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| **Across**  **1.** The initial documents filed in a lawsuit, including the patient’s complaint and the health care provider’s answer.  **4.** A relationship between harm to a patient and a health care provider’s negligence, such that the harm would not have occurred but for the provider’s negligence  **5.** A procedure that takes place during discovery wherein a witness, a court reporter, and at least two attorneys meet, and the witness provides sworn answers to the attorneys’ questions.  **6.**  The athlete understands the dangers associated with participating in a particular sport, and participates voluntarily knowing of the exposed dangers.  **9.** The failure to use ordinary or reasonable care - care that persons would normally exercise to avoid injury to themselves or to others under similar circumstances.  **10.** Negligent provision of health care.  **11.** A health care provider’s obligation to provide a quality of care that other health care providers would provide under similar circumstances.  **12.** When a defendant doctor (usually through an insurance carrier) agrees to pay the plaintiff patient an amount of money in exchange for the plaintiff’s agreement to release the doctor from liability in a malpractice case  **14.** The processes of using the court system to solve a conflict between a doctor and a patient  **15.** The requirement that a doctor or other health care provider inform the patient about treatment options, risks associated with a certain procedure, and other important medical information related to their care | **Down**  **2.** Period of time during which a patient must go to court to file a medical malpractice lawsuit, or lose the right to file.  **3.** Money paid by a health care provider to a patient victimized by medical malpractice, designed to punish the health care provider for conduct that is considered particularly egregious.  **7.** The quality of care that a health care provider should have provided, measured by the level of care that a reasonably skilled health care professional would have provided in similar circumstances.  **8.** The state of being legally responsible for the harm one causes another person.  **13.** are legal wrongs committed against a person or the property of another. |