

Some handy information on medical negligence claims

What is medical negligence?

If you have suffered harm arising from the failure of a doctor, dentist, hospital or other health professional to take reasonable care during your treatment, you may be entitled make a claim for medical negligence. Claims can be made for:

- Failure to diagnose an injury or illness;
- Failure to provide appropriate treatment;
- Failure to perform surgery or provide treatment at an appropriate standard;
- Failure to warn of the potential risks of surgery or other medical treatment;
- Failure to obtain informed consent.

What am I entitled to?

If you are able to prove negligence, you may be entitled to compensation for one or more of the following:

- Pain and suffering;
- Medical expenses;
- Lost income and superannuation;
- Future economic loss;
- Travel to appointments;
- Assistance around the home;
- Future medical expenses.

When should I see a lawyer?

It is important to contact a lawyer as soon as possible after the injury, as strict deadlines apply to making a claim.

There are often risks associated with medical procedures and not all adverse patient outcomes are a result of medical negligence. Because of this, medical negligence is a very complex area of law and it is important to speak with a lawyer to ascertain whether negligence has occurred and the strength of any potential claim.

What will happen at the first appointment?

Mellor Olsson offer a free, no-obligation first appointment for all medical negligence claims. During this appointment, we will discuss the circumstances around your injury, explain your options for making a claim and provide you with an indication of the type of compensation you might be entitled to.

You should bring to this appointment any medical reports or discharge summaries, details of the circumstances of the injury and the names of the health professionals, hospital and/or clinic involved in the incident.

What will Mellor Olsson do for me?

By appointing us as your lawyer, we will take care of the management of your claim, ensuring all deadlines are met and that you are able to focus on what is most important, your health and wellbeing.

Specifically, we will:

- Contact the medical provider and notify them of your claim;
- Seek relevant medical reports on your behalf;
- Gather all the necessary information and documentation required to proceed with your claim; and
- Provide you with advice on the potential value of your claim and conduct negotiations on your behalf, once your medical condition has stabilised.

In most cases we do not ask for payment of our fees until your case has been resolved. We will clearly outline how our fees are calculated and provide you with updated fee estimates throughout your claim.

Mellor Olsson has an experienced medical negligence team who offer a FREE no-obligation first appointment for all injury claims. Book your appointment today to find out how our team can help you.

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