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MEDICAL MALPRACTICE & HEALTH CARE COSTS: CAN TORT REFORM BEND THE CURVE?

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Georgetown University Law Center
600 New Jersey Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20001

Is tort reform the key to a “grand bargain” on health reform? In his speech to a joint session of Congress, President Obama suggested that it might be. And many contend that medical malpractice reform is urgently needed to get health care costs under control. But what, if anything, do we actually know about the connection between the tort system and medical spending? And what do we know about the likely impact of proposed tort reforms on medical mistakes, malpractice system costs, and who is, and who isn't, being compensated for medical injuries? We know a great deal, it turns out, but what we know has been almost ignored in the public debate. Join several of the nation's leading health law scholars and one of the country's leading health care journalists for a vigorous discussion of what we do and don't know – and why politicians and the press don't always pay attention.

Panelists

- Gregg Bloche, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center
- Amy Goldstein, National Social Policy Reporter, The Washington Post
- David Hyman, Richard & Marie Corman Professor of Law, Professor of Medicine, and Director of the Epstein Program in Health Law and Policy, University of Illinois, and Adjunct Scholar, Cato Institute
- Kathy Zeiler, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center