

# MEDICAL MALPRACTICE FACTS AND STATISTICS



## WHAT IS MEDICAL MALPRACTICE?

ANY ACT OR OMISSION BY A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL DURING TREATMENT OF A PATIENT THAT DEVIATES FROM ACCEPTED NORMS OF PRACTICE IN THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY AND **CAUSES AN INJURY** TO THE PATIENT

## WHAT ARE POTENTIAL RECOVERABLE DAMAGES IN A MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASE?



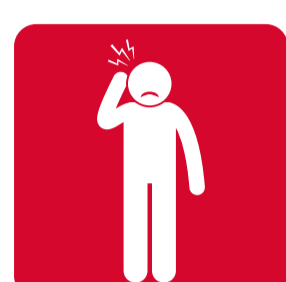
MEDICAL CARE AND EXPENSES



LOSS OF EARNINGS OR EARNING CAPACITY



PHYSICAL PAIN AND SUFFERING



MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL SUFFERING

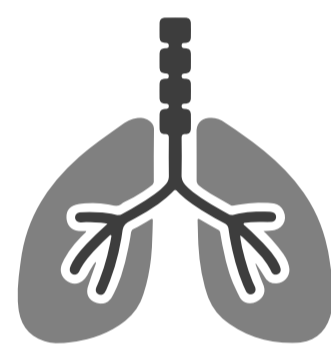


PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT OR DISFIGUREMENT

AN ESTIMATED



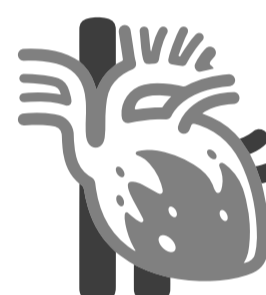
**210,000 – 400,000** DEATHS EACH YEAR ARE ASSOCIATED WITH MEDICAL ERRORS



**147,101**  
RESPIRATORY DISEASES



**136,053**  
UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES



**614,348**  
HEART DISEASE



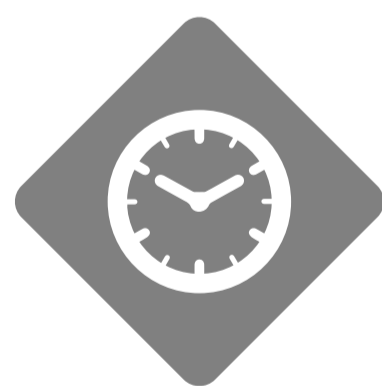
**251,454**  
MEDICAL ERRORS

**LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES (IN 2014)**



**591,699**  
CANCER

## COMMON TYPES OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE



MISSED OR DELAYED DIAGNOSIS



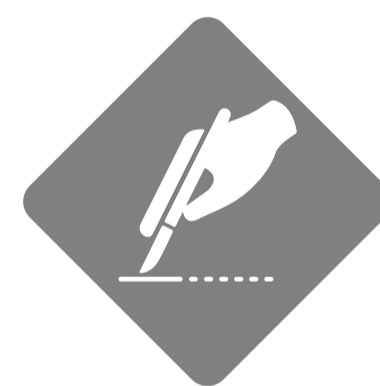
CHILDBIRTH INJURIES



MEDICATION ERRORS



ANESTHESIA ERRORS



SURGICAL ERRORS



TOTAL MEDICAL MALPRACTICE PAYOUT AMOUNT FOR 2016 IN THE UNITED STATES  
**\$3,843,211,300**

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