

# Surgical Errors

## Maryland Surgical Error Lawyer

When a surgical procedure takes an unexpected and harmful turn, the impact on your life can be overwhelming. Patients place extraordinary trust in their medical team, believing that every step of their procedure will be handled with precision and care. When that trust is broken, the physical, emotional, and financial consequences can feel impossible to navigate alone. At JGL, [our attorneys](#) understand what you're going through and are committed to helping you pursue the justice and compensation you deserve when medical providers make surgical errors or fail to address post-surgical concerns.

## What Is a Surgical Error in Medical Malpractice Cases?

A surgical error is a preventable mistake that happens during surgery or when proper monitoring before or after the procedure does not occur. These errors go beyond the known risks of a procedure and instead stem from negligence, poor judgment, or a breakdown in communication within the surgical team. Some of the most common causes of surgical errors include insufficient or distracted operating room staff, improper procedures, rushing to complete surgery, failure to verify the correct surgical site, mislabeling specimens, use of damaged or defective equipment, and staff fatigue.

When a surgeon, anesthesiologist, nurse, or other provider deviates from proper protocols, patients can suffer serious and sometimes life-altering consequences. Surgical errors can lead to complications such as infection, internal injury, prolonged recovery, permanent disability, or even death – leaving patients and their families facing unexpected trauma, financial strain, and uncertainty about the future.

## When Is a Surgical Error Considered Medical Malpractice in Maryland?

A surgical error is considered [medical malpractice in Maryland](#) when a healthcare provider fails to act in accordance with the accepted standard of care, and that deviation directly causes harm. When negligence, carelessness, or a preventable mistake leads to injury, worsened health outcomes, or loss of life, the patient has the right to pursue a malpractice claim. Maryland law holds medical providers accountable for these breaches, giving injured patients a path to seek compensation for the harm they've suffered.

## What Are the Common Types of Surgical Errors?

Surgical mistakes can take many forms, and even a single lapse during an operation can have devastating and life-threatening consequences. While every procedure carries inherent risks, certain errors occur because a medical professional failed to follow proper protocols or exercise reasonable care. Common types of surgical errors include:

### Wrong-Site Surgery

Wrong-site surgery occurs when a surgeon ends up operating on the wrong body part or performing the wrong procedure, typically because of communication errors or inadequate preoperative checks.

### Wrong-Patient Surgery

A serious breakdown in identification protocols can lead to a patient receiving a procedure intended for someone else, creating serious and entirely preventable harm.

## **Anesthesia Errors**

An anesthesia error, such as incorrect dosing or failure to monitor a patient, can lead to severe complications, including brain injury, cardiac events, or death.

## **Surgical Instrument or Foreign Object Retention**

Leaving sponges, tools, or other objects inside a patient can cause infection, pain, and the need for additional surgery, often due to failures in surgical counting procedures.

## **Nerve or Organ Damage**

Accidental cuts, punctures, or burns to nerves, tissues, or organs can happen when a surgeon is careless or fails to maintain proper control of instruments. These injuries can lead to long-term disability or chronic pain.

## **Failure to Monitor or Respond to Complications**

When surgeons or postoperative staff do not recognize or act on signs of distress – such as bleeding, infection, or anesthesia reactions – patients can suffer preventable harm.

## **Who Can Be Held Liable in Maryland Surgical Error Claims?**

In Maryland, any medical professional or institution responsible for patient safety can be held liable for a surgical error. While surgeons are often primary defendants, anesthesiologists, nurses, physician assistants, and surgical technicians can also be held liable if their actions contributed to the error. Hospitals, outpatient centers, and clinics may share liability for unsafe practices, inadequate staffing, or poor oversight. In many cases, multiple parties may be responsible.

## **How the Maryland Surgical Error Legal Process Works**

Filing a surgical error claim in Maryland begins with a careful review of your medical records to determine whether a healthcare provider failed to meet the accepted standard of care. The JGL team works with qualified medical experts during this early stage to evaluate what happened and confirm that negligence likely played a role. We build a strong case by analyzing medical records, reviewing surgical procedures, and retaining experts who can provide testimony on how the standard of care was breached. Our goal is to prove that the health care provider's negligence led to your injuries and secure the maximum possible compensation, whether through settlement or trial.

## **What Compensation is Available For Surgical Error Claims?**

Victims of surgical errors may be entitled to compensation for both financial losses and the personal impact of their injuries. Economic damages can include medical bills, rehabilitation expenses, future treatment needs, lost wages, and reduced earning capacity. Patients may also recover non-economic damages for pain and suffering, emotional distress, and the loss of enjoyment of life. Your JGL attorney will carefully evaluate your case and pursue the maximum compensation available under Maryland law.

## **How Joseph Greenwald & Laake Can Help With Your Surgical Error Claim in Maryland**

JGL brings decades of experience handling complex surgical error and medical malpractice claims throughout Maryland. Our attorneys know how to analyze medical records, identify errors that may not be obvious, and build strong, evidence-based cases. We collaborate with respected medical experts who can explain how and why a healthcare provider violated the standard of care.

From your first consultation through settlement negotiations or trial, we stand by your side – explaining your options, handling the legal process, and working to secure the full compensation available under Maryland law. Our team understands how devastating a preventable surgical injury can be, and we are committed to guiding you through every step of the process with compassion, straightforward communication, and unwavering support.

## **Contact Our Experienced Maryland Surgical Error Attorneys for a Free Consultation**

If you or someone you love has been harmed by a preventable surgical mistake, you do not have to navigate the process alone. The

consequences of a surgical error can be overwhelming, but an experienced legal team can help you understand your rights, evaluate your options, and seek accountability and financial recovery.

JGL is here to help you move forward, pursuing the resources you need for medical care, lost income, and long-term stability. [Contact us](#) online today to schedule your free consultation.