

WhackaMole *Book Addresses Health Care Reform: Retire the Medical Malpractice System Altogether*

President Barack Obama said it's time for America to build on what works and throw out what does not. Author David Marx wants President Obama to keep his word when it comes to medical malpractice reform.

In his book, *Whack-a-Mole: The Price We Pay for Expecting Perfection*, system safety engineer and legal scholar David Marx proposes that we re-evaluate the basic existence of the medical malpractice system, just as New Zealand did more than 30 years ago.

"New Zealanders willingly gave up their right to sue their doctor," says Marx. "They chose instead to accept a national responsibility to care for those who were injured."

Americans all want a safer healthcare system and we all want a remedy for those who are harmed. Is the current malpractice system well suited to either of these goals?

"It's misplaced faith to believe that the current American malpractice system does a good job at addressing either problem," says Marx. "The medical malpractice system, by design, demonizes faithful healthcare servants simply because of their predictable human fallibility. It's an injustice to our nation's providers and comes at a high price to the lives of patients."

With President Obama's recent offer to conduct pilots for malpractice reform, Marx's book makes a compelling case for why retirement of the system itself might be one reform to pilot.

To receive a copy of *Whack-a-Mole*, or to schedule an interview with David Marx, please contact Amanda Bray at By Your Side Studios at (214) 778-2039. More information about *Whack-a-Mole* can be found by clicking [here](#).