



Point of View: Iatrogenesis

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Abstract: My estimate drawn from published evidence is that the iatrogenic death toll in Australia exceeds 50,000 per annum. One would expect this to be of concern, yet my observation is that both politicians and the media ignore it to the possible detriment of the Australian public.

Indexing Terms: Chiropractic; medical iatrogenesis.

Cause of Death

Australia's health care Establishment is comprised of key medical people, politicians and relevant parts of their bureaucracy, and media people. The corona epidemic gets saturation publicity from the Establishment. As of 2022, Australia has recorded 4,201 Coronavirus Deaths since the epidemic began, according to the *World Health Organisation* (WHO).

In his 1995 book *Bad Medicine*, Australia's John Archer used some of the medical data about iatrogenesis to guesstimate that Australia has some 50,000 iatrogenic deaths per year. That figure multiplied by decades staggers the imagination. For decades, the Establishment has given the iatrogenic epidemic no publicity.

Few people know that *iatro*, refers to 'physician', *genesis*, refers to 'create'. *Iatrogenesis* refers to harm arising from medical treatment as distinct from the patient's disorder.

On Election Day, will you vote for either major party to continue concealing Australia's iatrogenic epidemic?



A personal 20-year-long study of the concealment of the true total iatrogenic death toll

Background

No country evidences its true total toll of deaths due to medical treatment as distinct from the patient's disorder, its iatrogenic death toll. Evidence-based Medicine never evidences its true total iatrogenic death toll. Politicians and the media are complicit in this concealment.

Guesstimated national iatrogenic death tolls according to medical literature

USA 783,936 iatrogenic deaths pa. Australia 50,000 iatrogenic deaths pa. By comparison: The War Memorial's roll of honour database contains 102,760 records (as at the time of writing) of Australians who have died during or as a result of war service, other conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Seen in a decades long context Australia's concealed iatrogenic deaths far exceeds our war dead.

Concealing a Pandemic

The World Health Organisation, WHO guidelines for signing death certificates enables substitution of cause of death from an iatrogenic cause to a non-iatrogenic cause of death. Null et al found that defining iatrogenic causes of death needs 12 categories of iatrogenic deaths. Australia provides two such categories, its report *Cause of Death* does not recognise that iatrogenesis is a/the leading cause of death. The media knowingly cooperates in this concealment.

Who are an informed party to concealment

Having spent some 20 years informing Australia's mainstream media and politicians. I found that both groups support the booming medical industry while turning an informed blind eye to the concealed iatrogenic epidemic in Australia.

Comparative Publicity

Few Corona deaths have attracted maximum international media coverage. The decades of the accumulating massive iatrogenic death toll has not received media coverage.

Concealment

The government report *Cause of Death* (2020) appears to publish the actual cause of death with no mention of the 12 categories of iatrogenic harm. [Ed: the search terms 'iatrogenesis', and 'medical negligence' give no returns as 'cause of death']. Shortly after the publication, deceptive news articles appear inferring that public health is acceptably safe. When alerted to this dangerous absence of a leading cause of death, there were no media retractions.

The detriment of concealment

Without knowing of iatrogenic risk few future victims of the iatrogenic deception would be aware that they are about to die due to medical treatment as distinct from their disorder.

The benefit of concealment

Public health care has become a boom industry. A thriving department of health continues assuring the public that public health is safe. A large part of Australia's population silently share in the financial benefits of that false assurance.

Market value

Total spending on health in 2019–20 was estimated to be \$81.8 billion, representing 16.3 per cent of the Australian Government's total expenditure.

Individuals whom I have contacted

22 years, communicating with hundreds of influential individuals has not resulted in one person publicising expressing concern about the epidemic or the pandemic.

Purpose of this article

To share with my readers the reality of iatrogenic risk. I am greatly indebted to Medicine's bright side and abhor its dark side.

Please try to stay healthy naturally and avoid iatrogenic harm.

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