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Compensation will help take care of HIV victim

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REGARDING Dr Lee Yan San's recent article "Lawsuits against hospitals" in your newspaper, I wish to say that Dr Lee has only seen one side of the coin.

Generally sick people seek help from hospitals to be healthy, and not vice versa.

How would he have reacted if he or his next of kin was the victim?

This is not just about the transmission of a disease which can be treated and cured.

We are talking about HIV, which means there is no hope of seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, healthwise.

The victims will have to face pain and what else in store till the final day. Why? Because somebody makes the mistake due to lack of responsibility and commitment to the job one is expected to do.

This matter is in the hands of the courts, let us leave it to them to decide, as our Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, always rightly points out "nobody is above the law, the wrongdoers will have to face the consequences."

On the issue of defensive medicine practised in the United States, people accept the fact that doctors are not "gods" to perform miracles but what they expect is that they "give the best shot to save a life", not destroy it.

Innocent victims need help, be protected and taken care off.

In such situations, compensation shall definitely do that.