

Medical Misdiagnosis Can Lead to Death Reports Medical Malpractice Lawyer

The Law Firm of Jonathan C. Reiter outlines legal options for those whose loved ones have died as a result of a medical misdiagnosis in New York City.

NEW YORK, NY, USA, January 9, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- It is common knowledge that in order to ensure the best prognosis possible for any serious medical condition, identifying the problem early on is key. Unfortunately, many patients see their conditions worsen over time, not because they fail to seek out the proper medical treatment, but due to a failure on the part of doctors who misdiagnose their condition.

How Common is Misdiagnosis?

"Misdiagnosis rates in the ICU or Emergency Department have been studied, with rates ranging from 20% to 40%."

For more information about misdiagnosis rates, please visit <http://www.rightdiagnosis.com/intro/common.htm>

The New York medical malpractice lawyers of The Law Firm of Jonathan C. Reiter say that the consequences for misdiagnosing a patient can be far reaching. Whether it leads to no treatment being administered at all, the patient being subjected to a battery of unnecessary tests, or the administration of treatment for conditions a patient does not have which can make them seriously ill, patients often suffer tremendously as a result.

Misdiagnosis: Millions of patients are being treated for the wrong conditions

"Misdiagnosis means needless suffering for patients and their families, and in many cases, even lost lives. Secondly, it also means nearly one-third of the \$2.7 trillion spent each year on health care in the U.S. are considered to be wasted dollars."

For more information about the impact of medical misdiagnosis, please visit http://seattletimes.com/html/opinion/2018089247_guest29falchuk.html

The misdiagnosis of conditions that progress relatively quickly if not promptly treated such as cancer, myocardial infarction, and appendicitis have led to the deaths of many patients in the

US. Hospitals and physicians in a number of these cases have dismissed assertions that their errors yielded tragic outcomes; leaving survivors of victims feeling that they have no basis to take further action.

However, survivors of victims of this type of medical malpractice can pursue legal claims against those whose negligence played a role in one's misdiagnosis. Although a win in a medical malpractice or wrongful death case cannot replace the life that has been lost, it can provide a measure of justice by holding those at fault accountable financially for damages others have incurred due to their mistakes.

The Law Firm of Jonathan C. Reiter is available for individuals who need legal [help](#) for a prospective New York medical malpractice claim involving the death of a loved one. Individuals can contact the firm today for a free case evaluation.

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