

# What Determines Medical License Revocation in Oregon?

In Oregon, the decision on whether to revoke a license as a result of medical malpractice is made by the Board and depends on a variety of factors.

## → How Medical Malpractice Complaints are Filed

Between 750 and 850 complaints are filed with the Oregon Medical Board each year. Some are submitted to other state organizations for review while others are resolved quickly by the Board's investigative staff.

## → When Complaint Result in an Investigation

The Oregon Medical Board's Investigations Department reviews each complaint they receive to determine whether the physician violated the Medical Practice Act. Between 300 and 400 of the complaints that are filed each year will result in a complete investigation. During the investigation process, information will be gathered via medical records, statements from witnesses, or an interview with the person being investigated.

## → Duration of Investigations

Medical malpractice complaint investigations can close within a few months or take as long as several years. The Oregon Medical Board tries to complete investigations in a timely manner, but complex cases that require expert opinions and witness interviews can take much longer.

## → Confidentiality of Medical Malpractice Investigations

State law requires all medical malpractice claim investigations to remain confidential. Information collected during the process is not public information and cannot be used in a lawsuit. Additionally, names are kept confidential in order to protect complainants.

## → License Revocation in Oregon

As a result of an investigation, the Oregon Medical Board may decide to revoke a healthcare provider's license prohibiting them to practice in the State of Oregon. The Medical Practice Act allows individuals to apply for restoration of their license two years after revocation. The Board can then decide to either grant or withhold the restoration.

There is no specified limit as to how long the Board is allowed to take in regards to license revocation. Because of this, some investigations may take years to result in any disciplinary action on a practicing physician.

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