

# OPENFDA MEDICAL DEVICE ADVERSE EVENT ANALYSIS

Analysis of FDA Medical Device Adverse Event Reports



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# 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report analyzes 119 FDA medical device adverse event reports submitted between **August 18, 2017** and **September 16, 2025** (a period of 96.9 months). The dataset includes 2 unique manufacturers and 9 unique device brands. The average reporting rate was 2.3 reports per month, with peak reporting of 15 reports in **May 2018**.

Table 1: Summary statistics of FDA MAUDE reports

Metric	Value
Total Reports	119
Date Range	August 18, 2017 to September 16, 2025
Reporting Duration	2951 days ( 96.9 months)
Unique Manufacturers	2
Unique Device Brands	9
Average Monthly Reports	2.3 reports/month
Maximum Monthly Reports	15 reports in May 2018

## 2. METHODOLOGY

### 2.1. DATA SOURCE

The search of the FDA Manufacturer and User Facility Device Experience (MAUDE) database was conducted using the openFDA Device Event API. Retrieved JSON-formatted data were downloaded directly from the API and subsequently processed and cleaned for analysis.

### 2.2. DATA STANDARDIZATION

The analysis employs fuzzy matching algorithms to standardize manufacturer and brand names, addressing inconsistencies in naming conventions across reports. This standardization process uses the **RapidFuzz** library with partial ratio matching to group similar names under a canonical representation.

### 2.3. PROBLEM CLASSIFICATION

Patient and product problems are extracted and categorized, excluding non-informative categories to focus on meaningful data patterns.



