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	 Developer	 Healthcare Provider	 Clinician	 Insurer
 Malpractice	Low	Medium	High	Shared
 Product Liability	High	Shared	Low	Low
 Insurance Coverage	Required	Required	Required	Variable
 Indemnification	Negotiated	Negotiated	Partial	Limited
 Risk Allocation	Distributed	Distributed	Distributed	Transfer

Real-World Examples & Principles

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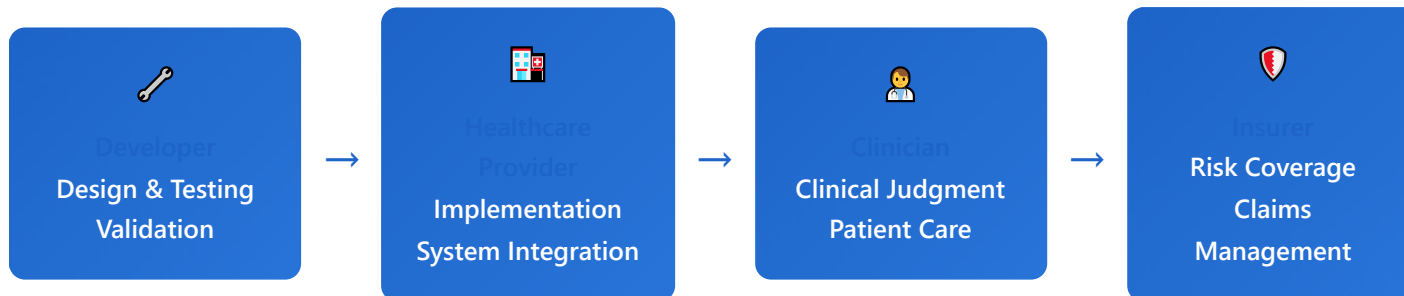
An AI diagnostic tool suggests a benign diagnosis, but the condition is actually malignant. The **clinician** bears primary liability because they have the ultimate duty to verify AI recommendations and make informed clinical decisions.

Key Point: Medical professionals cannot delegate their clinical judgment to AI systems. They must maintain oversight and are accountable for patient outcomes regardless of AI input.

An AI algorithm contains a systematic bias that leads to misdiagnoses across multiple patients. The **developer** faces primary product liability for design defects, inadequate testing, or failure to warn about limitations.

Key Point: Developers must ensure AI systems are thoroughly validated, free from harmful biases, and accompanied by clear documentation of capabilities and limitations.

Liability Distribution Flow



Each stakeholder has distinct responsibilities that contribute to patient safety and liability protection.

Core Principles of AI Healthcare Liability

1 Shared Responsibility: Liability is distributed across multiple parties based on their role in the AI system lifecycle and patient care delivery.

2 Clinical Primacy: Clinicians retain ultimate accountability for patient care decisions, even when using AI-assisted tools.

3 Developer Accountability: AI developers must ensure product safety, validate algorithms rigorously, and provide clear usage guidelines.

4 Institutional Oversight: Healthcare providers must implement proper governance, training, and monitoring systems for AI deployment.

5 Insurance Adaptation: Traditional malpractice insurance must evolve to cover AI-specific risks and novel liability scenarios.

6 Contractual Clarity: Indemnification agreements should clearly define risk allocation between developers, providers, and users.