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# Number To Know...710

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Infusion pumps, used in abundance in hospitals but prone to error, caused 710 patient deaths between 2005-2009.

710 is the number of patient deaths resulting from the 56,000 adverse infusion-pump events recorded by US FDA between 2005-2009. During this time, 87 pumps were recalled. Additionally, a 2007 report from the Institute of Medicine stated that dealing with patient safety issues resulting from infusion pumps costs the health-care system \$2bn annually. One of the keys to addressing this problem lies in improving the devices' interoperability with hospital IT systems.

To find out more about what the big infusion-pump players are doing to resolve this problem, read *Medtech Insight's* market intelligence feature [here](#).