### 3. TEMPORAL TREND ANALYSIS

#### 3.1. OVERALL REPORTING TRENDS

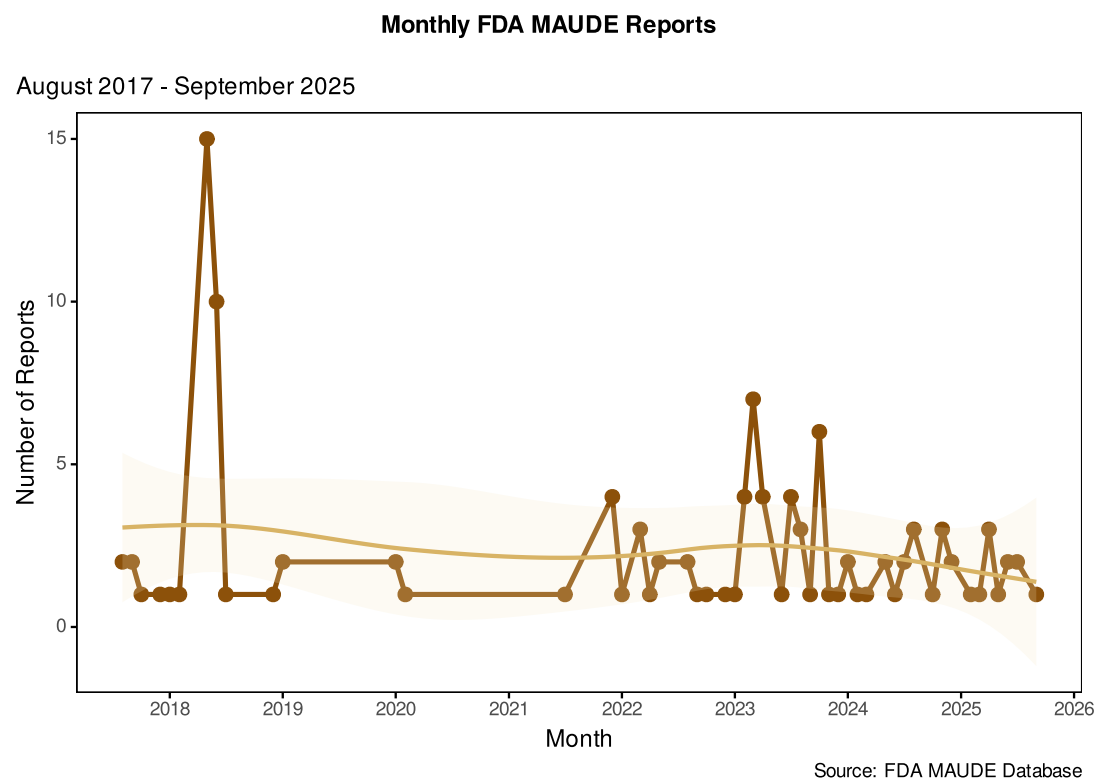


Figure 1: Monthly trend of FDA MAUDE reports

#### **i** Trend Observation

The reporting shows variability across months, with notable peaks in **May 2018, June 2018, March 2023, October 2023, December 2021, February 2023, April 2023, July 2023, March 2022, August 2023, August 2024, November 2024, April 2025**. The average monthly reporting rate is 2.3 reports, with a standard deviation of 2.5 reports.

