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MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LAWSUITS - HARVARD SAYS: NOT FRIVOLOUS



A recent Harvard School of Public Health study that closely examined 1,452 closed claims concluded that “[p]ortraits of a malpractice system that is stricken with frivolous litigation are overblown.” The study found that most injuries resulting in claims were caused by medical error, and that those that weren’t were, nevertheless, not “frivolous” claims.

Source:

David M. Studdert, Michelle Mello, et al., “Claims, Errors, and Compensation Payments in Medical Malpractice Litigation,” New England Journal of Medicine, May 11, 2006.

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