

## Medical Negligence

Medical negligence is defined as the omission by a health care provider in which the type of care provided is not the standard and results in causing injury (or sometimes death) to the patient. Medical professionals are required to carry professional liability insurance to cover themselves and their practice against lawsuits and claims based on negligence. Some medical professionals claim that the cost of lawsuits related to medical negligence has increased steadily since 1975 by about 12% each year. It is estimated that about 225,000 people in the United States die each year due to medical negligence. Negligence can occur during most any medical process or procedure such as birth, surgery, wrong medication, wrong dosage of medication, misdiagnosis, and many others. The best way to avoid the pain and suffering related to it is to read everything for yourself, stay alert, and always take someone with you when going to the doctor.

When someone has to go to the hospital, especially if it's for an accident or if the person has to be taken to the emergency room, we are subject to the possibility of staff making mistakes because of the array of medical conditions they have to deal with.

They can't always follow a set pattern for treatment. If a doctor, nurse, or surgeon makes a decision that does not turn out to be in the best interest of the patient, they generally can not be held as negligent or careless.

If a health care worker is to be held careless or negligent, they must have done something that another health care worker might not have done. This kind of thing would be determined by a group of other experts in a specific field of medicine.

Something that is often misunderstood is that the hospital staff's rights are equally as important as the patient's rights. If there is a patient that is verbally or physically abusive the hospital has the right to refuse treatment of the patient.

Always be sure to seek the proper legal advice before any decisions are made on filing a medical negligence

## About the Author

Some medical professionals claim that the cost of lawsuits related to medical negligence has increased steadily since 1975 by about 12% each year. It is estimated that about 225,000 people in the United States die each year due to [medical negligence](#)

Source: <http://www.healthsnare.com>