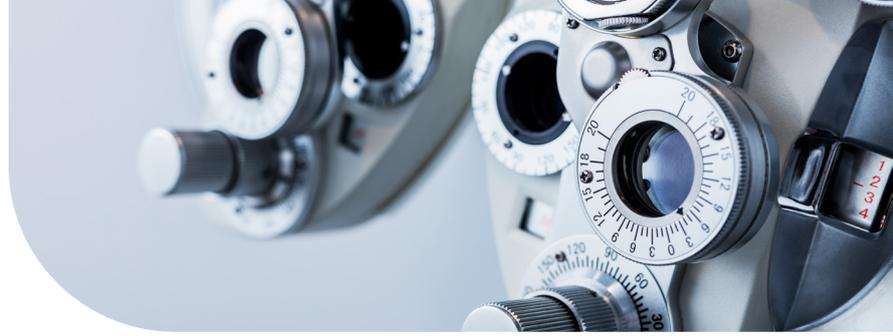


Ophthalmology



The complexities of ophthalmology

Ophthalmology is a branch of medicine dealing with the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diseases of the eye and visual system. Ophthalmologists provide routine care such as vision testing and prescribe and fit eyeglasses or contact lenses, but they can also undertake surgery.

The types of surgery undertaken include:

- Cataract surgery – the most frequently performed operation, which is very successful and provides high patient satisfaction
- Glaucoma surgery
- Surgery for retinal disorders
- Strabismus surgery (for squints)
- Corneal transplantation
- Oculoplastic surgery (plastic surgery around the eye)
- Laser eye surgery

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

Medical negligence cases can arise in any number of areas. Common examples include

- Defective laser eye treatment
- Failing to diagnose and treat early signs of eye infections
- Optic nerve damage because of raised intra-cranial pressure
- Blindness because of failure to correctly treat diabetes
- Negligent surgical technique in cataract surgery
- Negligent surgical technique in squint surgery
- Traumatic retinal detachment

When a case of clinical negligence involving the eye occurs, the consequences can be devastating and result in blindness.

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Claiming compensation for ophthalmic injury

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 defendants negligence so far as possible.

Support for patients affected by ophthalmic negligence

At Lester Aldridge we are highly experienced in investigating ophthalmic 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 ophthalmic treatment we can assist with your claim.

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