

Medical Misdiagnosis

Maryland Medical Misdiagnosis Attorneys

When physicians first start their practice, they must take the Hippocratic Oath, promising they will not harm a patient. Unfortunately, each year doctors and healthcare professionals do harm patients, even if it is not intentional. Preventable medical mistakes are a leading cause of injury and death in this country.

There are many reasons why medical mistakes and misdiagnoses happen. In cases of gross negligence, doctors display errors in judgment leading to serious consequences. They may operate on the wrong body part or may leave surgical instruments inside a patient during surgery. In cases of general negligence, doctors may fail to order tests when patients present certain symptoms.

No matter what has happened to you, if you face additional medical bills, permanent injury or extended hospital stays because of medical error, you deserve answers. You may also be entitled to compensation to help cover your extra costs. To find out more, contact the law office of Shulman Rogers. Our medical malpractice attorneys have more than 40 years of experience dealing with hospitals, clinics, doctors and their insurance companies. We can go over your options so you can make the right decision about your situation.

The Dangers of a Medical Misdiagnosis

The most fundamental part of medical treatment is diagnosis. When you arrive in an emergency room or doctor's office with symptoms of an illness or an injury, you expect a doctor to take your concerns seriously and order the appropriate tests. You also expect the doctor to carefully consider your situation to come up with the right diagnosis. Otherwise, you may end up getting inadequate or incorrect treatment.

Consider what happens if you go to an emergency room with high blood pressure, chest pains and type II diabetes. Because of your risk factors, you expect the attending doctor to check to see whether you are having a heart attack. If you are misdiagnosed and sent home, the result could be catastrophic.

Unfortunately, this scenario is all too common across the country. In some cases, a misdiagnosis can kill you almost instantly. If you are suffering from a stroke, brain aneurysm or other life-threatening condition, prompt, correct diagnosis and treatment is needed to save your life.

Medical Misdiagnosis of Cancer

Cancer is another devastating situation where a misdiagnosis can kill. If you have a tumor or other signs of cancer, it is imperative to do a biopsy and to determine whether cancer is present. Delaying radiation or other therapies can mean you lose the battle with cancer. On the other side, being mistakenly diagnosed with cancer when you do not have it can mean you suffer permanent injury due to radiation, surgery and other cancer treatments you do not need.

A misdiagnosis can happen in a number of locations, including at a doctor's office, emergency room or at the scene of an accident. The liable parties can vary. For example, the mistake may be made by a doctor, by a nurse taking information down on your chart or by lab technicians where the lab tests are sent. No matter what or who has caused your misdiagnosis, contacting a Baltimore, MD misdiagnosis lawyer promptly is important if you want to fight back.

If you think you have been misdiagnosed, contact a misdiagnosis lawyer at Shulman Rogers today. You deserve answers. Our team can help you understand whether you want to file a claim or pursue other options. If you decide to file a claim, we can stand by you during the process and see your claim through to the end.

Contact Shulman Rogers immediately for a free consultation. We can offer advice, support and representation. You do not have to fight through medical complications on your own.

Maryland Failure to Diagnose Childhood Illnesses

Young children are extremely vulnerable to disease and injury yet, too often, they lack strong advocates in cases of misdiagnosis or medical

malpractice. The lawyers at Maryland's Shulman Rogers have a long history of fighting for the rights of the youngest victims and their families. If your child has been injured as a result of misdiagnosis of disease, contact our office for a free consultation.

Common Types of Pediatric Misdiagnosis

Pediatric malpractice can take a wide range of forms, though some of the most common include:

- **Failure to diagnose/misdiagnosis:** Serious childhood diseases such as meningitis, appendicitis and leukemia can often be mistaken for less grave conditions. If this results in a delay of treatment or other complications, you may be able to recover hospital bills, emotional suffering and other damages.
- **Medication errors:** The wrong medication or an incorrect dosage can have a serious and long-lasting effect on a young patient. Incorrect ordering, administration, transcription or dispensing may result in medical issues that are expensive and stressful to resolve.

- **Physician negligence:** More broadly, pediatrician negligence refers to any failure to deliver an acceptable standard of care. In today's overworked clinics and hospitals, it's not uncommon for caregivers to fail to allocate sufficient resources to patients they view as lower priority. If your child hasn't been receiving the care you think they should, contact our Maryland medical malpractice attorneys and let our team review your case.

Regardless of the specifics of your case, it's important to speak with an attorney as soon as possible. The decisions you make early on in the process can have a significant impact on your ability to be awarded compensation for your child's illness or suffering.

Pediatric Misdiagnosis Cases: What You're Entitled To

Every medical malpractice case is different but, as the parent of a child who has been misdiagnosed or has otherwise suffered as a result of a pediatrician's error, you may be entitled to compensation for the following:

- **Medical expenses**, including hospital bills, prescription medicine, physical therapy or rehabilitation, and more.
- **Punitive damages**, including emotional pain and suffering incurred as a result of your child's illness.
- **Lost wages** as a result of taking time off work to care for your child or attend to their medical needs.

One of the best things you can do following the discovery of a misdiagnosis of disease in a child is to prepare a complete accounting of all expenses incurred as a result. When you work with a Shulman Rogers attorney, we'll help you identify what you can potentially claim.

Compassionate Pediatric Misdiagnosis Representation in a Difficult Time

When your child is suffering from a serious illness, you need to be present to provide them with the care and support they need to recover. Legal action is simply a way to protect yourself financially and it shouldn't be a source of additional stress. That's where Shulman Rogers comes in. With a focus on transparency and communication, we'll give you an honest picture of your options and help you take steps to get the compensation you and your child need. Call today and find out for yourself why we're a leader among Maryland medical malpractice attorneys for clients of all ages.