

Guide to completing the statement

For hospitals, the statement must be completed by the responsible manager where the injury allegedly occurred. It must then be sent via the hospital's management to NPE.

Read the guide carefully before completing the form

- Please write your statement electronically. If you write it by hand, please write clearly. Your statement should be based on
 - the information available about the patient at the time of treatment
 - good medical practice at the time of treatment
- Avoid expressing hindsight in the assessment through the use of terms such as retrospective, looking back, etc.
- Use clear Norwegian. Remember that the patient has to read and understand the assessment.

Guide to the six points that the statement should cover

1. Start with the diagnosis, treatment and injury the patient has complained about.
2. Describe any treatment injury*, and the cause thereof.
3. Provide a professional assessment of the treatment that was given.
Assess the diagnosis, indication for treatment, execution, follow-up, and patient information. Be clear in your assessment of the treatment given.
In case of infection: How did the infection occur? Did the patient have conditions that increased the risk of infection?
4. If the treatment was not carried out in accordance with good medical practice:
What impact has this had on subsequent developments and the end result?
Describe what should have been done differently and when.
5. Assess whether the treatment injury will most likely result in a permanent medical disability, and if so, the extent of the injury (**disability table**). If this cannot be assessed until later, please assess, on the basis of available documentation,

whether the treatment injury will most likely result in a permanent medical disability of at least 15 percent.

6. Please provide information here concerning whether a nonconformity report or report on the case has been written to the internal injury committee, the County Governor, the Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services or similar. If so, please provide a copy of this.

***) What does the term treatment injury mean?**

By 'patient injury/treatment injury', we mean the physical and/or mental injury that has occurred as a result of the treatment, regardless of whether this is due to failure in treatment. In order to be able to say that there is an injury, the treatment must have led to an unintended result or unnecessary complication for the patient. A condition that is a necessary or intended consequence of the treatment is not a patient injury / treatment injury, e.g. a normal scar on the abdomen after a surgical procedure.