

Economic Impact of Poor Quality Care

Economic Impact of Preventable Medical Errors Nearly \$1 Trillion

According to a study from researchers at Wolters Kluwer's [*Journal of Health Care Finance*](#), preventable medical errors may cost the U.S. economy up to \$1 trillion in "lost human potential and contributions." The study's authors used Quality-Adjusted Life Years (QALYs) to develop, what they say, is a "more complete accounting of the economic impact when someone dies from a preventable error."

