

Cardiology



The complexities of cardiology treatment

Cardiology is the study and treatment of disorders of the heart as well as the circulatory system.

Cardiology involves the medical diagnosis and treatment of congenital heart defects, coronary artery disease, heart failure, valvular heart disease and electrophysiology. Clinicians who specialise in this field of medicine are called cardiologists. Paediatric cardiologists are Paediatricians who specialise in cardiology. Clinicians who specialise in cardiac surgery are called cardiothoracic surgeons or cardiac surgeons.

Major risk factors for heart disease, such as one or more immediate family members being affected as well as high blood pressure or cholesterol readings, may prompt your GP to refer you to a cardiologist.

There are a wide range of disorders that are treated and studied under the field of cardiology. Among them are acute coronary syndrome, which encompasses the broad range of myocardial infarction symptoms.

Other categories of disorders, which fall within the field of cardiology, include:

- Cardiac arrest
- Disorders of the myocardium, or the muscle of the heart
- Disorders of the pericardium, or the outer lining of the heart
- Congenital heart defects
- Diseases of the blood vessels or vascular diseases.

Cardiology is a complex and wide area of medicine. Inevitably, even in the most capable hands mistakes will sadly be made which can lead to serious injury or long-term disability and therefore a compensation claim.

Cardiology treatment, delay and negligence can lead to serious injury or long-term disability

Common errors include:

- The misdiagnosis and treatment of myocardial infarction (heart attacks)
- Failure to diagnose angina
- Failure to diagnose and treat endocarditis, an infection of the heart.
- Failure to diagnose and treat a cardiac arrhythmia

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Claiming cardiology 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 cardiology negligence

At Lester Aldridge we are highly experienced in investigating cardiology claims and in taking forward successful compensation claims. We have access to a panel of medical experts who are leaders in their field.

We know how devastating a medical mistake can be. No amount of compensation can put things right but it can result in essential provision for the cost of care, to support both you and your loved ones and meet your immediate and ongoing needs. Our experienced specialist lawyers utilise their expertise to maximize any compensation award.

If you have suffered injury, following a mistake made in cardiology treatment we can assist with your claim.

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