

CURRICULUM VITAE (MEDICO-LEGAL)

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Open Scholar Medical Sciences Trinity Hall Cambridge 1977-80.

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PERSONAL

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MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

I have been preparing medico-legal reports for personal injury (PI) since 1990 at a rate of approximately 10 per month or approximately 125 per annum. I have 24 years of experience at consultant level in managing all forms of musculoskeletal trauma and remain in NHS practice with a full 'on-call' commitment and a weekly fracture clinic. My elective practice is dominated by spinal referrals (90%) and hip surgery.

I have attended courses on the medico-legal process and keep up-to-date with regular review of the Orthopaedic and Trauma literature and regular conference attendance, frequently with presentation of original research. My annual all practice appraisal recorded over 100 Continuing Professional Development points for the calendar year 2017.

I am frequently canvassed for opinions concerning negligent medical practice in my field and will give opinions where appropriate.

I have limited medico-legal court experience which reflects the high level of acceptance of my reports. I have experience of the Coroner's Court and have acted as an expert witness in a case of claimed sexual assault during medical examination.

I have received written complimentary feedback on the standard of my reports.

REPORT LAYOUT

Unless specifically requested I use the following format/headings:

1. Cover Sheet – patient details, date of index accident, details of commission, photographic identification of client, any particulars such as standard of communication/command of English language.
2. Personal credentials.
3. Area(s) injured in index accident.
4. Pre-index accident morbidity of relevance. Pre-accident employment and activities.
5. Pre-accident note review.
6. Client description of accident/incident, injuries sustained, therapeutic input, progress.
7. Effect of injuries on activities, period of suffering.
8. Client description of current situation.
9. Accident and post-accident note review.
10. Examination findings including review of relevant imaging.
11. Summary of injuries, management, effects of injury and current situation.
12. Recommendations, which might include further imaging.
13. Causation statements linking index accident with injuries sustained and current symptoms, in some cases allocation of percentages of suffering linked to the index accident, or time period of advancement of symptoms of degenerative change.
14. Prognosis, including ability to carry out paid employment, life expectancy, effect on natural degenerative change of the musculo-skeletal system.

(15.) Occasionally required, answers to specific questions posed in instructions.

16. Declaration/Statement of Truth.

FEES

Standard report fee (negotiable) including review of records and imaging: £400 plus VAT

Follow-up report: £300 plus VAT

Supplementary (addendum) report (e.g. MRI scan review): £250 plus VAT

There is generally no charge for written answers to questions of clarification about my reports, nor to questions arising, nor inadvertent omissions, nor reasonable requested adjustments. Answers to very lengthy questioning may attract a modest fee, seldom in excess of £100 plus VAT.

I have individual arrangements for fees commissioned via intermediate companies.

Court attendance: £600 plus VAT (plus reasonable expenses) per half day.

Conferences: £200 plus VAT for telephone conferences, as for Court attendance above where personal attendance is required.