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Lawmaker Suggests Allowing Patients to Film Doctors to Avoid Malpractice

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A lawmaker has submitted a bill to the State Duma that would give patients the right to film their doctor during medical procedures to help guard against malpractice.

Doctors would also be allowed to film procedures, but only with the patient's permission and the footage would be subject to doctor-patient confidentiality, Lenta.ru reported Friday.

In a note accompanying the bill, its author Valery Seleznyov, from the Liberal Democratic Party, said that doctors commit many errors in their work to the detriment of patients' wellbeing.

The note cited statistics from the state-run Russian Public Opinion Research Center, which indicate that 70 percent of Russians think the health service's level of performance is poor.

An organization that defends the rights of Russian patients said that 50,000 patients die

yearly due to medical foul-ups, the note added.

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