

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

THE INFOGRAPHIC

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HOW MANY PEOPLE DIE FROM MEDICAL MALPRACTICE EACH YEAR?

The Institute of Medicine reported in 1999's

"To Err Is Human" that up to

98,000 PEOPLE DIE EVERY YEAR

as a result of **hospital mistakes**

In 2013, research published by the

Journal of Patient Safety

estimated that the number of **medical malpractice deaths**

nationwide could range between:

210,000 and 440,000 patients

Using statistics from the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

this would make medical malpractice the

THIRD-LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH

across the United States

behind heart disease and cancer

WHO CAN COMMIT MEDICAL MALPRACTICE?

Doctors



Nurses



Surgeons



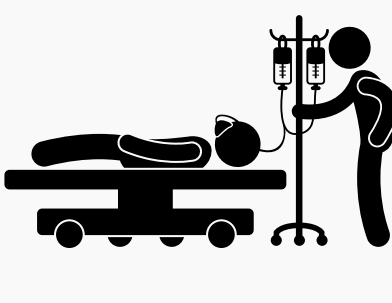
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Therapists



Anesthesiologists



Pharmacists



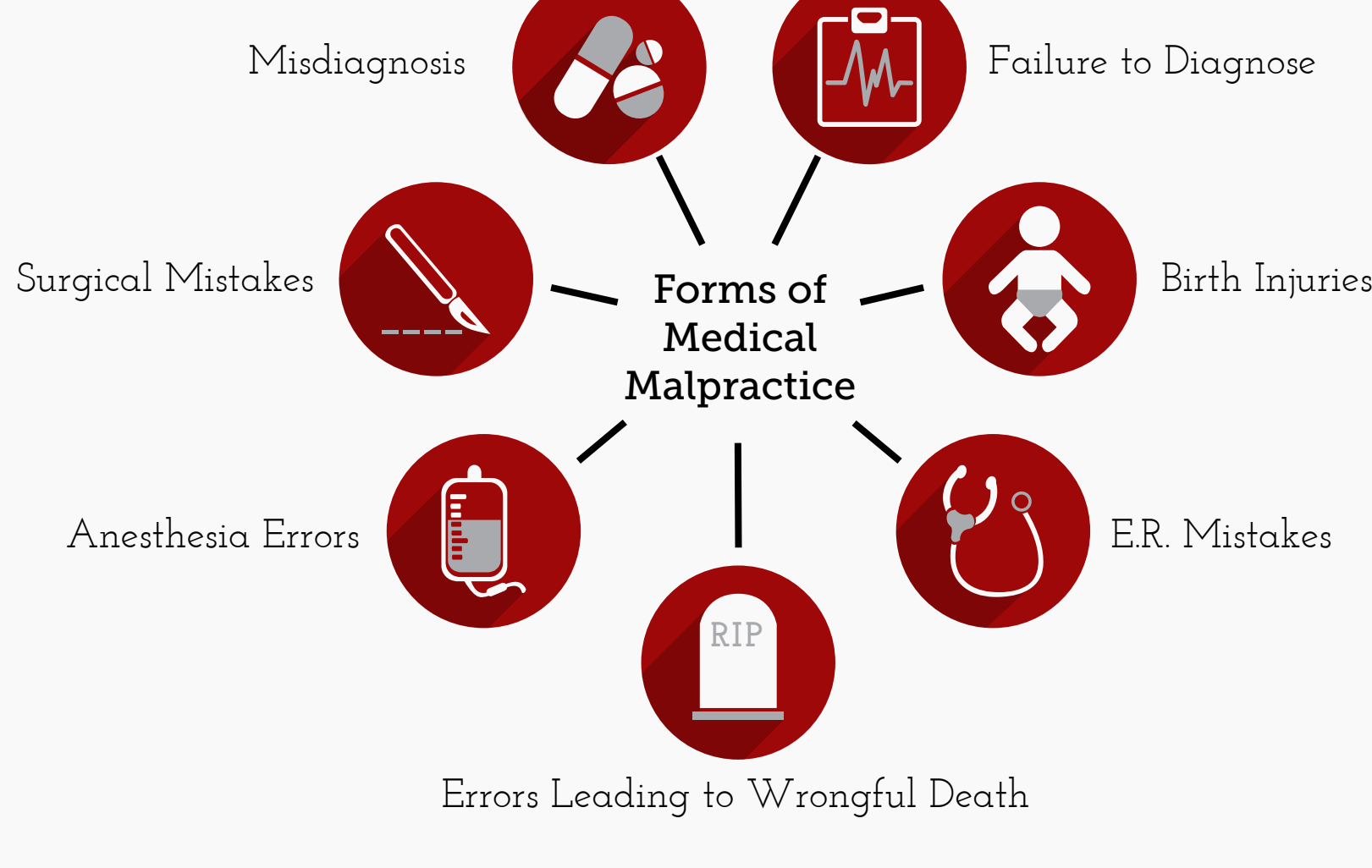
Technicians



Dentists



WHAT ARE COMMON FORMS OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE?



THE COST OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE IN THE U.S.A.

There were **12,142** payouts for medical malpractice, roughly **1 every 43 minutes**

With those medical malpractice payouts totaling

\$3.6 BILLION

93%

of payouts resulted from

Settlements

Versus

5%

of payouts resulted from

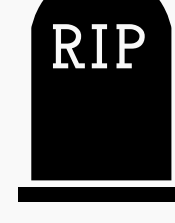
Verdicts

WHY WERE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS FILED IN 2012?

1/3

of all malpractice claims were

filed as a result of a **WRONGFUL DEATH**



19%

of all malpractice claims were

filed **AFTER** a **PERMANENT INJURY**

was sustained

12%

of all malpractice claims were

filed due to **QUADRIPLEGIA** or **BRAIN DAMAGE**



THE MOST COMMON REASONS MALPRACTICE CLAIMS WERE FILED IN 2012

1. **DIAGNOSING ERRORS** (33%)



2. **SURGICAL ERRORS** (24%)



3. **TREATMENT ERRORS** (18%)



DO YOU HAVE A MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIM? DON'T DELAY TAKING ACTION

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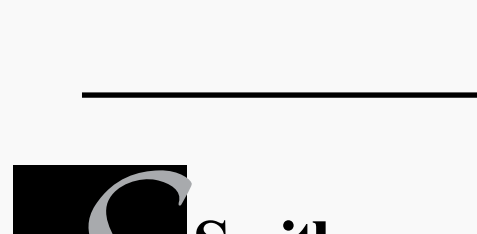
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You deserve a medical malpractice lawyer

who will go head-to-head with the insurance companies

and aggressively pursue the maximum compensation

you're entitled to receive.



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