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A striking first look image released today reveals Niamh Algar (Deceit, Calm with Horses, Raised by Wolves) as Dr Lucinda Edwards in Malpractice, a nail-biting medical thriller from award-winning production company World Productions (Line of Duty, The Pembrokeshire Murders, Vigil) coming to ITV1 and ITVX this Spring.

Commissioned by ITV's Head of Drama Polly Hill, the five-part series is executive produced by Simon Heath, CEO of World Productions (Line of Duty, Save Me, Vigil, The Pembrokeshire Murders, Anne).

Dr Lucinda Edwards is a smart, battle-hardened doctor, but we meet her on a nightmare shift that ends in the death of an opioid overdose victim, Edith Owusu. Despite the support of her medical supervisor, Dr Leo Harris, played by James Purefoy (A Discovery of Witches, Sex Education), Edith's grieving father Sir Anthony Owusu, played by Brian Bovell (Crime, Strike) demands an investigation into Lucinda's actions on the fateful night.

Leading the inquiry are Dr Norma Callahan, played by Helen Behan (Holding, The Virtues) and Lucinda's former colleague, Dr George Adjei, played by Jordan Kouamé (Megalomania). While George feels this was an unavoidable tragedy, Norma is suspicious of Lucinda's behaviour and decisions in the lead up to Edith's death.

As the pressure of the investigation intensifies, Lucinda's relationship with husband Tom, played by Lorne MacFadyen (Pistol, Vigil) starts to fracture, and her confident professional exterior begins to crack. Is Lucinda hiding something?

Through the cat and mouse thriller of the medical investigation, Malpractice tells the story of a damaged doctor caught up in a dangerous conspiracy.

The series also stars Hannah Walters (Boiling Point, Time) in the role of Matron Beth Relph, Priyanka Patel (Britney, Another Me) as Dr Ramya Morgan, Scott Chambers (Chicken, Innocent S2) as Dr Oscar Beattie, Tristan Sturrock (Poldark, Doc Martin) as Dr Mike Willett and Georgina Rich (Heartstoppers, War of the Worlds) playing Dr Eva Tait.

Malpractice is written by former NHS doctor Grace Ofori-Attah (In the Long Run, Urban Myths) and directed by BAFTA nominated director Philip Barantini (Boiling Point, The Responder, Villain). Sophie Reynolds (State of the Union) is Producer. Malpractice is produced in association with, and distributed by, ITV Studios.

World Productions produced the highest rated dramas of 2021 on ITV and BBC1 in The Pembrokeshire Murders and Line of Duty and were responsible for producing the critically acclaimed drama, Anne, which aired on ITV last year year. World was awarded Best Independent Production Company at last year's Broadcast Awards, having also won in 2019. It is part of ITV Studios.

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About World Productions:

Founded in 1990, World Productions has produced over 300 hours of critically-acclaimed, award-winning drama for the BBC, ITV, Channel 4, HBO, Netflix, Amazon Studios & Sky. CEO & Creative Director Simon Heath, who joined in 1997, has led the company since 2006. World has offices in London, Glasgow & Cardiff. Over the last decade, World has blazed a trail of gripping, talk-about, contemporary TV that combines human stories with high stakes drama and genuine authenticity. 2019 saw

Save Me and Bodyguard both nominated for BAFTA's best drama series. This was in addition to the 2019 Golden Globe and Emmy Nominations for Bodyguard, the RTS Award for Best Drama Series for Save Me, and the Broadcast and Edinburgh Television Festival Awards for Best Independent Production Company.

In 2018, Bodyguard was the most-watched UK TV drama since modern ratings began, with 17 million people tuning in to watch the season finale. This was in turn beaten by the finale of the sixth season of Line of Duty which became the most watched TV drama of the century.

The beginning of 2021 saw The Pembrokeshire Murders achieve ITV's biggest audience for a new drama since 2006, and the highest rated ITV drama of the year. Later in 2021 Episode One of Vigil on BBCONE drew in the most viewers since Bodyguard with 13.4 million viewers. Save Me Too was Sky's most downloaded show during 2020's lockdown and recently won the BAFTA for Best Drama Series. In February 2022, World won the Broadcast Award for Best Independent Production Company for a second time, and was deemed 'a bona fide hit factory' and 'an indie firmly in tune with the tastes of British viewers' by the judges.

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