

## Medical Malpractice

The injuries that can result from medical malpractice are often worse than the underlying illness or condition that initially led the patient to seek medical assistance, and can involve permanently disabling, catastrophic and, sometimes, fatal conditions. As a result, if you are victimized by medical malpractice, you may be entitled to substantial money damages, even in cases involving what may appear to involve only minor injuries.

You can recover any additional medical expenses you have had to cover as a result of the malpractice, such as doctor and hospital bills, medications, therapy, home health care and all other related medical expenses, as well as any future medical expenses you reasonably expect to incur. You can also recover for the physical pain and suffering you have sustained, your out-of-pocket expenses, your mental and emotional anguish, your lost wages, benefits and other compensation, any loss of your future earning capacity, and the future diminishment of your enjoyment of life.

Additionally, in some cases, if your spouse or child has been injured as a result of medical malpractice, you may be entitled to collect damages for the loss of pleasure or companionship you have experienced as a result of their injuries. In certain extreme cases, where the wrongdoer's conduct is extreme and outrageous, you may be entitled to collect punitive damages to punish the wrongdoer and to prevent the misconduct from being repeated in the future.