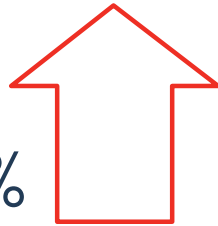


# MITIGATING HIGH-INDEMNITY MALPRACTICE CLAIMS

From 2010 to 2022, medical malpractice awards greater than \$500,000

**INCREASED 100%**



41 states have recently reported verdicts greater than

**\$10 MILLION**



## CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO HIGH-INDEMNITY CLAIMS

**Diagnostic errors** are a common thread in high-indemnity claims.



**94%**

of high-indemnity claims involving diagnostic errors had **patient assessment issues** as primary drivers of the claim

## MOST COMMON PATIENT ASSESSMENT ISSUES

**80%** of claims involved **initial diagnostic assessment**

Top primary driver:  
Failure to or a delay in ordering a diagnostic test

**45%** of claims involved **testing and results processing**

Top primary driver:  
Misinterpretation of diagnostic studies, such as x-rays, slides, etc.

**50%** of claims involved **follow-up and coordination**

Top primary driver:  
Failure to or a delay in obtaining a consult

## CONDITIONS INVOLVED IN DIAGNOSTIC ERROR CLAIMS

**23%** Malignancies

**12%** Infection

**8%** Embolism/thrombosis

## RISK MITIGATION STRATEGIES TO PREVENT HIGH-INDEMNITY DIAGNOSTIC ERROR CLAIMS

**1** Participate in a diagnostic process self-assessment

**2** Recognize and address cognitive bias

**3** Demonstrate active and reflective listening

**4** Support patient information sharing

See the full study at [thedoctors.com/HighIndemnityClaims](https://thedoctors.com/HighIndemnityClaims)

