



A Letter From Our Founder

Dear Reader:

My name is Linda Kenney, and I am a survivor of a medically induced trauma. In November of 1999, at the age of thirty-seven, I underwent surgery for a total ankle replacement at a major medical facility in Boston, Massachusetts. Instead of waking up with a new ankle, I awoke several days later to find out that the nerve block medication had been accidentally delivered to my heart and that I had gone into cardiac arrest. Emergency open-heart surgery was performed to restart my heart. This incident had a profound effect on me, my family, and the hospital staff involved in my care.

Emotional Support is crucial to facilitate recovery. MITSS has been founded specifically to provide a network that links those affected by Medically Induced Trauma with resources that provide continued support and promote healing.

If you have experienced a medically induced trauma or know of someone who has, I invite you to give us a call.

Sincerely,

Linda K. Kenney

Resources

Visit our website at www.mitss.org

Call us toll free at 1-888-36MITSS

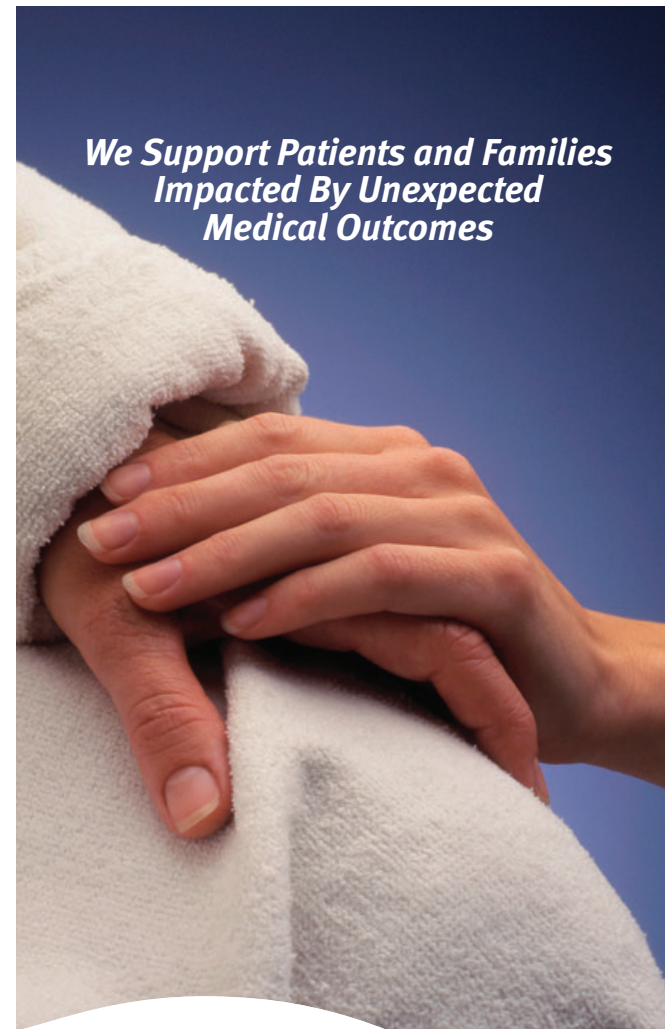
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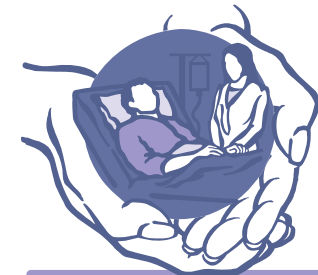
Our Organization

MITSS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in June of 2002 and headquartered in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts



We Support Patients and Families Impacted By Unexpected Medical Outcomes

MITSS



Medically Induced Trauma Support Services

Supporting Healing. Restoring Hope.



Are you or a loved one experiencing the emotional impact following an unanticipated medical outcome?

If you or a loved one has been involved in a medical trauma, you may experience immediate or delayed emotional effects such as:

- depressed mood, irritability, loss of interest or pleasure
- sleeping or eating difficulties
- drug or alcohol abuse
- feelings of inadequacy and loneliness
- loss of trust
- perceived indifference from caregivers
- anger, guilt, frustration
- inability to think or concentrate
- recurrent images or thoughts of the event triggered by non-specific events
- desire to connect with others experiencing similar trauma

What is Medically Induced Trauma?

Medically induced trauma is an unexpected outcome that occurs during medical and /or surgical care. These events may affect the emotional well being of the patient and/or family members.

Medically induced trauma is different from other types of traumas in that patients and their families may feel:

- isolated, because hospitals often are not set up to provide emotional support beyond the hospital stay.
- that the trust between caregiver and patient that is so crucial to recovery has been breached.
- vulnerable, since, in most cases, the patient will need continued care within the same system that harmed them.

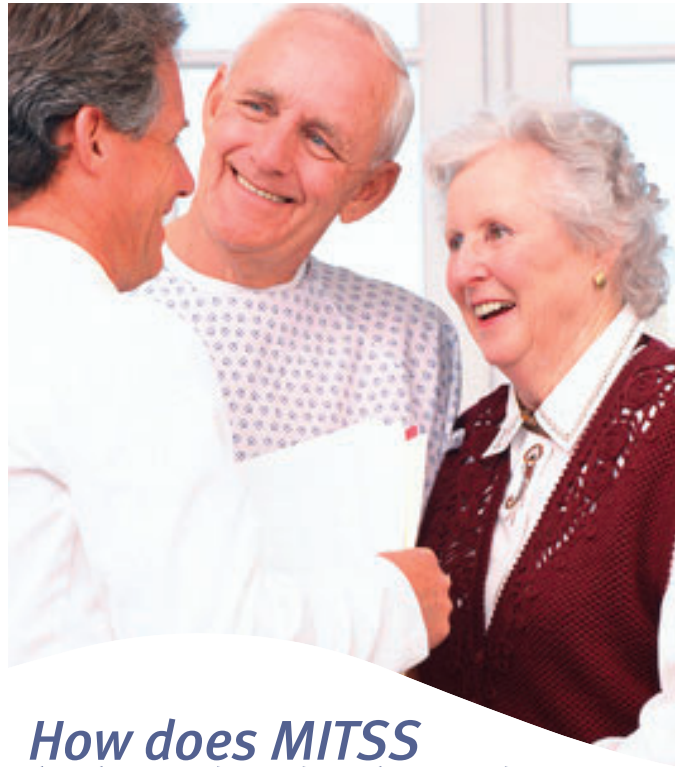
You are not alone. We can help.

“The MITSS support group was the missing link I needed to help me to navigate my way through resources available to attain some positive resolution to this trauma. The support I received from the individuals within the organization as well as other patients was invaluable.”

*-Jane Martin,
Former MITSS group member*

“Linda Kenney has been a true inspiration and source of encouragement and support following the unexplained death of my 11 year old son. MITSS focuses on the human side of trauma and loss and has a plan to comfort and heal all of those involved in the tragedy with openness and integrity.”

*-Dale Ann Micalizzi
Advocate for Pediatric Patient Safety*



How does MITSS help individuals and families?

- MITSS offers extensive therapeutic educational support groups for patients and their families led by an experienced clinical psychologist.
- MITSS staff and volunteers answer hotline calls, offering encouragement and support, while providing resources and information on various related topics.
- We work with medical organizations to provide education, process improvement, and continued emotional support to patients and families following medically induced trauma.

Our Purpose

To create awareness about the impact of medical trauma, promote open and honest communication among patients, families, and caregivers, and to provide support services to all individuals who have been affected by a Medically Induced Trauma.

Please contact us today and begin your journey of healing.