#### 3.2. CUMULATIVE REPORTS OVER TIME



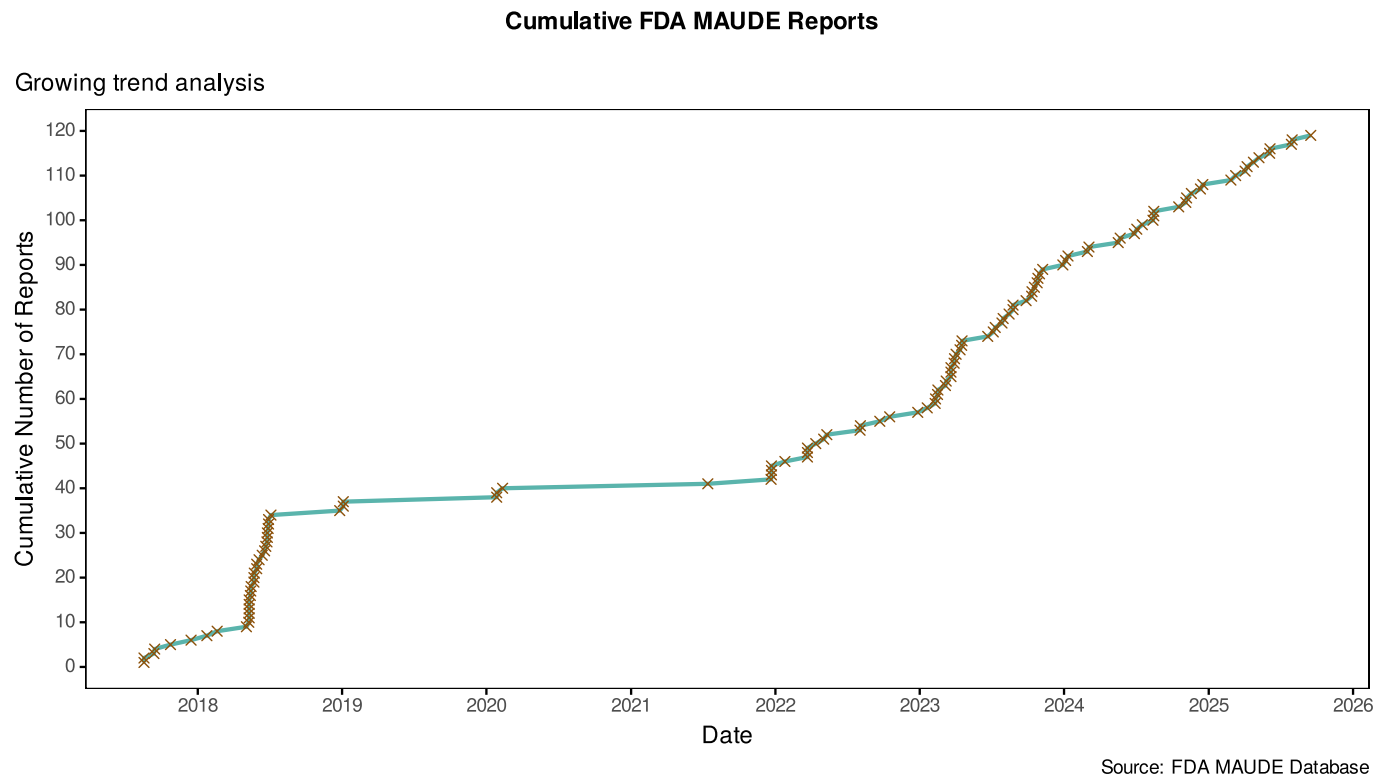


Figure 2: Cumulative FDA MAUDE reports over time



# 4. PRODUCT PROBLEM ANALYSIS

## 4.1. TOP