



# Spotlight On Justice



**1%** = **32%**  
**OF DOCTORS** = **PAID MED MAL CLAIMS**

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In a study, published in the January 2016 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, “researchers looked at more than 66,000 malpractice claims paid against 54,000 physicians nationwide between 2005 and 2014.” They found that just “1 percent of doctors are linked to nearly one-third of all paid malpractice claims,” and “the biggest predictor of all for claim-prone doctors was whether they’d had a prior claim.”

Source:

New England Journal of Medicine, “Prevalence and Characteristics of Physicians Prone to Malpractice Claims,” January 28, 2016, quoted in <http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2016/01/28/464691741/a-few-doctors-account-for-outsize-share-of-malpractice-claims>

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