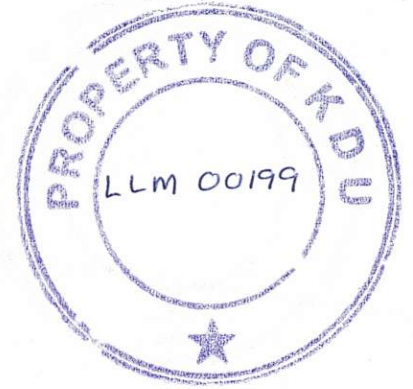


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**RIGHTS OF THE PATIENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF MEDICAL
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ABSTRACT

This study is based on Medical Negligence one of the key complex issues related to both legal and medical professions. Medical Negligence (MN) is one of the major issues that must be addressed by the legal system of any country, which should be upgraded. This comparative analysis explores the rights of patients in the context of medical negligence in Sri Lanka and proposes feasible legal reform to address the existing problem, specifically related to the patient's rights. The study analyzes the complexities of the current legal framework, including the challenges of navigating the tort liability system and the need for more efficient compensation mechanisms. Looking at other jurisdictions and their legal systems, such as Germany and India, the analysis suggests the adoption of medical professional insurance, no-fault systems, and robust Consumer Protection Acts to address gaps in patient compensation. Moreover, it emphasizes the significance of patient confidentiality and the challenges faced by healthcare professionals following findings of medical negligence. The analysis concludes by emphasizing the necessity of comprehensive reforms across constitutional, legislative, and judicial dimensions to enhance patient empowerment, ensure accountability, and promote equitable access to quality healthcare services in Sri Lanka.

Key Words: Patients' Rights, Medical Negligence, Legislative Reforms