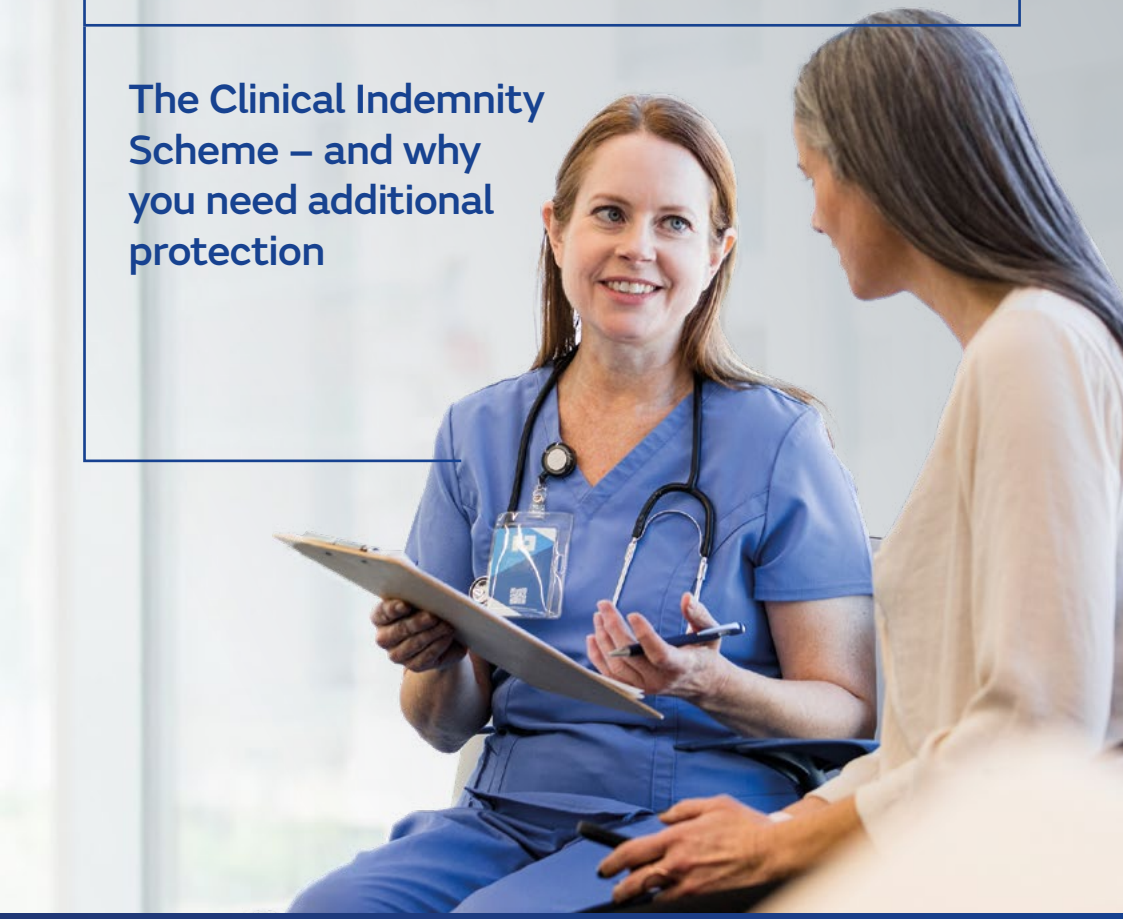
Medical Protection

how we protect you beyond HSE indemnity

The Clinical Indemnity Scheme – and why you need additional protection



The Clinical Indemnity Scheme protects you for HSE claims only

The Clinical Indemnity Scheme (CIS) covers you for clinical negligence claims arising from work in public hospitals and HSE facilities.

But hospital doctors face many other challenges besides these claims. Complaints to the Medical Council, Garda inquiries, and disciplinary hearings are not covered by the CIS, which means you could be left facing challenges like this alone.

We protect you for everything else

Most of the cases we handle involve supporting members through medicolegal and ethical challenges, which can have serious reputational consequences.

- In 2025 there were 22,257 clinically active doctors on the Medical Register, up 6.2% compared to 2024.
- According to the Medical Council, 409 complaints involving 477 doctors were received in 2025.
- The cost of defending a typical three-day Fitness to Practise inquiry can easily exceed €100,000.

The CIS is there to make sure patients who experience harm through substandard care are compensated.

We are here to make sure our members are fully supported through claims, cases, complaints, or hearings.



Why complete protection matters

The table below shows how having your own indemnity is vital to fully protect your career and reputation.

	Medical Protection	Clinical indemnity scheme
Support in IMC investigations and representation at hearings	✓	✗
Help in disciplinary proceedings*	✓	✗
Assistance with criminal investigations arising from your clinical practice	✓	✗
Help responding to patient complaints*	✓	✗
Medicolegal advice line, available 24/7 in an emergency	✓	✗
Support for managing unwanted media attention	✓	✗
Protection for Good Samaritan acts worldwide	✓	**
CPD courses and online learning to help prevent issues arising	✓	✓
Access to our confidential counselling service to support you through a stressful case or claim	✓	✓
Support through HSE critical incident investigations and Trust in care investigations	✓	✓

*Unless arising from personal conduct.

**The Clinical Indemnity Scheme covers personal injury claims against staff employed by agencies, covered by the Scheme, who provide care or treatment in emergencies within the island of Ireland. Good Samaritans Acts outside the island or Ireland are not covered.

When you need help most, we're here

As a member, you can call us 24/7 in a medicolegal emergency – and we're here to give expert advice on everyday dilemmas too.

We can protect you against claims for any private practice or fee-paying work, including support with legal costs and compensation awards.

If you receive a complaint, we can help you draft a response to prevent it escalating. And if you're summoned to an inquest, we can help you prepare a report for the Coroner – as well as representing you in court.

We also help you reduce your exposure to complaints and claims, with a huge range of online learning. We support you with work-related stress too, through confidential counselling and wellbeing services.

Find out more

Membership benefits – visit medicalprotection.org/ireland

Membership services – call 1800 932 916 (toll free within Ireland) or visit member.help@medicalprotection.org

Medicolegal advice for members – 1800 936 077

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