Therac-25: Will history repeat itself?

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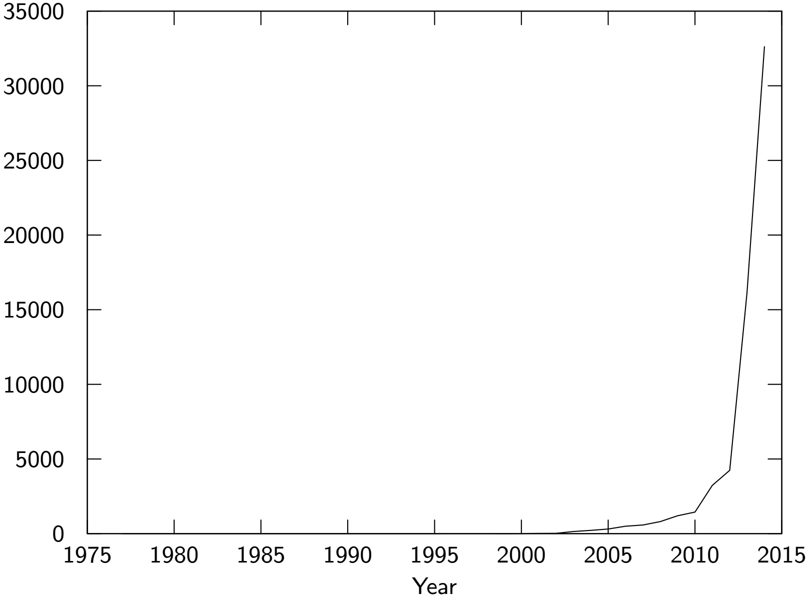
Example Adverse Event Categories

- Failure to run on AC/DC
- Abnormal
- Absorption
- Accessory incompatible
- Measurements, inaccurate
- Adaptor, failure of
- Agglutinate, failure to
- Automatic injection system overinfusion
- Failure to back-up
- Failure to convert to back-up
- Balloon rupture
- Balloon asymmetrical
- Balloon burst
- Contamination during use
- Intermittent continuity
- Continuous
- Cooling system, failure of
- Insufficient cooling
- Display misread
- Erratic display
- No display or display failure
- Incorrect display
- Disposable
- Dissection
- Distilled water, contaminated
- Dome collapse
- Rupture due to trauma
- Saline, use of homemade
- Salt tablet(s), use of
- Seal, incorrect
- Sediment filter problems
- Self-activation or keying
- Sensing intermittently
- Transducer failure
- Transmitter failure
- Trocar/instrument incompatibility
- Tube(s), exploding of
- Tubing, incorrect placement of
- Twisting
- Ultrafiltration
- Ultraviolet
- Ultraviolet absorbing
- Uncoiled
- Undercorrection
- Warning light, incorrect
- Water softener process, failure of
- Water treatment
- Wedge filter problem
- Wedge, difficult to
- Screw head(s), incorrect
- Metal shedding debris
- Electrical wires, defective
- Water softener regeneration cycle, mistiming of
- Temperature probe, loose
- Bubble detector, failure of
- Valve(s), defective
- Tube(s), defective
- Air eliminator, defective
- Seal, defective
- Cable, defective
- Underdelivery
- Electro-magnetic interference (EMI), compatibility/incompatibility
- Tube(s), buckling

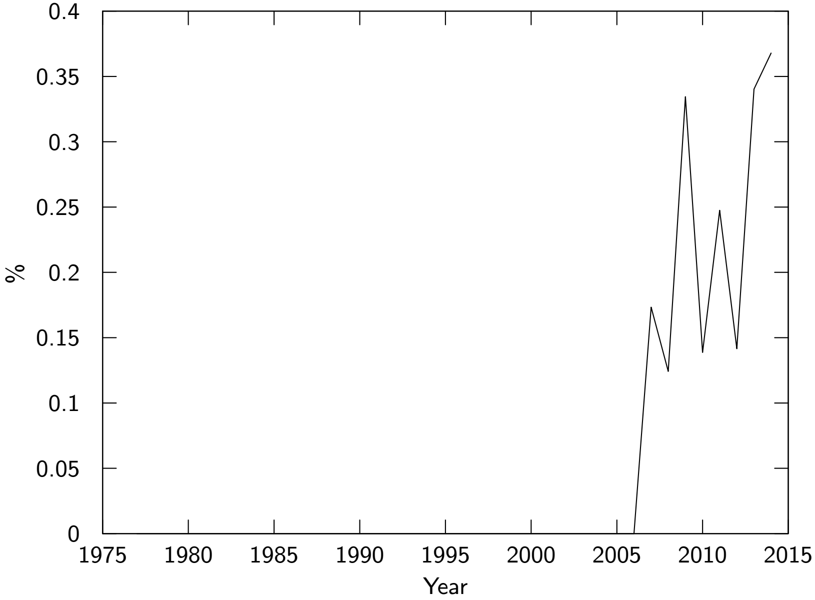
Adverse Events that are "Computer Related"

- Computer failure
- Computer hardware error
- Computer software issue
- Incorrect display
- Error or warning message, failure to produce
- Power calculation error due to software problem
- Incorrect software programming calculations
- Algorithms, inconsistent
- Semiautomatic code, failure to override
- Year 2000 (Y2K) related problem
- Date-related software issue
- Application network issue
- Application program issue
- Application program version or upgrade problem
- Application security issue
- Computer operating system issue
- Computer system security issue
- Data back-up problem
- Loss of Data
- Operating system becomes non-functional
- Operating system version or upgrade problem
- Problem with software installation
- Programming issue

Number of “Adverse Events”



Percentage of “Computer Related” Adverse Events



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