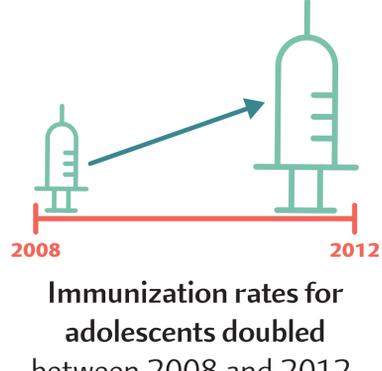
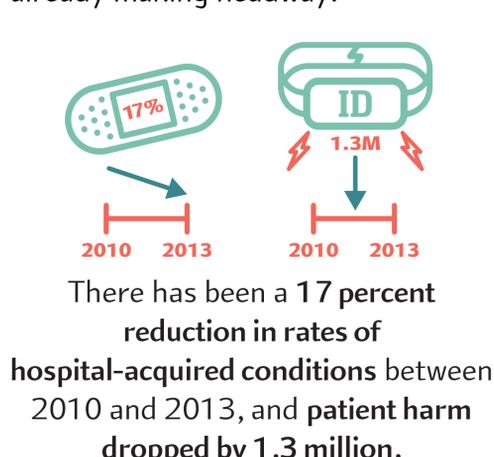


Annually, better engagement between doctors and patients could:



## Looking forward

With these guidelines, hospitals and healthcare facilities everywhere can make strides toward improving patient safety. Nationally, we are already making headway:



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