

## THE MOST INTERESTING AND FAMOUS MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASES IN HISTORY

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*“Medicine is not only a science; it is also an art. It does not consist of compounding pills and plasters; it deals with the very processes of life, which must be understood before they may be guided.”*

*(Paracelsus<sup>1</sup>)*

**ABSTRACT:** *Being a victim of medical malpractice can be a frighteningly eerie ordeal, especially when it involves extreme negligence. This paper examines some of the most unusual and intriguing medical malpractice cases ever recorded, some of which have dramatically transmuted the face of health care over the years. “The Case of the Mutilated Penis” is one of the examples shown in the paper. Another one is “The Case of Carol Wehrer” who had long suffered pain in her right ocular perceiver, and at the advice of her medico, decided her quality of life would be ameliorated if she had the ocular perceiver abstracted. The surgery was five and a half hours long, out of which Carol was aroused for two. She was so traumatized by the ordeal that she has slumbered in a reclining chair since, being too trepidacious to lie down. Cases like these are kenned as Anesthesia Cognizance, and it is estimated that up to 42.000 people in the US alone experience it every year. These famous medical malpractice cases are shocking, and go to show that wrongdoings can transpire any time and anywhere. According to the Journal of the American Medical Sodality (JAMA), medical negligence is the third leading cause of death in the U.S.—right behind heart disease and cancer.*

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<sup>1</sup> Paracelsus born Philippus Aureolus Theophrastus Bombastus von Hohenheim (1493-1541), was a Swiss German philosopher, physician, botanist, astrologer, and general occultist. He is credited as the founder of toxicology. He is also a famous revolutionary for utilizing observations of nature, rather than referring to ancient texts, something of radical defiance during his time