

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE



Medical malpractice is a broad term generally used to describe any treatment, lack of treatment, or other departure from accepted standards of medical care, health care, or safety on the part of a health care provider that causes harm to a patient. Examples of medical malpractice can take many forms, which can include misdiagnosis, improper treatment, failure to treat, delay in treatment, failure to perform appropriate follow-up, prescription errors, etc. In many instances, medical malpractice is not obvious to a lay-person and requires the review and analysis by medical experts. Sometimes, but not always, a medical error results in death of the patient and adds additional legal claims known commonly as a wrongful death action.

Generally speaking, a medical malpractice and/or wrongful death claim may be pursued against those who committed the negligent acts leading to the physical injury or death of the patient. Typical defendants are hospitals, treating physicians and sometimes, nurses and other ancillary medical professionals. Medical malpractice claims may be brought against individuals, partnerships, professional associations, and corporations.

A potential claimant should always seek the advice of an attorney without delay. Most states have a Statute of Limitations in place which requires a potential victim of medical malpractice to file a lawsuit within a specified period of time.

Ms. Weisblatt has 15 years of medical experience prior to practicing law, working as a laboratory technologist in the pathology department of a major Philadelphia suburban hospital. She utilizes her medical background to assist clients in reviewing their potential claims as well maintaining a network of medical experts with whom she consults in determining the viability of a potential malpractice claim. Generally, when an attorney represents an injured patient, the case is handled on a contingency bases— meaning the client does not pay the attorney unless there is an award or settlement. Typically, when an award or settlement is obtained, the attorney takes a pre-arranged percentage of the amount awarded to the client as payment. The costs of the litigation are also pre-arranged between the client and the attorney, and are typically advanced by the attorney and then recouped when a settlement or award is obtained.

If you or a relative has been injured as a result of a medical mishap, please contact my office to discuss your legal options via phone (267) 241-2475, website Contact Form or through SKYPE™ (roseann e. weisblatt). **All consultations are free.**

