

It's time to create special health courts.



Medical justice today is erratic, tolerating wildly inconsistent results for similar conduct. It's unfair to patients and providers who don't know what to expect. It infects healthcare with a debilitating distrust that drives doctors out of practice, increases costs, and contributes to unnecessary errors.

A broad coalition of patient advocates and healthcare providers has come together behind creating special health courts. Key features would include: expert judges who render written opinions; neutral experts; speedy and efficient proceedings so that 60% of liability costs are no longer devoted to attorneys' fees and administrative costs; predictable damages with compensation for pain and suffering set by a predetermined schedule; and transparency—so that we learn from any mistakes.

The first step is health court pilot projects. Congress has before it a bipartisan proposal that would authorize and fund pilot projects to gain experience with special health courts. These leading hospitals express their strong interest in participating in a pilot project:

**Duke University School of Medicine and Health System
Emory Healthcare**

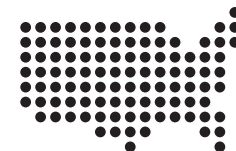
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The University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell**

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