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Recapping the 2016 Illinois Primary Judicial Races: How You Voted

Our political year is only going to get more active in the months ahead, so take a moment to check the results of the March 15 Illinois primary.

Our friends at the Illinois Civil Justice League have wrapped up the outcome of all state judicial contests at www.illinoisjudges.net. **IMPAC** – the political action committee of Illinois physicians – offers a downloadable summary of results at www.impaconline.org for Illinois House and Senate, U.S. Congressional races and the special election for Illinois State Comptroller.

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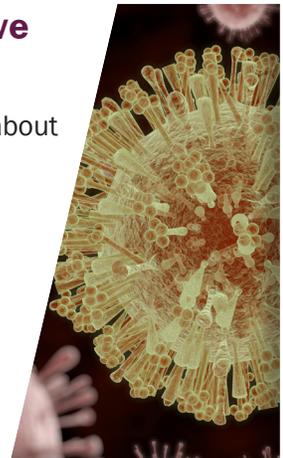
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You'll be directed to “Zika Virus: What Illinois Physicians and Patients Need to Know,” which features 24/7 updates on Zika from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health and other vital global resources monitoring the evolving outbreak.

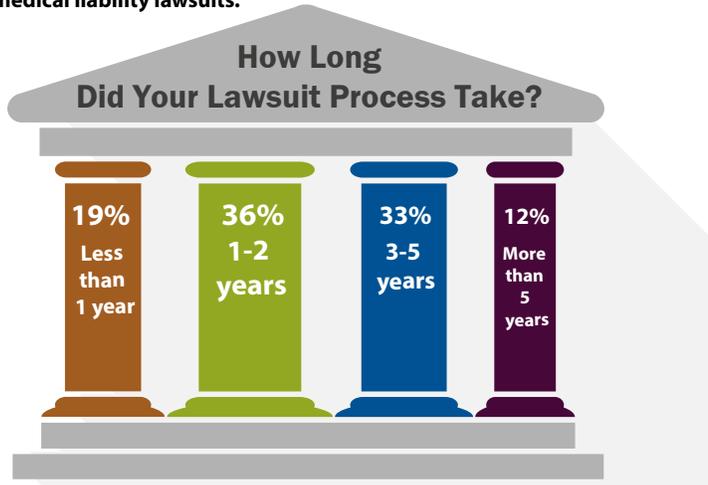
Finally, don't forget to remind your staff and colleagues to bookmark this important information in case they receive questions over the phone or at reception.



Liability Snapshot:

The Typical Lifespan of a Medical Liability Lawsuit

Medscape's 2015 *medical liability report* asked nearly 4,000 physicians how they've been affected professionally, financially and emotionally by medical liability lawsuits.



For more than a third of physicians who responded, from start to finish, the average medical liability lawsuit process took between 1-2 years, while an even third said it took 3 to 5 years.

Source: Medscape Malpractice Report 2015: Why Most Doctors Get Sued

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