PRODUCT PROBLEMS

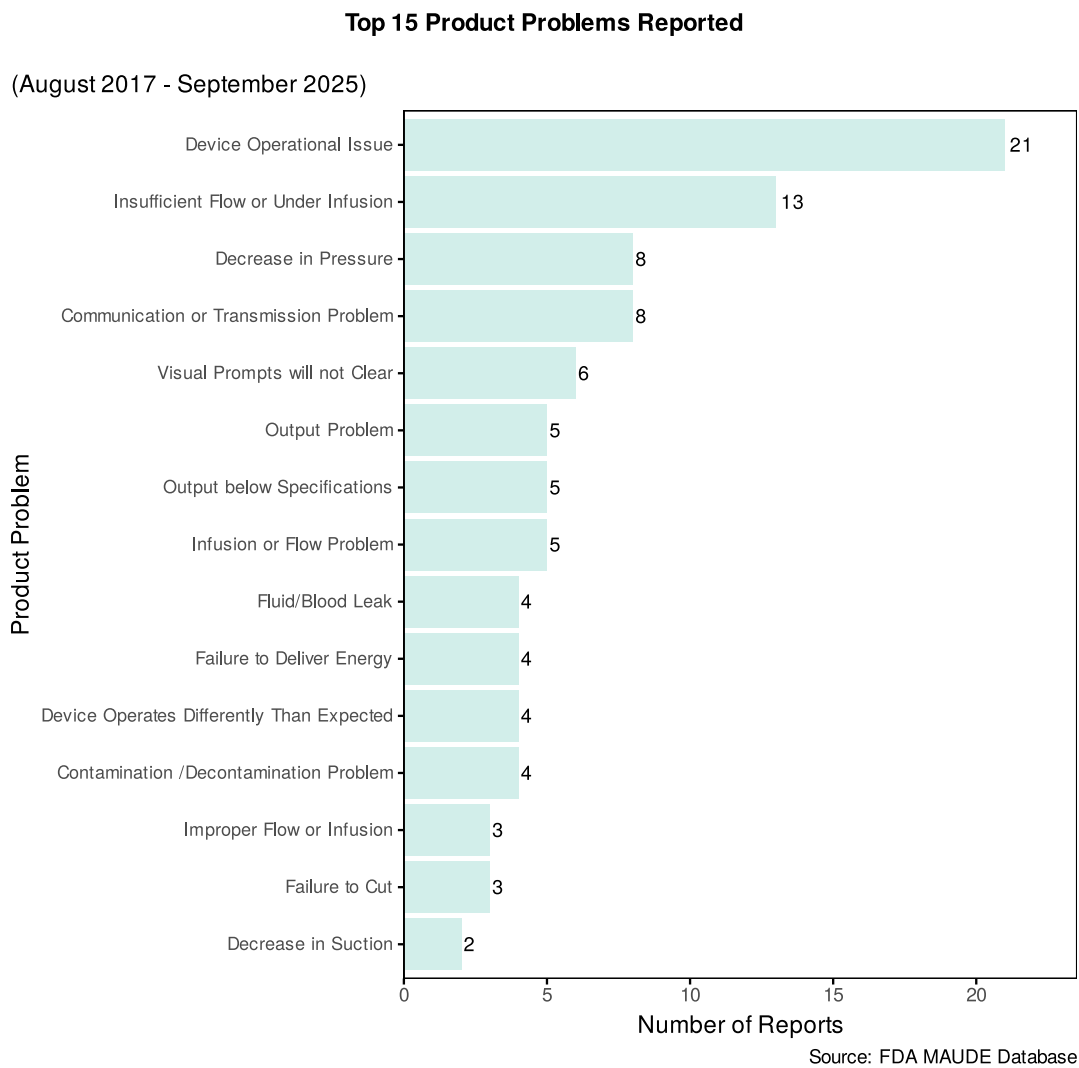


Figure 3: Most frequently reported product problems



## ⚠️ Product Issues

The most frequently reported problems are:

