

What a Vascular Occlusion *Really* Costs

Vascular occlusion from dermal filler is rare. Litigation isn't.

\$600K

Median Settlement

68%

Practitioner Liability Rate

90%+

Allege Informed Consent Failure

What No One's Talking About

| Source | Award | Key Finding |
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| US Filler Litigation 2008-2017 | \$600K median | 10 of 11 cases: consent failure alleged |
| US Filler Litigation 2014-2016 | \$262K median | Severe: blindness, necrosis |
| Malpractice Premium Post-Claim | 50%+ increase | vs. 10% for claim-free practitioners |

Why You Haven't Heard About This

Most filler complications never make headlines. **Settlements come with NDAs.** Malpractice claims are processed quietly. Premiums go up. Practice continues. The FDA's adverse event database is voluntary and underreported. The true cost of inadequate emergency protocols stays hidden until it's your practice.

The question isn't whether a VO will happen.

It's: "Will you be ready when it does?"

The Heddy Crash Kit: Evidence of Standard of Care

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| ✓ Complete emergency protocol documentation | ✓ Peer-reviewed evidence-based published protocols |
| ✓ Patient consents | ✓ Step-by-step response checklist |
| ✓ Hyaluronidase dosing guidance | ✓ Staff training verification records |

"I didn't have a protocol."

is the most expensive sentence in medical aesthetics.

Sources: J Oral Maxillofac Surg (2019) Complications and Litigation Associated With Injectable Facial Fillers; Scientific Reports (2024) Legal analysis of cosmetic filler litigations; Dermatology Times (2023); MEDPLI Medical Malpractice Insurance Analysis (2025); AMA Policy Research Perspectives (2024-2025)

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