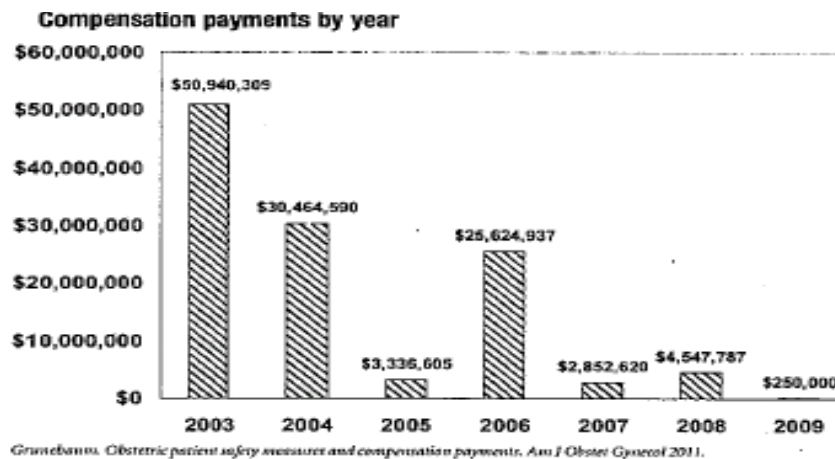


STUDY OF TOP HOSPITAL FINDS MALPRACTICE COSTS BEST AVOIDED BY REDUCING MEDICAL ERRORS, NOT PATIENT RIGHTS

A February 2011 article in the *American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology* reported that by implementing and enforcing basic patient-safety measures, New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center dramatically reduced bad outcomes and overall malpractice costs.

By implementing a comprehensive safety program, including enhanced communications amongst staff, improved medical record charting, standardized staffing requirements, proper training and supervision, and controlled medication usage, NYPH-WCMC:

**Reduced yearly obstetric-related malpractice payment totals by 99%,
 Reduced obstetric liability payments by \$25 million per year; and
 Eliminated maternal deaths and other injuries during labor and delivery**



This remarkably successful program, which saves both money and lives, was motivated by hospital accountability for the damage inflicted by its negligence. If this hospital can do this with obstetrics, so can every other department in all hospitals.

Read the study: Grunebaum, et al, *Effect of a comprehensive obstetric patient safety program on compensation payments and sentinel events*, Amer. J. of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Feb. 2011, at 97.

Today, New York's civil justice system is threatened by proposals to obliterate victims' rights with damage caps and taking away access to the courthouse for families of brain-damaged infants. This also imperils the well-being of all New Yorkers by removing the deterrent effect of a strong civil justice system.

Protect Patient Safety. Protect the Civil Justice System.