1. **Device Operational Issue** - 21 reports (17.6%)
2. **Insufficient Flow or Under Infusion** - 13 reports (10.9%)
3. **Communication or Transmission Problem** - 8 reports (6.7%)

These top three issues account for 42 reports (35.3% of all reports).

## 5. PATIENT PROBLEM ANALYSIS

### 5.1. PATIENT PROBLEMS OVERVIEW

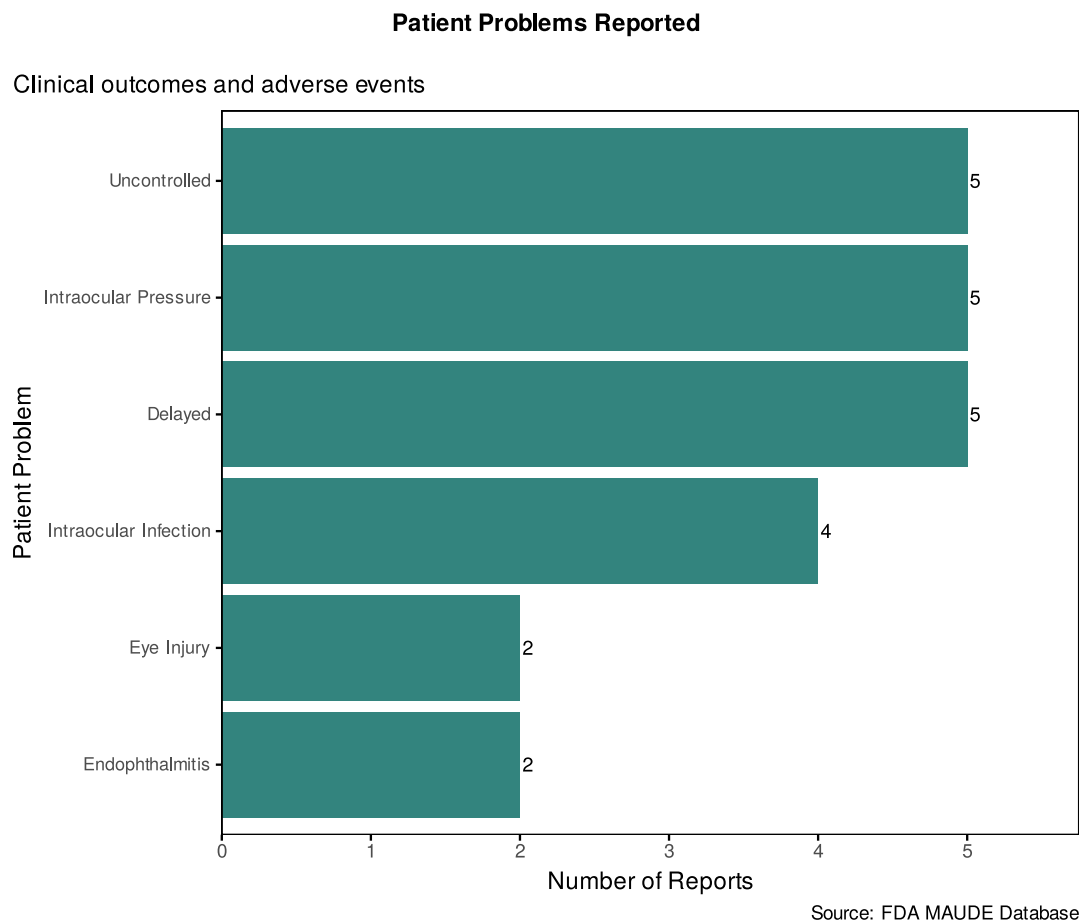


Figure 4: Patient problems reported in FDA MAUDE events



## 6. MANUFACTURER ANALYSIS

### 6.1. TOP MANUFACTURERS

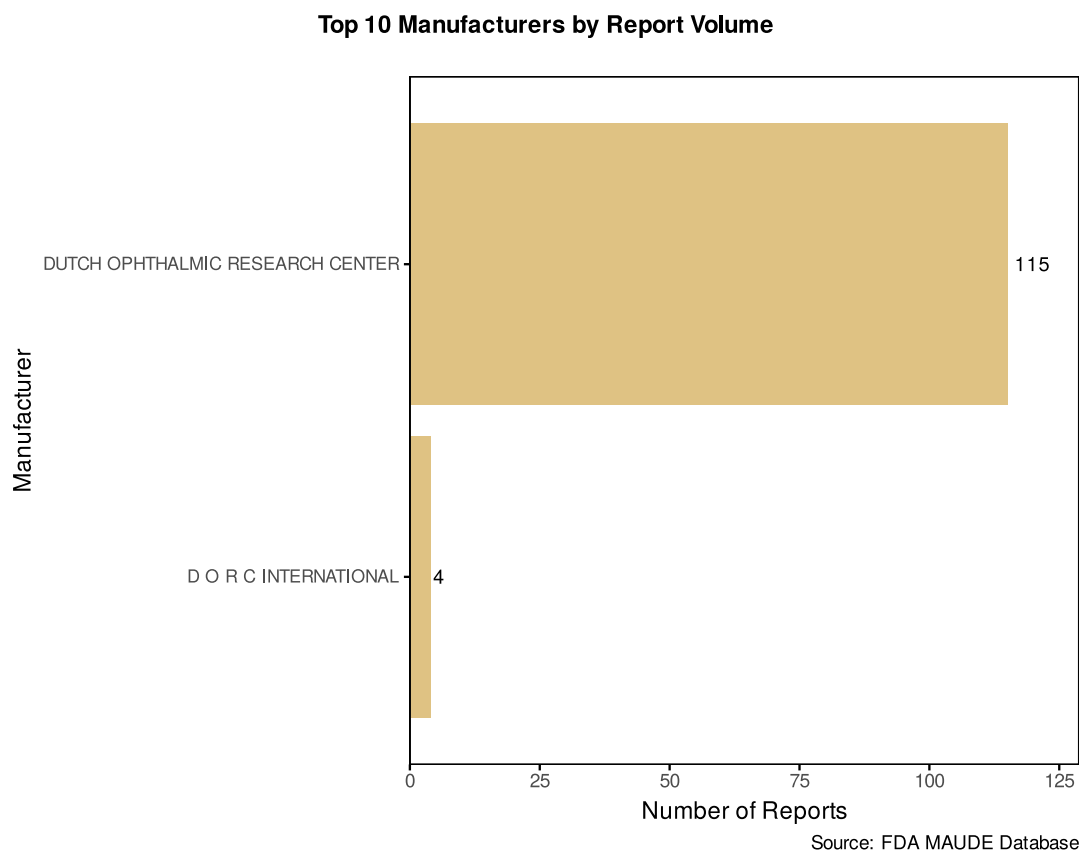


Figure 5: Top 10 manufacturers by report volume

The top manufacturer, **DUTCH OPHTHALMIC RESEARCH CENTER**, accounts for 115 reports (96.6% of total).

