

Anaesthetic Claims



The complexities of anaesthetics

Anaesthesia is a drug induced state that is intended to facilitate pain free medical procedures. There are three main types of anaesthesia to include:

- General – where the patient is completely unconscious
- Local – where anaesthesia is applied to numb a specific area
- Regional – where a larger area is anaesthetised

No anaesthesia is without risk. Injuries can however result in circumstances where mistakes are made either in relation to the type of anaesthetic used or during or after administration. Like any medical procedure, errors occur even in the hands of the most senior medical practitioner.

The most common types of mistakes are:

- Administering the wrong dosage
- Improperly intubating the patient
- Failing to properly monitor the patient
- Not recognizing complications as they develop
- Failing to monitor the delivery of oxygen to the patient
- Accidentally turning off the alarm on the pulse oximeter which measures the oxygen level in the patients' blood
- Not providing proper surgical preparation instructions
- Improper positioning during general anaesthetic

Anaesthetic treatment and negligence can lead to serious injury and long-term disability

A patient can be severely injured if anesthesia is improperly administered or if the patient is not appropriately monitored. These injuries include:

- Larynx damage or tooth damage due to intubation
- Serious allergic reaction (anaphylaxis)
- Pneumonia
- Stroke

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- Brain damage
- Nerve damage
- Blood clots
- Heart attack
- Anesthesia awareness (patient regains consciousness during surgery)
- Death

Claiming compensation

Victims of medical negligence are often left suffering continued pain; they may require further medical treatment and are left worrying about the future for both themselves and their families. They may have suffered a loss of earnings and have significant care needs. They may require specialist interventions, therapies and support.

Clinical negligence compensation claims are designed to provide compensation to the victim for the physical and financial effects of their injuries. Damages if awarded will compensate for the injury and financial losses both past and future thereby meeting the costs of additional treatment, ongoing care, therapies and disability support along with any other financial losses. The aim being to put the victim back in the position they would have been but for the defendant's negligence so far as possible.

Support for patients affected by anaesthetic negligence

At Lester Aldridge we know how devastating medical negligence can be. No amount of compensation can put things right but it can result in essential compensation to cover the cost of care, to support you and meet your immediate and ongoing needs.

Our personal injury lawyers are highly experienced in investigating anaesthetic claims and in taking forward successful compensation claims. We have access to a panel of medical experts who are leaders in their field.

If you have suffered injury, following an anaesthetic we can assist with your claim.

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