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Medical negligence is a very serious occurrence, which in some cases can cause severe and long term damage as a result. While the NHS provides a tremendous service; looking after increasing patient loads whilst coping with cost-cutting measures means mistakes can be made.

Types?

Examples of medical negligence can be:

1. The illness or condition is completely unrecognised over a period of time.
2. The patient receives late or delayed treatment which can lengthen recovery times.
3. The illness or condition is diagnosed as a different condition and as such the wrong treatment is administered.

Expert Help

If you have a claim accepted by our team, our clinical negligence solicitors will work to collate all of the appropriate paperwork and documentation, on your behalf. They will also work with medical experts to help investigate your claim if needed.

So for free advice from our experienced team on pursuing a medical negligence claim, speak to us today. You can contact our helpline on **01204 521 133** or alternatively, you can fill out our claim form [here](#).

In 2012/13, the NHS received over 10,000 claims

Between 2009 and 2011, compensation for medical misdiagnosis rose from £56 million to £98 million.

Misdiagnosis

Correct duty of care is the key foundation to treating a patient. When it comes to our health, inaccuracy and wrong decisions are unacceptable. We place our full trust in our hospitals and doctors. While it's clear that these mistakes are not deliberate and many misdiagnoses are caught quickly; over worked staff, under resourced hospitals and inexperienced doctors are leading to an increase in patient misdiagnosis. In extreme cases, negligence and misdiagnosis can lead to incorrectly removed organs or patients being left permanently disabled. When this happens the patient is owed more than just an apology.

Reasons

Medical negligence can result from a variety of situations:

- Patient fails to give correct or accurate information about their symptoms.
- Patient records have been mixed up or misinterpreted.
- A doctor fails to conduct appropriate tests or recognise a condition or symptom.
- A doctor fails to take appropriate action when recognising a condition or symptom
- An inexperienced or highly stressed doctor rushes a diagnosis.

Legal Advice

When looking to make a claim for Medical negligence compensation, it's advisable to seek legal advice for several reasons:

- It can be a traumatic and difficult time for you and your family - it's often more than just legal advice. An experienced clinical negligence Solicitor can also provide support and care.
- In most cases, specific time limits apply so you must act quickly.
- You may be worried about the potential costs of pursuing your case for medical misdiagnosis compensation. To help, we have specialist teams in place ready to aid you. We also have a variety of options available that will assist you in making your claim.