

## What To Do When

### Medical Malpractice

#### What is medical malpractice?

Medical Malpractice takes place when doctors violate their oath to do no harm. Unfortunately Doctors make mistakes, but when Doctors violate their oath to do no harm and a patient suffers causing them to lose their life or good health, then doctors need to take full responsibility. If this is something you've experience, then make sure you call Lutz Bobo & Telfair to get you what you deserve.

#### Does someone who is not satisfied with the results of his or her surgery have a malpractice case?

Not every surgery has the same results, and just because you're not happy with the results of your surgery, doesn't mean the doctor violated his oath to do no harm. But if an injury occurred as a direct result of the doctor's deviation from the acceptable standard of care, then you may succeed in a medical malpractice case.

#### What should I do if I think I have a medical malpractice claim?

If you think you have a medical malpractice claim, the first thing you should do is contact an experienced trial attorney. Talk to your attorney and explain to them exactly what happened as well as why you think the doctor or care center was responsible for your injury or well being. Make sure you bring all documents involved with the case to your first meeting so the attorney can determine if you have a medical malpractice case.

#### What are some common medical errors that might result in a medical malpractice claim?

**Misdiagnosis &ndash;** A misdiagnosis can take the form of a wrong diagnosis, a delayed diagnosis, or a wrong diagnosis of a condition's subtype. Any failure in properly diagnosing an ailment can put a patient at severe risk for further injury or even death. If you were misdiagnosed by a healthcare provider and suffered further injury as a result, we can call upon medical witnesses to testify regarding the defendant's actions. If the misdiagnosis was a result of negligence, the defendant can be liable for damages.

**Surgical Errors &ndash;** If a surgeon makes a mistake during the course of his or her duties, it can have catastrophic results, including permanent injury or even death. Surgical errors can result in medical tools being left inside of the body, perforations to vital organs and arteries, and even the amputation of the wrong limb. If you or someone you love has suffered because of a surgical error, we can help.

**Anesthesia Error &ndash;** An incorrect dosage by an anesthesiologist can likely be grounds for a medical malpractice lawsuit, as anesthesiologists specialize in administering drugs to patients. An error by an anesthesiologist can be deadly, and any failure by an anesthesiologist to abide by the standard of care cannot be tolerated.

**Medication Error &ndash;** If a doctor prescribes a patient an incorrect dosage of medication or a medication that may have an adverse effect with drugs the patient is already taking, and a patient suffers injury or death as a result, it may be possible to file a medical malpractice lawsuit.

#### Who should I contact if I think I have a medical malpractice claim?

If you are seeking legal counsel from a Sarasota or Bradenton-area lawyer who handles medical malpractice cases, an attorney from Lutz, Bobo & Telfair, P.A., can assist you. Our lawyers have extensive experience handling medical malpractice lawsuits, and they can apply their past experience to your case. To learn more about filing a personal injury claim, take a look at our Resources page , or contact our law offices today to schedule a free consultation.

### Auto Accident

#### What to Do at the Scene of an Accident

Making sure you take the right steps at the scene of an accident is very important especially if you have a personal injury. Although it is a very emotional time, make sure you follow these steps to insure your personal injury lawyer can build your case and for your own protection:

- Stay at the scene of the accident: Florida Law requires that anyone involved in an accident must stay at the scene until further notified.
- Assist injured drivers and call police: The first thing you should do is make sure everyone involved in the accident is ok. Once you've checked on everyone call the police or highway patrol. Tell them how many people were hurt and the types of injuries. The police will notify the nearest medical unit.
- Try to protect the accident scene. Take reasonable steps to protect your car from further damage but try to leave the

cars exactly where the accident took place so the police can fill out an accurate police report.

- Provide necessary personal information: Make sure all parties involved give the police officer all their identification such as their names, addresses, make and model of cars, driver's license, insurance, etc. Also if there are any witnesses that saw the accident, make sure the police officer talks to them. Aside from the information you are required by law to provide, do not volunteer any additional details until talking to an auto accident lawyer.

#### What to do After the Accident

If you have a personal injury resulting from an Auto Accident, one of the first things you want to do after the accident is consult with an auto accident lawyer. Guidance from an auto accident lawyer is invaluable during times like these. In many cases your insurance company will present you with a settlement that is much lower than what you're entitled to and consulting with an auto accident lawyer will only help you through these tough times.

You have legal rights if you have suffered as a result an auto accident. To learn more about personal injury lawsuits and how we can help you, take a look at our [Resources](#) page . To schedule a free consultation with an attorney serving the Greater Southwest Florida area, including Sarasota and Bradenton, contact a lawyer who handles auto accident cases from our law firm today.