Table 2: Top 5 manufacturers with report statistics

Rank	Manufacturer	Reports	% of Total
1	DUTCH OPHTHALMIC RESEARCH CENTER	115	96.64%
2	D O R C INTERNATIONAL	4	3.36%

## 7. DEVICE BRAND ANALYSIS

### 7.1. TOP DEVICE BRANDS



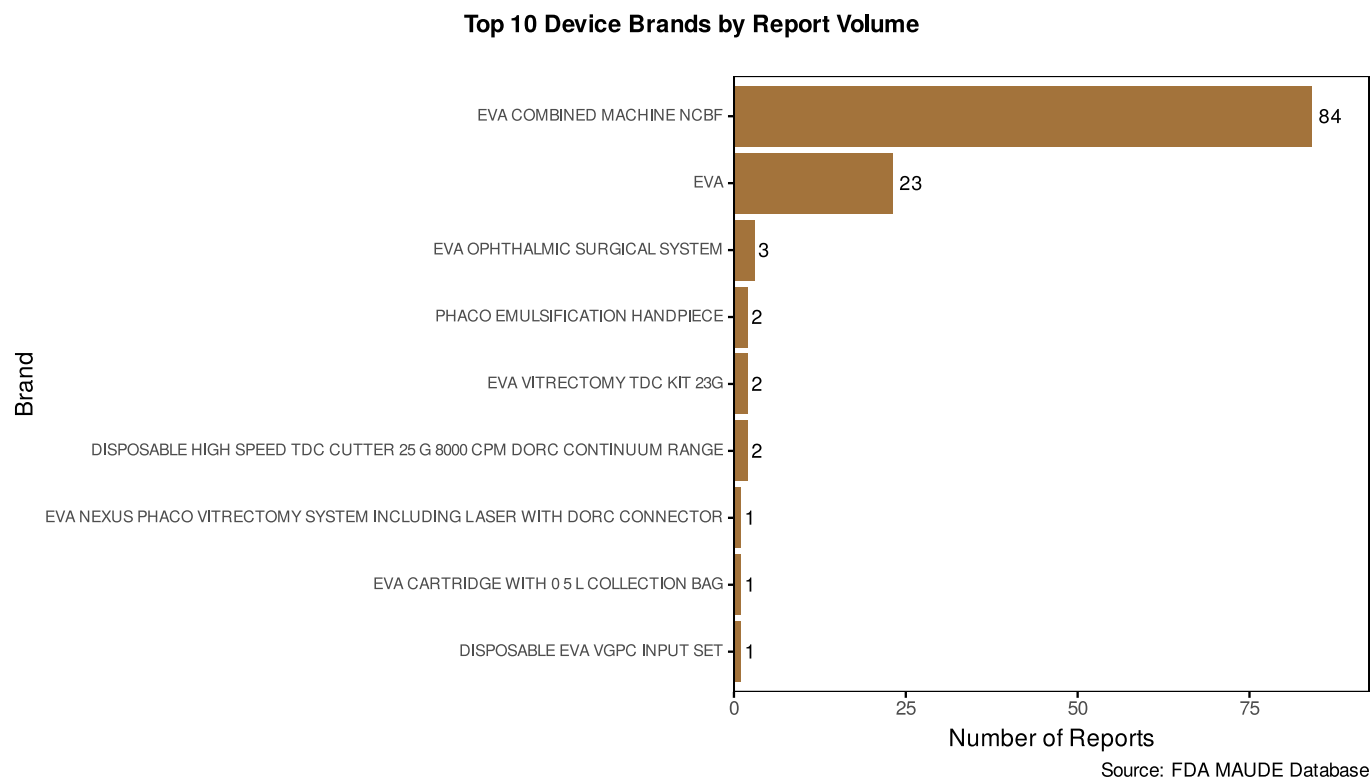


Figure 6: Top 10 device brands by report volume



The top device brand, EVA COMBINED MACHINE NCBF, accounts for 84 reports (70.6% of total).

