

# CAUSE OF LOSS – CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS

## 1986 - 2019

PRIMARY ALLEGATION	PATIENTS OF ALL AGES	ADULT PATIENTS	MINOR PATIENTS
Incorrect Treatment	33%	35%	33%
Suicide / Attempted Suicide	16%	16%	16%
Medication Issues	13%	18%	9%
Other	11%	5%	13%
Incorrect Diagnosis	9%	7%	11%
Hospital Commitment / Discharge	6%	6%	7%
Breach of Confidentiality	3%	4%	2%
Improper Supervision	6%	4%	7%
Abandonment	1%	1%	1%
Vicarious Liability	1%	2%	<1%
Forensic (expert testimony, IMEs, etc.)	<1%	<1%	<1%
Duty to Warn / Protect	<1%	<1%	<1%
Boundary Violation	<1%	1%	-

### Notes:

- “Primary allegation” is the main allegation by plaintiffs’ attorneys of what the psychiatrist did wrong
- “Incorrect treatment” will represent a high percentage of cases because plaintiffs’ attorneys often use a broad, general allegation initially; this category includes all types of cases, including suicide and psychopharmacology
- The category labeled “Improper Supervision” refers to supervision of patients as well as of other providers