

# Neurology Claims



## The complexities of neurology

Neurologists diagnose, treat and manage disorders that affect the central nervous system (the brain and spinal cord) and the peripheral nervous system (nerves and muscles which activate movement and transmit sensation from all parts of the body to the brain). They do not operate or perform surgery. Where surgery is needed this is undertaken by neurosurgeons (examples include surgery for subarachnoid haemorrhages, spinal tumours, hydrocephalus and shunts).

There are well over 350 known neurological conditions. Some neurological problems or conditions are present from birth (congenital), some are hereditary (genetic) and others have a sudden onset due to injury or illness, such as a [head injury](#) or [stroke](#), or a cancer of the brain or spine.

Common neurological conditions include:

- Alzheimer's disease
- Motor neurone disease
- Autism
- Epilepsy
- Parkinson's disease
- Multiple sclerosis
- [Stroke](#)
- Migraines
- Autism
- Traumatic brain injuries (TBIs)
- Restless legs syndrome (RLS)

## Negligence resulting from treatment for a neurological condition or disorder can lead to serious injury or long-term disability

Medical negligence claims in this area of medicine are commonplace and can arise in a variety of circumstances to include surgical errors, prescription errors, diagnostic errors, failure to monitor, delays in treatment and diagnosis, failure to treat complications, failure to interpret imaging or other test results. Examples include:

- Failure to diagnose a brain and spinal tumours
- Negligent treatment of traumatic brain injuries
- Failing to test adequately and consequently misdiagnosing a subarachnoid haemorrhage, resulting in permanent brain damage
- Failure to diagnose and treat spinal conditions resulting in permanent injury (e.g. [cauda equina](#) cases)
- Failing to adequately manage medication for epilepsy

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- Failure to manage multiple sclerosis causing exacerbation of disability
- Failure to identify and treat drug toxicity causing tremors and seizures leading to death
- Failing to diagnose and treatment promptly strokes and transient ischaemic attacks (TIAs)
- Late diagnosis / misdiagnosis and treatment of conditions such as Parkinson's disease and Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
- Failing to treat fluid / water on the brain (hydrocephalus)
- Negligent spinal surgery

The result of a medical negligence in this area of medicine can be lifelong injury and even 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 neurology negligence

At Lester Aldridge we are highly experienced in investigating neurology related 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 concerns or questions, please contact our Personal Injury lawyers. Contact us by emailing: [online.enquiries@la-law.com](mailto:online.enquiries@la-law.com) or calling 0344 967 0791.

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