Table 3: Top 5 device brands with report statistics

Rank	Brand	Reports	% of Total
1	EVA COMBINED MACHINE NCBF	84	70.59%
2	EVA	23	19.33%
3	EVA OPHTHALMIC SURGICAL SYSTEM	3	2.52%
4	DISPOSABLE HIGH SPEED TDC CUTTER 25 G 8000 CPM DORC CONTINUUM RANGE	2	1.68%
5	EVA VITRECTOMY TDC KIT 23G	2	1.68%

## 7.2. BRAND TEMPORAL TRENDS

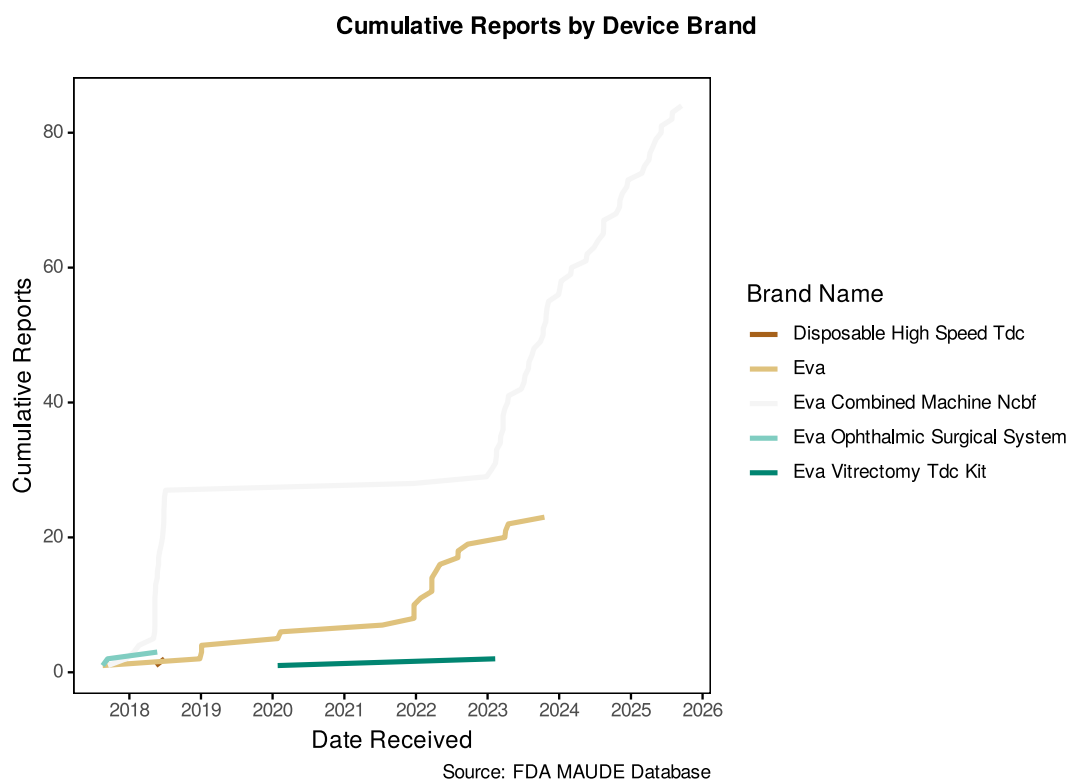


Figure 7: Cumulative adverse event reports by top 5 brands

# 8. TECHNICAL APPENDIX

## 8.1. DATA SOURCE

- **Database:** OpenFDA Medical Device Adverse Events
- **API Access:** <https://open.fda.gov/apis/device/event/>



## 8.2. ANALYSIS TOOLS

- **Python 3.x** with pandas and rapidfuzz for data processing
- **R** with tidyverse, ggplot2, and lubridate for visualization
- **Fuzzy Matching:** RapidFuzz library for text standardization
- **Visualization:** ggplot2 with custom base R theme
- **Report Generation:** Quarto for reproducible analytics

## 8.3. EXCLUSION CRITERIA

### Patient Problems Excluded:

No Code Available, No Known Impact, Symptoms or Conditions,  
No Information, No Consequences, Insufficient Information

### Product Problems Excluded:

Adverse Event Without Identified Device, No Apparent Adverse Event,  
Appropriate Term/Code Not Available, Unknown, Insufficient Information

## 8.4. REPORT METADATA

- **Generated:** 2025-11-19 14:04:42
- **Dataset Version:** 2025-09-16
- **Total Records Analyzed:** 119
- **Analysis Pipeline:** OpenFDA Medical Device Adverse Event Analysis v2.1



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