

Malpractice: A Neurosurgeon Reveals How Our Health-Care System Puts Patients at Risk

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everyone needs to read. It explains how the medical profession thinks, and operates. I was both amazed, and horrified, at some of the things I read. The author lists case histories, and also why procedures came out the way they did, and what you can do, to help prevent this from happening to you. The author is a Dr, who has turned victims advocate, by becoming a lawyer, and suing the very Dr's and hospitals, that kill and/or maim as many as half a million people a year, and this mostly goes unnoticed. Sad part is, only a very small few, can win a lawsuit, because heartless defense attorneys, for big hospitals, pound into juries minds, that the victims or families of, are just out for the money, when it is just the opposite. They abhor the money, it is blood money to them, but they need it to help with the continuing cost of caring for an family member damaged for life, because of the malpractice of a Dr or hospital. This is what they are fighting for. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. We need patients to get after this situation while we're still alive and kicking! By Kara Stone The author puts my repeated experience on paper . The doctor knows this story from both sides--as a practitioner of neurological medicine and as a prosecutor of demonstrably dangerous doctors . The medical system has, over time, devolved into a shield for practitioners who persist in flaunting their incompetence. I am reluctant to continue getting medical treatment for my soon-to-be fatal condition caused and then made worse over the years by the limited vision of medical practitioners.. Now they are misrepresenting me and my statements in their office visit notes. You might want to review your own records. The law makes them available to you. Just ask the hospital records department. I have them emailed as soon available 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A MUST READ for Everyone By Customer This book is a MUST READ for everyone! If you want to be aware of the how the medical system is motivated, funded and managed and to understand that it is a large complicated and multilayered system, you need to begin by reading this book. As a patient, and a potential hospital patient, you need to understand how to advocate for yourself and your loved ones and how to try to protect yourself when making health care decisions, and especially in understanding the value of having an ethical, morally responsible and conscientious health care provider and advocate. You will be shocked by what you read, but you need to know where you stand as a patient in the health care system.

In 1991, the Institute of Medicine released a landmark report, which revealed that as many as 98,000 patients were dying every year owing to avoidable medical error. More recent research indicates that estimate was, if anything, a drastic understatement of the patient-safety epidemic in the US health care system. In *Malpractice*, neurosurgeon and attorney Dr. Larry Schlachter makes a case that most patients enter the system without any idea of the risks they face, due to a medical culture that denies there is a patient safety problem. He argues that medical culture actively avoids transparency, perpetuates an atmosphere of blind deference to doctors, and protects dangerous doctors from any accountability. Drawing on 23 years of experience, Dr. Schlachter provides unbelievable stories that illustrate the host of risks patients face whenever they seek diagnostic evaluation or go under the knife. This book provides an all-access pass to the inner sanctums of the health care citadel, exposing the cultural flaws that fuel doctors egos and outlining the steps every patient should take to protect himself or herself.

"*Malpractice* is an honest view of what our broken health-care system looks like. We lost our only child to preventable death because the system allowed an incompetent surgeon to practice. Dr. Schlachter analyzes the challenges facing patients and caregivers in a way health-care consumers and professionals alike can learn from." Patricia J. Skolnik, President, Citizens for Patient Safety, LLC "*Malpractice* will not make Dr. Schlachter many friends in the health-care industry, but it starts a conversation we must have if patient safety is truly our goal. We need more doctors like him professionals willing to acknowledge the risks created by a medical culture that puts doctors ahead of patients, and willing to fight for meaningful changes that will lead to better outcomes for patients and providers alike. Dr. Marty Makary, Johns Hopkins surgeon, patient-safety advocate, and author of *Unaccountable: What Hospitals Won't Tell You and How Transparency Can Revolutionize Health Care* Dr. Schlachter brings the same insight and honesty to *Malpractice* that he brings to examining cases in which patients have been terribly wronged. His astute analysis is a bitter pill for an industry that for many years has avoided the hardest conversations about patient safety, but it is perhaps the only prescription that can save us. Dr. Michael Dogali, MDCM, FACS, president of Pacific Neurosurgery A surgeon-turned-lawyer's thoughtful and passionate plea for a more transparent and accountable medical profession. Lawrence Schlachter demonstrates how a medical culture of denial and secrecy prevents patients from identifying even the most serious medical mistakes, and how feeble professional discipline allows even the most incompetent physicians to continue to harm. Contrasting arguments for tort reform with the reality of America's continuing plague of medical error, Schlachter makes a strong case for malpractice litigation with all its flaws as the only recourse for severely harmed patients. David Goldhill, board member of The Leapfrog Group and author of *Catastrophic Care: Why Everything We Think We Know about Health Care Is Wrong*