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## Veteran Administration Medical Malpractice

Under federal law, United States veterans and their families are eligible to receive healthcare in Veteran Administration (VA) hospitals around the country. Unfortunately, the poor conditions in VA hospitals have been the cause for much concern in the last several years. Veteran Administration medical malpractice is on the rise, leading to many cases of serious injury and death to patients.

***If you or a loved one has suffered harm as a result of Veteran Administration medical malpractice, please [contact us](#) today to speak with a competent and caring medical malpractice attorney who can evaluate your case and determine the best course of action for you.***

### **Causes of VA Medical Malpractice**

Medical mistakes due to the negligence or wrongdoing of a doctor, nurse, or other healthcare professional in VA hospitals can result in serious patient harm. Poor hospital conditions can lead to the spread of deadly infections, and improperly trained staff can result in medication errors, misdiagnosis, surgical errors, and more. Other causes of Veteran Administration medical malpractice include, but are not limited to:

- Understaffed and overworked hospitals
- Poorly maintained and un-sanitized medical equipment
- Unhealthy conditions and poor hospital sanitation
- Failure of supervisor to oversee interns
- Inadequate patient care

### **VA Medical Malpractice and Your Legal Rights**

U.S. veterans or their families who have suffered serious injury or harm as a result of negligence at a VA hospital have the legal right to file a lawsuit against the government under the **Federal Torts Claims Act (FTCA)** to seek compensation for their losses. Damages may include pain and suffering, medical bills, lost income capacity, and more.

Every claimant is required to file an administrative claim against the Veteran Administration stating the full amount of monetary damages they have suffered. Once that claim has been filed, the VA has six months to either accept liability and settle or deny the claim. If your claim is denied, you may pursue the issue by filing a lawsuit in federal court.

**Please note that under the FTCA, you have two years from the discovery of your injury to file a lawsuit.** It is highly recommended that you consult with a qualified attorney who is experienced in handling VA medical malpractice claims to ensure your legal rights are fully protected. A veteran administration medical malpractice lawsuit can be complex and the deadlines tricky.