

RIGOR MORTIS

HOW SLOPPY SCIENCE
CREATES WORTHLESS
CURES, CRUSHES HOPE,
AND WASTES BILLIONS

RICHARD HARRIS



A TALK WITH NPR'S RICHARD HARRIS:

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RIGOR MORTIS—
GOOD SCIENCE,
BAD SCIENCE, &
PATIENT CARE

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Richard Harris has covered science, medicine and the environment for National Public Radio since 1986. His award-winning work includes reports in 2010 that revealed the US Government was vastly underestimating the amount of oil spilling from the Macondo blowout in the Gulf of Mexico. He also shared a Peabody award with colleague Rebecca Perl for their 1994 reports about the tobacco industry's secret documents, which showed that company scientists were well aware of the hazards of smoking. He has traveled the world reporting on climate change, for which the American Geophysical Union honored him with a Presidential Citation for Science and Society.

In 2014, he turned his attention back to biomedical research and came to realize how

the field was suffering. Too many scientists were chasing too little funding.

That led him to take a year-long sabbatical at Arizona State University's Consortium for Science, Policy & Outcomes to research and write his first book, *Rigor Mortis*.



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