

## **HOSPITAL NEGLIGENCE**

Hospital negligence is any type of negligence that occurs in a hospital setting including errors by doctors, nurses, technicians, and other hospital staff. Staff who have engaged in negligent medical care of a patient and results in the patient's harm can be held responsible. Hospitals operate under severe cost pressures and this can unfortunately lead to errors being made. NOT every failure of treatment or specific procedure is a result of hospital malpractice. However, a hospital is responsible for employees who act in a manner that harms a patient.

### **Examples:**

1. Improperly labeling medication
2. Negligent hiring of employees (certain people are not properly licensed)
3. Not establishing an effective patient safety protocol
4. Not firing employees who are incompetent
5. Failing to properly staff units
6. Failing to maintain medical equipment

\*The plaintiff must prove that the injury is direct or proximate result of the hospital's negligence