Virginia Medical Malpractice Lawyer

When you or someone in your family suffers an injury because of medical negligence, the effects can extend far beyond the initial harm. You may be facing unexpected medical expenses, additional treatment, a lengthy recovery, lost income, or the possibility of permanent physical limitations. Your family may also be dealing with difficult decisions about your care and what the future will look like. JGL's Virginia medical malpractice attorneys can help you understand your rights and determine whether negligence played a role in what happened. Our team has extensive experience handling complex medical injury claims and offers a personal approach that puts you and your family's needs at the center of our work.

What Is Medical Malpractice?

Medical malpractice happens when a doctor, nurse, hospital, or another healthcare provider makes a preventable error or fails to take appropriate action, resulting in harm to someone under their care. These failures can occur in many ways, including overlooking important symptoms, misreading diagnostic tests, making mistakes during surgery, or failing to recognize complications after a procedure. In the most tragic circumstances, negligent medical care can lead to the loss of a loved one.

Types of Medical Malpractice Cases We Handle

Determining whether a medical injury could have been prevented requires a close examination of the care you received and the decisions made by those responsible for your treatment. JGL's attorneys have decades of experience handling medical malpractice claims involving a wide range of medical errors. We work to establish how your injury occurred, whether your healthcare provider failed to meet the applicable standard of care, and how that failure affected you and your family. Our practice includes cases involving:

Misdiagnosis

An incorrect diagnosis can send your treatment in the wrong direction while your actual medical condition continues to develop. A provider may overlook symptoms, fail to order appropriate testing, or incorrectly interpret the information available. We investigate whether the diagnostic process was handled appropriately and whether a different course of action could have prevented your injury.

Delayed Diagnosis or Treatment

Even when a medical condition is eventually identified, a failure to diagnose it in a timely manner can have serious consequences. A delay may allow your illness or injury to progress, reduce available treatment options or make recovery more difficult. We examine the timing of examinations, testing, referrals, and medical decisions to determine whether an avoidable delay caused additional harm.

Birth Injuries

Complications during pregnancy, labor or delivery can result in injuries that affect a child and family for years to come. We represent families whose children have suffered preventable harm because of inadequate prenatal care, failures to monitor fetal distress, improper delivery techniques, or delays in responding to an obstetric emergency.

Surgical Errors

Surgical errors can include performing the wrong procedure, operating on the wrong part of the body, damaging nearby organs, or leaving surgical instruments or materials inside a patient. We examine the procedure, the decisions made by the surgical team, and the care provided before and after surgery to identify potential negligence.

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Radiology Errors

Imaging studies help physicians identify serious conditions and determine appropriate treatment. When a radiologist fails to recognize an abnormality, incorrectly reads a scan, or does not communicate an important finding to the treating physician, you may lose valuable time for diagnosis and treatment. Our attorneys investigate how imaging results were interpreted and communicated and whether an error contributed to your injury.

Negligent Post-Surgical Care & Infections

When a medical team overlooks an infection, fails to address unexpected symptoms, or does not provide appropriate follow-up care after surgery, a manageable complication can become a serious medical emergency. We examine whether the care you received after surgery met the required standard and whether any failures resulted in further injury.

Improper Medication Administration

Medication errors can occur when prescribing, dispensing, administering, and monitoring a drug. Giving the wrong medication, prescribing an unsafe dosage, overlooking an allergy, or failing to account for interactions with other medications can result in serious complications. We review the relevant medical and pharmacy records to determine how the error occurred and who may be responsible.

When Does Medical Negligence Become Grounds for a Lawsuit in Virginia?

Medical malpractice occurs when a healthcare provider fails to deliver care consistent with the accepted medical standard and that failure causes you harm. To pursue a medical malpractice lawsuit, you generally must establish that the provider was negligent, that the negligence caused your injury, and that you suffered damages as a result. The JGL team can examine the circumstances of your care and help you determine whether you may have a viable claim under Virginia law.

Who Can Be Held Liable in a Virginia Medical Malpractice Case?

Depending on how your injury occurred, responsibility may rest with one or more healthcare professionals or medical organizations. Potentially liable parties include primary care physicians, specialists, surgeons, nurses, anesthesiologists, radiologists, and other providers involved in your treatment.

A hospital, medical practice, clinic, or other healthcare facility may also be responsible when failures in its operations or the conduct of its employees contribute to an injury. These cases can involve inadequate staffing, improper supervision, insufficient safety procedures, or other institutional failures.

How Long Do You Have to File a Medical Malpractice Claim in Virginia?

Virginia generally imposes a two-year statute of limitations on medical malpractice lawsuits. This means you typically have two years from the date of the injury to file a claim; however, the rules governing this deadline are not always straightforward and important exceptions exist. Due to the complexity and time sensitive nature of these claims, it's critical to speak with a medical malpractice attorney if you suspect a medical provider's negligence caused harm to you or someone in your family.

What Compensation Is Available in Virginia Medical Malpractice Claims?

When medical negligence causes an injury, the financial and personal consequences can continue long after the initial incident. Depending on the circumstances, you may be able to pursue compensation for both economic and non-economic damages. Economic damages address the measurable financial losses associated with your injury such as hospital and physician bills, prescription medications, rehabilitation, future medical care, in-home assistance, lost wages, and reduced earning capacity. Non-economic damages cover the personal impact of your injury including physical pain, emotional suffering, permanent impairment, loss of enjoyment of life, and the ways your injury has affected your relationships and ability to participate in everyday activities.

How Joseph Greenwald & Laake Can Help With Your Medical Malpractice Case

JGL's attorneys have recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for individuals injured by medical negligence. With decades of experience handling complex medical malpractice cases, we know how to examine complicated medical evidence, work with

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qualified experts, and present technical information effectively in settlement negotiations and at trial.

We take a hands-on approach to investigating what happened, obtaining and reviewing medical records, consulting with medical professionals, and evaluating the decisions made throughout your care. We also assess the full extent of your injuries and the financial and personal consequences for you and your family.

JGL attorneys are accomplished trial advocates who know how to build and present a compelling case. Whether your case is resolved through negotiations or proceeds to trial, we are prepared to fight for the compensation you deserve.

Just as important, we recognize that a medical malpractice claim is about more than medical records and legal arguments – you and your family are dealing with an injury or loss that has changed your lives. Our team is compassionate and takes the time to listen to your concerns and keep you informed as your case progresses. You can count on our dedicated, capable litigators to pursue the best possible result for you and your family.

Schedule a Free Consultation With Our Virginia Medical Malpractice Lawyers

If you suspect that a medical professional's negligence caused an injury to you or someone in your family, you deserve an opportunity to understand what happened and whether you have grounds for a claim. We offer free, no-obligation consultations so you can discuss your circumstances with an experienced JGL Virginia medical malpractice attorney. There is no cost to learn more about your legal options and how our team may be able to help. Contact us today to schedule your free consultation.

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