

**Boston Scientific**

HTA System  
Endometrial Ablation System....16

**Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

A subsidiary of Barr Laboratories  
Cenestin .....8a-b

**Merck & Co., Inc.**

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**Pfizer Inc.**

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**Roche Laboratories Inc. and GlaxoSmithKline**

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**Sanofi Aventis**

Actonel.....IBC, OBC

**Wyeth Pharmaceuticals**

Premarin Vaginal Cream.....IFC, 1



**MEDICATION ERRORS**

**\$198,000...**

is the average annual cost of insurance claims involving medications omitted or delayed. Claims regarding medications not ordered or ordered in the wrong amount carried an average cost of \$122,700; and claims related to adverse drug reactions cost about \$88,000.

*American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, January 2000*

**44,000 to 98,000...**

deaths are attributed annually to medication errors. A minimum of 7,000 of these deaths are due to prescribing or dispensing errors.

*Institute of Medicine, 1999*

**60%...**

of medication errors in institutional settings—included assisted living facilities—are caused by communication problems or gaps.

*Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, 2004*

**50%...**

or more of the two-billion prescriptions filled each year are not taken correctly.

*National Council for Patient Information and Education, 2004*

**10%...**

of hospital admissions are due to medication non-compliance, and cost about \$15.2 billion annually.

*Schering Report IX:*

*The Forgetful Patient: The High Cost of Improper Patient Compliance*

**11.3%...**

of sentinel events in long-term care facilities involve medication errors.

*Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, 2004*

**250...**

calls from consumers come into the Consumer Consortium of Assisted Living each month about issues related to cost, medication errors, or unexpected discharge of residents.

*CCAL, 2002*