

## Res Ipsa Loquitur

Res ipsa loquitur (Latin for "the thing itself speaks") is a legal doctrine that permits an inference of negligence, even without direct evidence of the defendant's negligence. The facts presented to the court must meet the three basic requirements.

**CREATIVE AUDIO**

This doctor has become quite capable and confident over the years. He developed the game changing **red zipper lock** technique for closing up his patients. But the same confidence which saw him rise in status has now become his downfall. The accident you see here **would not have occurred if not for the doctor dangling his negligent necklace inside his patient**. It appears **the X control** this doctor developed for his **instruments** became an entertaining distraction more than anything else. The patient made **no contribution** to **the doctor's negligence**, as he was under anesthesia. His only mistake was choosing the most highly recommended doctor available to him.



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### The accident probably did not occur without the defendant's negligence

#### Negligent necklace

This allows a plaintiff to proceed with a case even when the particular nature of the defendant's negligence cannot be pinpointed. The plaintiff must prove that the defendant's negligence is the most probable cause of her injuries.

### Defendant's exclusive control of the instrumentality

#### X controller and surgical instrument

The accident was caused by an instrumentality that was under the exclusive control of the defendant. The plaintiff's injury or damage must have been caused by an instrumentality or condition that was within the exclusive control of the defendant.

### No contributory negligence

#### Noncontributory patient under anesthesia

The event in question must not have been attributable to any cause for which the plaintiff is responsible.