



BUT YOU SAID I ONLY HAD A COLD...

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Each and every time you go to a medical doctor or an emergency room you place your life in the hands of the provider you see. You, or your loved one, may go to an emergency room, or even your trusted primary care physician and complain, for example, of **chest pain**. Instead of thoroughly examining you, your provider may simply diagnose you with bronchitis and send you home. Tragically you, or your loved one, may die within days from a massive heart attack. You may complain to your doctor of **stomach pain**, which you may believe was caused by something you ate. Again, after only a brief and inadequate examination, your provider may send you home with some medication. Days later you may find yourself admitted to the hospital emergency room with an emergency appendectomy. A **cough** may cause your provider to order a chest x-ray which is mistakenly read as revealing a **calcified spot on one of your ribs**. Months later, due to this misreading of an x-ray, you, or your loved one, may find yourself faced with an advanced stage of lung cancer. An **infection** may be misdiagnosed as a **common cold** and caused to spread from your chest to your brain. Finally, what your provider has diagnosed as **muscle strain** resulting in stiffness, may eventually be determined to have been a blood clot from which you, or your loved one could die if left untreated. Any one or all of these mistakes have been made by medical providers and can be fatal.

We represent families and individuals who have been misdiagnosed or whose condition has not been timely diagnosed. Some of these individuals have died and some have suffered severe, permanent injuries. We handle cases, which include the following:

- **Cancer**
- **Stroke**
- **Pulmonary embolism**
- **Infection**
- **Appendicitis**
- **Alcohol withdrawal**
- **Heart attack**
- **Gallstones**
- **Gastrointestinal bleed**

When a misdiagnosis is committed, the medical provider can be held liable for any damages the patient suffers. It is important to contact an attorney to preserve your rights. We can help. Call **1-800-332-1992** for a free legal consultation with an attorney.