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Have a Healthy & Happy New Year!



What is medical malpractice?

In Pennsylvania, medical malpractice occurs when a healthcare provider negligently injures a patient. Medical negligence happens when a healthcare professional has acted below the standard of care. A standard of care is the generally accepted medical practices adopted by a group of similar medical professionals in the same location. For instance, if you believe your doctor made an error, the standard of

How long do I have to file a medical malpractice case?

Under Pennsylvania law, in order to recover damages for injuries caused by medical negligence, you must file a medical malpractice lawsuit within two years of discovering the injury, or two years from the date the injury reasonably should have been discovered. It is extremely important that you file your claim within the two year statute of limitations because failure to do so will bar you

from any and all monetary recovery for your injuries. Please call the attorneys at Kontos Mengine if you have a potential claim, as the statute of limitations clock in always moving!

What types of damages can I recover in a medical malpractice case?

In Pennsylvania, you are able to recover economic damages, non-economic damages and punitive damages. Economic damages

Every single person needs to take an active role in managing and protecting their health. When you visit your doctor, ask questions and take an active role in your medical treatment. If you believe that you have been a victim of medical malpractice, call the attorneys at Kontos Mengine Law Group to seek free legal advice.

care would be dependent on whether other like medical professionals believe an error was committed. If a healthcare provider has committed a medical error, the error must have directly resulted in some injury or harm to you. If you believe that you have been injured by a medical error, please contact our attorneys to further discuss your potential claim.

are actual costs you have incurred such as medical bills, out-of-pocket expenses and lost wages. Non-economic damages compensate you for intangible costs, such as pain and suffering. Punitive damages are awarded in cases where the Court seeks to punish a healthcare professional whose recklessness caused an injury. In Pennsylvania, there is no cap or limit on the amount of money you can be awarded for these types of damages.

Don't Believe the Hype!

The media and politicians are constantly telling us we need "Tort Reform". You have heard that medical malpractice claims lead to higher insurance premiums and a decline of "good doctors".

Don't believe the hype! Here are the facts:

- After adjustment for medical inflation, both premiums and claims per doctor are currently at their lowest level in over 40 years.
- Premiums are the lowest they have ever been and claims are at their lowest since 1982!
- Total medical malpractice payouts have never spiked and have remained constant over the years.
- States that have enacted new limits on patients' legal rights for medical malpractice claims saw an average of 22.7% decrease in premiums, but states that chose NOT to limit patients' rights (Pennsylvania) saw a larger drop of 29.5%.
- States that have enacted caps on damages saw an average of 21.8% decrease in pure premiums, but states that did not enact caps (Pennsylvania) saw an even greater average drop of 28.9%.

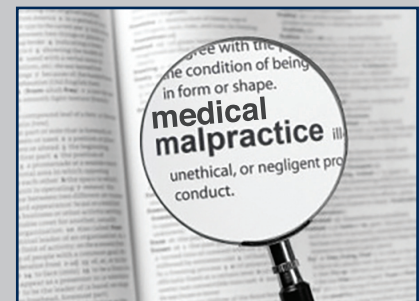
Protect Your Health Edition

Do you have a Potential Medical Malpractice Claim?

- Have you been misdiagnosed or was there a failure to diagnose your condition?
- Were you mistreated or was there a failure to treat your diagnosed condition?
- Do you believe a doctor, nurse or other medical staff made an error?
- Do you believe an error was made during a surgery or a routine procedure?

If you believe that you have a potential medical malpractice action and would like to discuss your claim, please call us at 412.709.6162 and remember:

- You can personally meet with an attorney at KMLG free of charge to discuss a potential claim.
- We are conveniently located downtown, but are also available to make home visits.
- There is never a fee unless we make a recovery for you.
- Our website is a great way to find out about our firm:
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We Go Above and Beyond

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Kontos Mengine Law Group prides itself on being absolutely 100% committed to each and every case we handle. With respect to our review of medical claims, we have assembled an in-house medical team to assist in our review and evaluation of medical malpractice cases. Each and every potential claim is important to us and we ensure that your interests and health are protected.

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KMLG is pleased to welcome our new paralegal, **Jaquay Gamble**. Jaquay is a 2016 graduate of the Bradford School. He focused on Paralegal Studies and received an Associate's Degree in Specialized Business. Jaquay performed his legal externship at Kontos Mengine Law Group and was hired immediately afterwards in January, 2017. We are excited that Jaquay is a member of our team!

