

# What Medical Malpractice Claims Cover

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Medical malpractice claims are filed when the performance of a physician is substandard to the point that the patient is harmed in one way or another because of it. [Physician malpractice](#) can result in significant pain and suffering on the part of the person who wasn't delivered adequate care. It can also cause problems financially, when a person has to convalesce for a long time because the condition wasn't treated properly or because it wasn't diagnosed, or when the patient ends up missing a great deal of work because of having to recover from the injuries that they suffered.

## Malpractice: What it Is

Malpractice is not an instance where a doctor is rude or where they seem to be uncaring. Malpractice is when they failed to perform as you would expect a physician to perform in their position. There are very high standards for physicians and there is good reason that this is the case. They undergo extensive training and are expected to handle situations that, in reality, a normal person would be incapable of handling. Because these standards are so high, patients have a right to expect that their physician will always perform their duties to the best of their abilities.

## Incompetence

Incompetence is a factor in some [medical malpractice claims](#), but it is not necessary to file a medical malpractice claim. A doctor merely needs to be negligent, not outright incompetent. A very skilled medical practitioner can be negligent and still be at the top of their form. Negligence means that, when it really mattered, they didn't come through as opposed to meaning that they were incapable of coming through.

## Damages

Suing for damages because a doctor was negligent is sometimes the only recourse that a person has when they've suffered significant financial damage because of that negligence. The costs of medical malpractice can be very high. You may end up missing work or may end up with huge medical bills that you never should have incurred.

Lawyers are also professionals that handle situations that most people wouldn't be up to. If you believe that you have to take on a medical facility or a doctor to have your rights represented, talk to an attorney that has experience with these cases. They can ensure that your case has the best chance of winning and can make sure that, if you need to, you're prepared to face the doctor or the healthcare provider in a court of law.