



HOW COMMON ARE DIAGNOSTIC ERRORS?

- ✓ Johns Hopkins researchers estimate that there are anywhere between **80,000 and 160,000 diagnostic errors** every year that result in significant permanent injury or death in the U.S.
- ✓ Most people will experience at least **one wrong diagnosis** in their lifetime.
- ✓ **Misdiagnosis** is more common than wrong-site surgery and drug errors.

WHAT CONDITIONS ARE COMMONLY MISDIAGNOSED?

Any medical condition can be wrongly diagnosed. This includes...



Cancer



Strokes



Infections



Heart Conditions



Neurological Disorders



Lyme Disease

WHAT CLINICIANS SAY ABOUT DIAGNOSTIC ERRORS

In a survey of clinicians...

47%

said they encountered diagnostic errors at their practice at least once every month.

64%

said that one out of 10 misdiagnoses they have encountered resulted in direct patient harm.

96%

said they believe diagnostic errors are preventable at least some of the time.

ARE DIAGNOSTIC ERRORS ALWAYS MEDICAL MALPRACTICE?

NO. For example, if the results of the mistake were not serious, or the disease may have been too advanced for available treatment to have made a difference, there may not be a medical malpractice claim.

If you believe a diagnostic error caused you significant harm and want to consider your legal options contact:

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https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/media/releases/diagnostic_errors_more_common_costly_and_harmful_than_treatment_mistakes