

# THE FACTS

**98,000 die each year as a result of medical errors in hospitals alone**

*"To Err is Human", The Institute of Medicine of The National Institutes of Health*

**Malpractice causes more deaths than motor vehicle accidents, breast cancer, AIDS and handguns**

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**In New Jersey, malpractice suits have dropped from 2200 in 1994 to 1650 in 2002**

*New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts*

**Malpractice insurance rates have not affected healthcare availability and reports of physicians retiring or moving are unsubstantiated**

*General Accounting Office*

**Caps in California did not reduce rates, insurance regulation did**

*The Foundation for Taxpayers & Consumer Rights*

**6.1% of N.J. doctors are responsible for 54.8% of malpractice payments**


*National Practitioner Data Bank*

**Only 15.6% of all doctors with five or more malpractice payouts have been disciplined**

*National Practitioner Data Bank and New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners*

# CAPS...

- ❖ **Will not reduce premiums**
- ❖ **Discriminate against children, women, the elderly, the disabled, minorities and the poor**
- ❖ **Protect bad doctors**
- ❖ **Penalize most seriously injured patients**
- ❖ **Are unconstitutional**



**Doctors  
prescribe  
wrong  
medicine to  
cure  
insurance  
problem**

# THE RIGHT PRESCRIPTION

- Improve Hospital Safety
- Remove Bad Doctors
- Disclose Errors to Patients

## 1. REDUCE MEDICAL ERRORS

## 2. REGULATE INSURANCE COMPANIES

- Stop Price Gouging
- Prevent Bad Investments
- End Bad Business Decisions

- Require HMO's to Pay Adequate Rates
- Demand Fair Pay for Patient Care for OB's

## 3. DEMAND FAIR PAY FOR MEDICAL CARE