

outcome, the plaintiff prevailed on at least one count in 30.8% (4) and radiologist defendants prevailed on all counts in 69.2% (9).

Despite concerns expressed about medical malpractice liability faced by trainees and the risk faced by faculty working with trainees [13], our analysis of actual court documents indicates that such claims are not only

Table 2. Risk of complex medical malpractice lawsuits involving physician trainees between 2009 and 2018 by specialty group

Specialty Group	Years at Risk	Percentage of Total Years at Risk	Incidence of Lawsuits	Incidence Rate Ratio	95% Confidence Interval
Anesthesia	54,294	6	0.44	0.68	0.45-1.02
Dermatology	11,949	1	0.25	0.39	0.13-1.22
Emergency medicine	53,747	6	0.82	1.31	0.96-1.78
Medicine	327,095	36	0.32	0.39	0.32-0.49
Neurology	26,159	3	0.23	0.35	0.16-0.79
Obstetrics and gynecology	49,615	5	2.30	4.25	3.46-5.21
Ophthalmology	18,452	2	0.81	1.28	0.77-2.14
Pathology	21,024	2	0.19	0.29	0.11-0.79
Pediatrics	88,061	10	0.28	0.42	0.28-0.63
Psychiatry	52,257	6	0.19	0.29	0.15-0.54
Radiation oncology	7,054	1	0.00	0	N/A
Radiology	45,180	5	0.51	0.79	0.52-1.20
Surgery	156,033	17	1.31	2.62	2.21-3.11
Total	910,920	100	0.63		

Incidence of lawsuits is expressed per 1,000 trainee years. N/A = not applicable.

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