

Could the OB/GYN Shortage Lead to Increased Medical Malpractice?



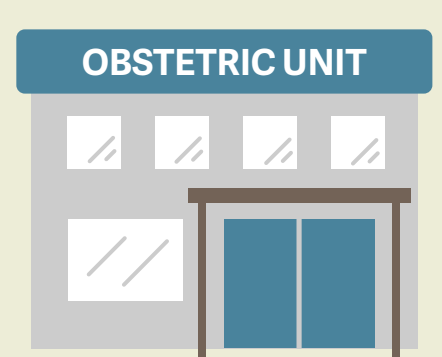
Since some states offer higher payouts for medical malpractice, some **OB/GYNs are moving** to areas where their risk of a lawsuit is lower.



Over **28 million** reproductive-age women live in rural U.S. counties.



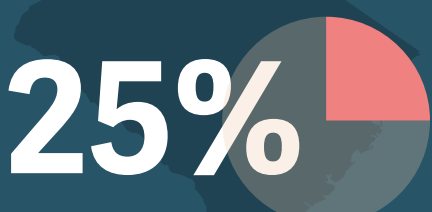
Almost **50%** the counties in the United States don't have a practicing OB/GYN.



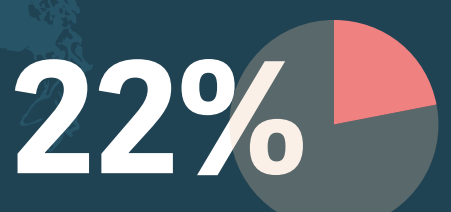
Some rural hospitals **do not have obstetric units**, despite a federal law set in place by the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act.

States with the lowest percentage of rural counties with continual obstetric services in their hospitals:

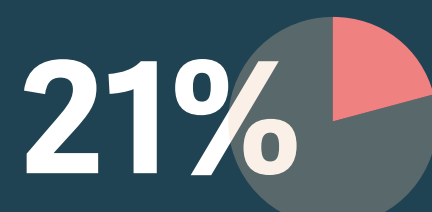
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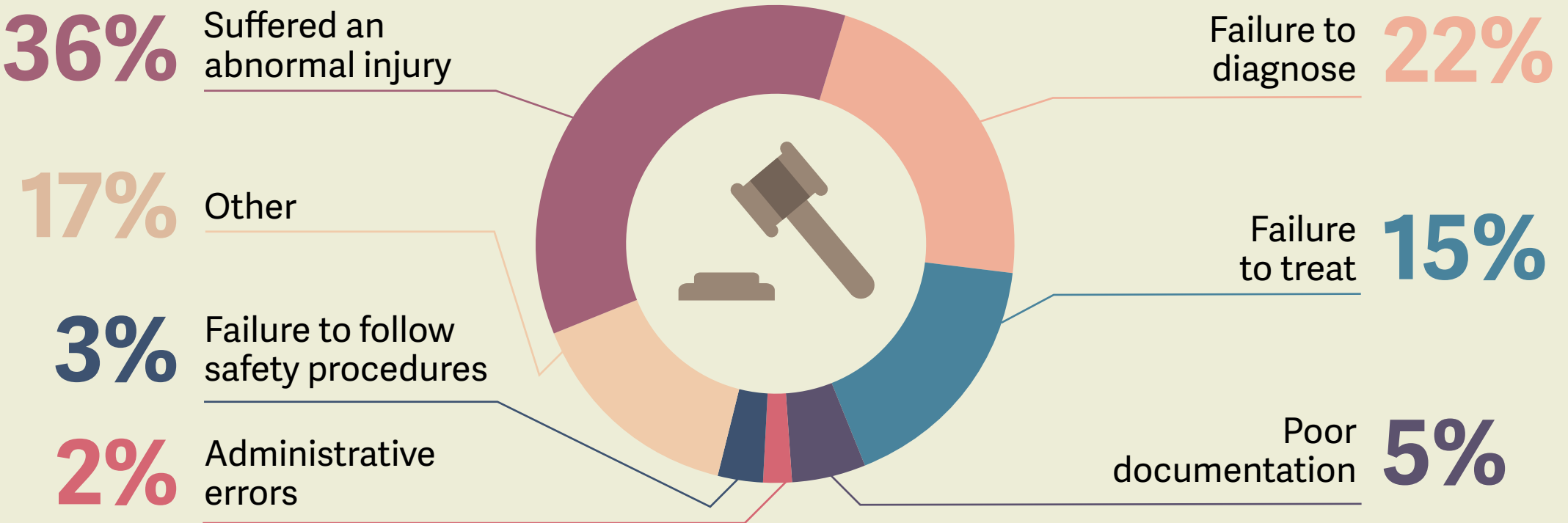
Washington



North Dakota



Nature of obstetric medical malpractice lawsuits:



Facts About Obstetric Medical Malpractice



85% of obstetricians have been **sued at least once** for medical negligence



89% of male OB/GYNs have been sued

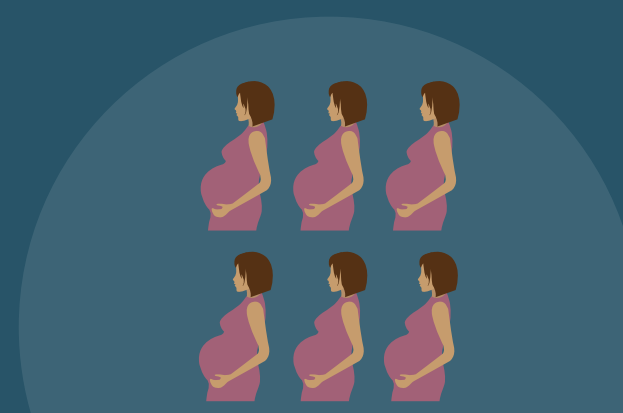


81% of female OB/GYNs have been sued

Obstetricians:



Face the **second highest number of medical malpractice claims**, just after neurosurgeons



Perform **6 fewer inpatient deliveries** on average in the years after their medical malpractice claim closes

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