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Medical Malpractice and Managed Care News Digest  
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Welcome to the HPR Insurance Services newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to bring you a summary of medical malpractice and managed care news that we hope will be timely, relevant and in a format you can easily use.

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Business Insurance

Claim frequency against hospitals combined with increased claim severity is expected to drive up medical malpractice liability costs this in 2010 and 2011 for hospitals and physicians, according to a report released Tuesday...

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My Health News

The Supreme Court is set to hear the first arguments Tuesday in a vaccine injury case that pediatricians and medical malpractice lawyers worry will drastically change how patients sue vaccine manufacturers in this country...

[Health Law's Boost For ACOs Gains Momentum But Faces Possible Legal Hurdles](#)

Kaiser Health News

"Health care providers are rushing to create new structures that could eventually qualify as ACOs, putting them in line for added reimbursements under health reform. But are these actually ACOs? Federal agencies haven't finished defining the model, and regulators have yet to bless these new alliances. As a result, there's another word that could describe some would-be ACOs: illegal. If providers aren't careful, their new networks may violate current laws

restricting provider competition..."

### [Second Child Dies of Overdose At Seattle's Children's Hospital](#)

[LawyersandSettlements.com](#)

A fatal overdose of calcium chloride appears to have caused the wrongful death of an eight month old infant who was in the intensive care unit (ICU) at Seattle Children's Hospital. Kaia Zautner died on September 14, in what may be the second potential case of medical malpractice at the hospital in 18 months...

### [Verdict in Malpractice Lawsuit Over Failure to Diagnose Brain Infection Upheld](#)

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A California appeals court has upheld a \$9 million verdict in a medical malpractice lawsuit won by a woman whose doctor failed to detect an infection caused by a shunt in her brain...

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However, Delgado is not suing for medical malpractice. She is suing for assault and battery on the baby...

### [Skilled Healthcare Group agrees to settle nursing home lawsuit](#)

[LA Times](#)

A Humboldt County Superior Court jury had found the healthcare company liable for understaffing its 22 assisted-living facilities in California. State law requires nursing homes to maintain 3.2 nursing hours per patient per day - something the jury said Skilled Healthcare failed to do...

### [Groups call for mandatory flu shots for health care workers](#)

[The Seattle Times](#)

Flu shots should be mandatory for health care workers, according to a policy statement issued recently by the American Academy of Pediatrics...

### [Medical Malpractice Claims Data Being Used to Curb Medical Mistakes](#)

[NewsInferno.com](#)

Can medical malpractice lawsuits actually be helpful to doctors? A new article in The Wall Street Journal suggests that they can. It seems that by analyzing the breakdowns in care that led to missed, delayed or incorrect diagnoses involved in medical malpractice cases, insurers and health-care providers are developing programs to avert mistakes...

### [Breast cancer and medical malpractice](#)

[Examiner.com](#)

According to an article published September 28, 2010 in the [Wall Street Journal](#), 59% of medical malpractice claims, which are the result of diagnostic errors, involve cancer. About 44% involve breast cancer, 7% involve colorectal cancer, and 30% result in death...

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