

Medico-Legal CV

Mr Michael A. Cass

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Professional Qualifications: MB BS, FRCS, FRCS(Trauma & Orthopaedics)

Professional Memberships: General Medical Council (3563625)
British Association of Spinal Surgeons (BASS)
British Orthopaedic Association (BOA)
AO International Spine Group

Medical Indemnity: Paragon International

Clinical Post: Consultant Spinal Surgeon
Spring Orthopaedic Group

Honorary Consultant Spinal Surgeon
Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals

Associated Roles: Specialist Advisor on Spinal Issues to Health Ombudsman for
England & Wales

Career Synopsis: MB, BS Charing Cross & Westminster Medical School 1991
FRCS (Royal College of Surgeons of England) 1995
FRCS T&O (Intercollegiate) 2000
St Marys & RNOH Stanmore Specialist Registrar Rotation (1996
-2002)
Senior Registrar, Spinal Unit, RNOH Stanmore 2001
Senior Spinal Fellow, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney
Australia 2002-2003
Consultant Spinal & Orthopaedic Surgeon, Brighton & Sussex
University Hospitals 2003-2016
Senior Lecturer in Trauma, Orthopaedics & Spines, Brighton &
Sussex Medical School 2003-date

Clinical Practice Summary

Mr Cass is a Fellowship trained Spinal Surgeon based in Brighton & Hove, with a practice covering a large part of South-Eastern England. He consults in Brighton, Hove & Worthing. Mr Cass was appointed as the first Fellowship trained spinal Surgeon at BSUH in 2003 and was the Senior Surgeon at the Trust until 2016. He became independent in 2017, and was given an Honorary Contract with BSUH Trust. His practice covers NHS & independently funded patients.

Mr Cass has a busy clinical practice in all aspects of Spinal Surgery excluding operative treatment of paediatric deformity. He sees approximately 5-600 new patients per year and undertakes approximately 400 procedures per annum. Mr Cass has particular interests in back & neck pain, non-fusion treatment of degeneration and spinal trauma.

Mr Cass is regularly consulted for second opinions on patients from all over the UK & abroad, particularly SE England & London.

Medico-Legal Practice Summary

Mr Cass has undertaken medico-legal work for 17 years, with a relative hiatus for the past 6 years due to clinical commitments. He currently produces 4-5 reports a year in personal injury & accidental trauma, including complex cases.

Mr Cass's reduced clinical commitments now allow him to again increase the medico-legal aspect of his practice.

Mr Cass's current ratio of instruction is approximately 40% litigant, 40% defendant & 10% joint report. In the past 5 years, he has been to Court once (High Court of England) & given evidence in chief & under cross examination (acting for defendant). Mr Cass has regularly presented evidence in Coroner's Court on behalf of his NHS Trust.

Mr Cass has mostly produced reports in musculo-skeletal trauma & injury, and more specifically spinal injury, including whiplash, neck & back pain & discal injury.

Whilst, to date, Mr Cass has not been involved in medical negligence casework, this is an area he is now able to provide his expertise in.

Mr Cass's hourly rate for basic reports is £300/hour, with a basic report (including consultation, review of medical records, review of imaging, production of draft report & corrections of fact & format) taking typically 4-6 hours.

Mr Cass can typically see a patient within 2-4 weeks of confirmation of instruction and a draft report completed & returned (unless records & imaging need to be sourced) within 4 weeks of the consultation.

Mr Cass can see patients in Brighton, Hove, Worthing and, by prior arrangement, London. He does not undertake domestic visits or consultations.

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