

Patient harm in Canadian hospitals? It does happen.

Hospitals are generally safe, but sometimes harmful events happen that affect patients. Many of these events are preventable.

How often does it happen?



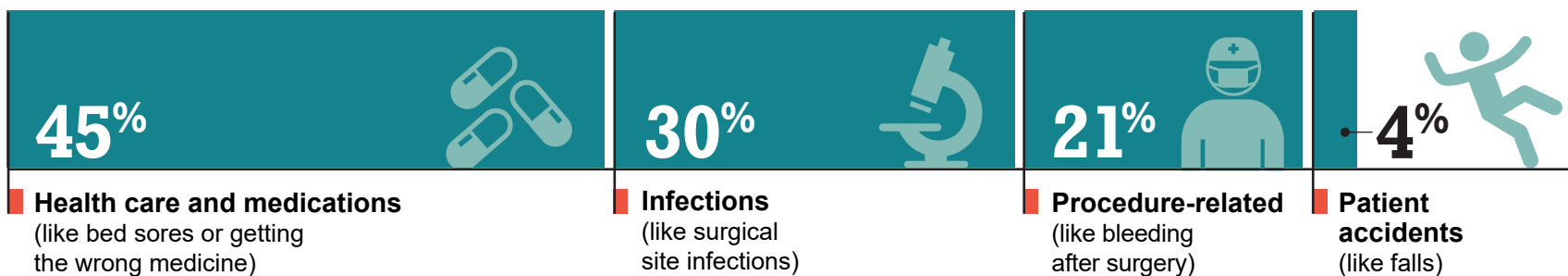
In 2019–2020,

1 in **18** hospital stays

in Canada involved at least one harmful event (134,000 out of 2.5 million hospital stays).

What kinds of harmful events happen?

There are 4 categories of harmful events — 2019–2020 breakdown.



Note

All numbers exclude Quebec and selected mental health diagnoses.

What can be done about this?

We are collecting data on how often these events are happening, using a new hospital harm measure. And we are providing information on how these events can be prevented.

