



## SC: Doctors Not Negligent for Poor Outcomes Alone

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Recently, [the Supreme Court](#) has emphasized that **medical professionals should not be held liable** for [medical negligence](#) simply due to unsuccessful treatment outcomes.

- Medical negligence, often referred to as **medical malpractice**, occurs when a **healthcare provider does not meet the established standard of care** for a patient, leading to harm, injury, or even death.
- According to the SC, **a doctor cannot be immediately held liable for medical negligence** simply **because a patient did not respond positively** to surgery or treatment.
  - **Liability** can only be established **if there is evidence showing that the doctor failed to exercise the necessary skill** in performing their duties.
- The doctrine of "**Res Ipsa Loquitur**" (meaning "**the thing speaks for itself**") **does not apply** in these cases.
- **Res ipsa loquitur Principle:** Implies that **negligence is evident and requires no additional evidence**.
  - However, the bench clarified that a negative outcome does not automatically indicate negligence.

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