

Hip Replacement Surgery & Medical Malpractice Claims

Hip replacement surgery is a common medical procedure meant to restore mobility in a patient's deteriorating hip joint. Unfortunately, the procedure is associated with some risks, as well as the potential for serious negligent mistakes by a surgeon that may lead to a [medical malpractice](#) claim.

→ Osteolysis

Osteolysis (or loss of bone) in the hip can be caused by medical negligence during hip replacement surgery. Loss of bone tissue may lead to loosening of the hip joint and hindered mobility. Orthopedic surgeons are responsible for thoroughly evaluating their patients before a procedure to determine whether their bone density is at a level in which they can safely undergo surgery.

→ Defective Hip Replacement Devices

[Defective hip replacement devices](#) may cause damages to surgery patients. Implant devices such as metal-on-metal replacement hip joints may wear down prematurely and release metallic particles into a patient's body. This can lead to infection, severe pain, and the need for additional surgery to place the defective device.

→ Chronic Pain

Chronic pain following hip joint replacement surgery may be the result of medical negligence. Severe pain experienced by patients beyond the expected postoperative healing window may be caused by a doctor's preoperative or surgical mistake.

→ Leg Length Discrepancy

After undergoing hip replacement surgery, some patients notice that one of their legs is longer than the other. The size of a hip replacement implant, and the way in which it is inserted, will impact the length of a patient's leg after hip replacement surgery.



Talk To An Expert

If you or a loved one had hip replacement surgery and are experiencing any of the above conditions, you may be able to file a medical negligence claim. We work with medical malpractice patients and their families in Oregon and Southwest Washington. To find out more about your rights, [contact an experienced medical malpractice attorney at Miller & Wagner today.](#)

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