

# What a Vascular Occlusion *Really* Costs

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

<b>\$600K</b> Median Settlement	<b>68%</b> Practitioner Liability Rate	<b>90%+</b> Allege Informed Consent Failure
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## What No One's Talking About

Source	Award	Key Finding
US Filler Litigation 2008-2017	<b>\$600K median</b>	10 of 11 cases: consent failure alleged
US Filler Litigation 2014-2016	<b>\$262K median</b>	Severe: blindness, necrosis
Malpractice Premium Post-Claim	<b>50%+ increase</b>	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 Hedly Crash Kit: Evidence of Standard of Care

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete emergency protocol documentation</li> <li>✓ Patient consents</li> <li>✓ Hyaluronidase dosing guidance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Peer-reviewed evidence-based published protocols</li> <li>✓ Step-by-step response checklist</li> <li>✓ Staff training verification records</li> </ul>
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*"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)