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## Medical Malpractice in Newfoundland & Labrador

Healthcare providers are entrusted with delivering exceptional, compassionate care, which involves understanding and integrating patients' unique values into medical decisions. Despite good intentions, errors can occur, leading to devastating consequences for patients and their families.

Medical malpractice lawsuits seek to address these harms through monetary damages, acknowledging that while money cannot undo suffering, restore function, or replace a life, it is the court's mechanism for delivering justice.

Plaintiffs may seek compensation from individual providers, groups, or institutions like hospitals or long-term care facilities.

These cases are complex, protracted, and challenging, as providers are typically backed by robust insurers like the Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA)

CBC article:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/canadian-medical-protective-association-1.6808224>

Hospitals are similarly well-defended, resulting in a low success rate of about 20% for plaintiffs, including cases dismissed or abandoned. Effective representation is critical.

At Acuity Medical Law, we offer empathetic advocacy, combining:

- Ample resources to confront well-funded defendants.
- Deep legal and clinical expertise to navigate intricate cases.
- A compassionate approach to support clients through their pain.

Time is limited to file claims, with Newfoundland & Labrador's Limitations Act (Section 5) mandating a two-year window from when the right to sue arose for damages related to personal injury or fatal accidents.

Under Section 14, this begins when you reasonably ought to have known you had a cause of action.

Key exceptions include:

- Incapacity/Disability (Section 15):
- Limitation periods do not run while a person, including a minor, is unable to advance a claim.