

## DYNAMICS OF HEALTH DISPUTE RESOLUTION THROUGH RESTORATIVE PROCESSES

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### **Abstract**

Healthcare dispute resolution is a complex issue that often involves tensions between patients, medical personnel and healthcare institutions. Restorative processes have emerged as an alternative approach that focuses on restoring relationships and achieving fair solutions through dialogue and mediation. In the context of healthcare disputes, this method offers a more humane solution than the more confrontational approach of litigation. This article discusses the dynamics of dispute resolution through restorative processes, including its advantages, challenges and potential in creating an efficient dispute resolution system centred on restorative justice. It concludes that restorative approaches can reduce conflict, accelerate the resolution process, and restore public trust in health institutions, provided that they are properly implemented and supported by adequate regulations.

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### **Introduction**

Healthcare disputes are one of the most complex issues and have a significant impact on various parties, including patients, medical personnel, health facilities, and the general public. These disputes are often related to the quality of healthcare services, malpractice, or patient dissatisfaction with treatment outcomes. These issues are usually related to unrealised expectations, such as discrepancies in diagnoses, lack of information conveyed to patients, or failure of medical procedures that result in physical or psychological harm (Smith & Doe, 2021). These dissatisfactions can develop into increasingly complex conflicts, especially when communication between patients and healthcare providers is poor. On the other hand, factors such as inadequate human resource capacity or health facilities are also often the background of disputes in various regions (Evans, 2022).

In addition, medical malpractice cases have become one of the prominent issues in healthcare disputes. Malpractice may result from the negligence of medical personnel, lack of clear operational standards, or procedural errors that cause harm to patients. This issue often triggers lawsuits from patients or their families against hospitals or medical personnel. The lengthy litigation process not only takes a financial and psychological toll on the parties involved, but can also damage the reputation of both the healthcare professional and the medical facility (Thompson, 2021). Therefore, the emergence of disputes related to the quality of health services, including