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The often-repeated goal of the modern physician is simple — “do no harm.” However, overworked doctors in facilities with limited resources often make mistakes that have grave consequences. Medical malpractice can range from a minor incident that is corrected swiftly to a major problem leading to death, disability or long-term injury.

When it happens to you or someone you care about, legal action may be necessary to get appropriately compensated for your suffering. If you’ve incurred additional medical expenses, extended hospitalization or other negative consequences as a result of a doctor’s negligence, contact the office of Shulman Rogers in Potomac, MD. Our medical malpractice attorneys can provide representation in cases of doctor or hospital error.

### Types of Medical Malpractice

Lawyers differentiate between two main types of doctor negligence:

- **Gross negligence** involves major errors in judgment or recklessness on the part of a supervising physician. Example of gross negligence can include leaving a surgical tool inside a patient or performing the wrong procedure.
- **General negligence** involves mistakes or oversights made due to carelessness or a lack of due diligence, such as failing to order a full complement of tests when presented with vague symptoms. Generally speaking, the difference between gross and regular negligence is not related to the severity of the consequences but to the degree to which a physician’s actions deviate from accepted medical practices.

There are many examples of medical negligence, including:

- **Faulty equipment or improper hospital procedures** can also form the basis of a medical malpractice lawsuit. For example, if you contract a

bacterial infection during inpatient care, you may be able to sue for damages.

- **Child and birth injuries:** When your child is injured, he or she deserves the best medical care possible. Often, the best way to ensure this is to file a personal injury lawsuit. Whether your child was injured as a result of caregiver neglect, unsafe premises or medical malpractice, you have options for obtaining compensation. Shulman Rogers is sensitive to the needs of parents during this stressful time, and we will work to get you and your child the settlement you need to heal properly.

To discuss the specifics of your case with a medical malpractice attorney, contact Shulman Rogers to schedule a free consultation with our legal team.

## **Why File a Medical Malpractice Lawsuit?**

Most of us have respect and sympathy for medical professionals, especially those who go out of their way to provide a high level of care. It's important to remember that filing a malpractice lawsuit is not about punishing the doctor responsible — it's about ensuring you have the resources necessary to move on without jeopardizing your health.

Your insurance company may cover some of the additional expenses incurred when a routine hospital visit goes wrong, but too often patients are stuck bearing the brunt of others' mistakes. Meeting with a medical malpractice lawyer is the first step in getting a clearer picture of your options and protecting your interests in the long run.

A medical malpractice lawsuit is also an excellent way to draw attention to service gaps and unsafe conditions in your local healthcare system. If you want to ensure others don't suffer the same way you did, a public lawsuit is often the best way to influence positive change at the organization level.

## **Contact Shulman Rogers for Your Free Consultation**

Whatever the specifics of your case and your reasons for pursuing legal action, Shulman Rogers will treat you with respect and compassion every step of the way. Our medical malpractice lawyers serve clients throughout Maryland, D.C., Virginia and beyond. Schedule your consultation with our team by calling or emailing our office today.