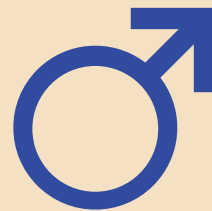


# Characteristics and Trends of Medical Diagnostic Errors in the United States



This study analyzed **226,781 paid malpractice claims data** (1999–2018) and found that the diagnosis-related allegation group accounted for the second-highest proportion of allegations (n=60,344; 26.6%) among the malpractice allegation groups.

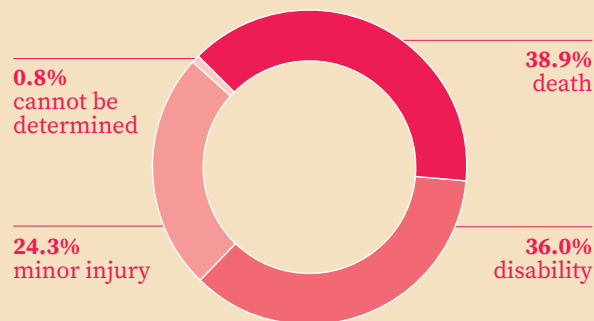


**Male patients were more likely to encounter diagnosis-related incidents** or diagnosis-related incidents with disability or death outcomes, and malpractice payment was higher for male patients compared to female patients.

**226,781 = \$87,444M**  
malpractice claims total payments

in which the diagnosis-related allegation group accounted for the highest proportion of total payment (\$28,745 million; 32.9%) among the malpractice allegation groups.

## Diagnosis-Related Allegations Outcomes



The overall trends for **diagnosis-related allegations** were **downward** from 1999 to 2018, but the overall trends for **diagnosis-related allegations associated with inpatients** were **upward** from 1999 to 2018.

