

This Fact Sheet gives you information and requirements for Medical Negligence Claims and how they can be dealt.

Millions of people are treated by doctors, dentists, nurses and other health care workers every year. Fortunately, the standard of healthcare in this country is usually high and we can trust our health professionals. However, sometimes things do go wrong. If this has happened to you or a loved one, Genesis Accident Claims can help.



What is medical negligence?

Medical (or clinical) negligence is when poor health care causes pain, injury, mental problems and even death. You can claim compensation whether the medical accident happened in the NHS or privately and it applies to all kinds of treatment by your hospital, GP or dentist.

When you receive medical help from a professionally-qualified carer like a doctor or dentist, you expect to receive appropriate and professional treatment. However, sometimes the treatment you receive may not be up to the standard required and you may suffer injury or need further treatment as a result.

But proving a medical negligence claim can be difficult because you have to show your accident was caused by incompetent health care or lack of judgement. You also have to show that the poor treatment actually caused your injury.

If you, or your partner or child, have been injured by medical treatment, or if you are the dependant or child of a patient who died as a result of medical treatment, you are, at the very least, entitled to an explanation. In fact, a treating doctor is required by his or her governing body, the [General Medical Council](#), to inform a patient when the treatment has gone wrong.

If you, or a loved one, are the victim of medical negligence, incompetence or carelessness then you may be entitled to claim compensation for injuries suffered

This **clinical negligence** applies not only to doctors, surgeons and nurses, but also to other medical practitioners, such as dentists, opticians, psychiatrists, midwives and physiotherapists etc.

On the rare occasions when the standard of advice or treatment given is below standard, and you suffer injury or need further treatment as a result, you may be entitled to **claim compensation**. If you were treated as a private patient, and paid the doctor, either yourself or through your medical insurer, you may also be able to claim for breach of contract if your medical treatment was substandard.

Doctors have been found negligent for a variety of reasons, including wrong or delayed diagnosis, failure to warn of risks in treatment, failure to obtain proper consent to treatment, medication errors, careless surgical procedures or delayed

referral to specialists. Negligence can also arise out of errors in the hospital where the treatment took place, such as hospital-acquired infections such as MRSA.

Genesis Accident Claims (GAC) can help

GAC has dedicated Solicitors who are experts in medical negligence claims. We will handle your claim sensitively and listen to what you want to get out of it. We will ensure you get the best possible advice and the compensation you are entitled to.

Contact us now for a free discussion regarding your injury. You can speak to one of our claims handlers.

