New York Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: None

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<th>2012-2016 Average</th>
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<td>Annual Per Capita(^1) Malpractice costs: All Providers(^2)</td>
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<td>Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: MD/DO only</td>
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<td>Annual Claims per 1 Million Residents</td>
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<td>Annual Claims per 100 Practicing Physicians</td>
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Table showing the average amount paid per capita\(^1\) each year in New York from 2012-2016 for medical malpractice claims against all practitioners as well as against physicians (MD and DO’s) only. It also shows the number of paid claims per million residents and per 100 practicing physicians in New York those years.

Brief summary: When it comes to medical malpractice costs, no state in the U.S. comes close to New York. Consistently, year after year, one fifth of all paid medical malpractice cases and one fifth of total malpractice costs in the U.S. occur in New York alone. In reality, most of these cases occur in and around New York City where most practicing physicians can expect to pay five times the national average for malpractice premiums. Doctors practicing upstate don’t have it nearly as bad as those near the City.

Notes

1) Total amount paid in medical malpractice claims in the state each year/ the state’s Population.

2) All practitioners includes physicians, podiatrists, dentists, nurses, hygienists, pharmacists, pharmacy techs, lab techs, physical therapists, etc…

Sources

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https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/analysistool/
http://www.atra.org/issues/noneconomic-damages-reform
Graphic Summary of Medical Malpractice Incidence and Cost for New York from 1991-2017

Figure 1: Total number of paid medical malpractice claims for New York from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners combined as well as for MD/DOs only.

Figure 2: Total amount paid for all medical malpractice claims from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners and MD/DOs only in New York.
Figure 3: Figure 2 data when adjusted for inflation.