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Facts and Trivia #15 The Importance of Calligraphy

As TIME Magazine reports, physicians' sloppy handwriting kills more than 7,000 people in the U.S. yearly. It's a shocking statistic, and, according to a July 2006 report from the National Academies of Science's Institute of Medicine (IOM), preventable medication mistakes also injure more than 1.5 million Americans every year. Many such errors result from **unclear** abbreviations and dosage indications and **unreadable handwriting** on some of the 3.2 billion prescriptions written in the U.S. every year.

Can You Decipher a Physician's Handwriting? Take the challenge by Clicking on the Picture for a **VIDEO** on this Topic.