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MEDICO-LEGAL CURRICULUM VITAE

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LAWYER
MONTHLY
Expert Witness
Awards **2018**

EMERGENCY MEDICINE
WINNER:
Francis Morris
Medicolegal Reporting



Introduction

Francis Morris is a part-time Consultant in Emergency Medicine (A & E) living and working Sheffield. He qualified in 1982 and has over 30 years experience in Accident and Emergency Medicine.

Francis Morris was Clinical Director in Sheffield from 1997 to 2016 and oversaw the Emergency Department, Minor Injuries Unit, the Major Trauma Centre and the department of Acute Medicine.

Since April 2017, his role as a Consultant has been to focus exclusively on clinical governance and risk. He is responsible for investigating all clinical incidents, claims and some complaints and reducing risk in the Emergency Department and Major Trauma Centre at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals.

This non-clinical role involves interviewing staff and patients to identify the root cause of errors allowing the completion of Serious Untoward Incident (SUI) reports for families and the Coroner.

This role requires that he is current in all aspects of patient care and safety, changes in investigation and treatment, approaches to clinical management; national, College and local guidelines and Duty of Candour requirements.

His clinical and examination skills are maintained through the clinical assessment of patients for personal injury claims and regular CPD to meet the requirements of annual appraisals.

Mr Morris has been preparing clinical negligence reports for the past 27 years and estimates that he has produced over 2500 reports to date.

He finds clinical negligence work informative, educational and that the lessons learned help to improve patient safety.

He has the expertise to comment upon all aspects of management in the Accident and Emergency Department.

He is the author of seven books on Emergency Medicine and regularly talks at medico-legal conferences.

MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Negligence

Mr Morris has been preparing medical negligence reports on all aspects of accident and emergency work for the last 27 years and in total he estimates that he has prepared over 2500 reports.

He has participated in multiple Case Conferences and has prepared many joint statements with other experts and given evidence in the County, High and Coroners court as recently as November 2018.

He is registered with Action for Victims of Medical Accident (AvMA) and APIL.

He has participated in several training courses on report writing and giving evidence in Court, the last being in November 2008. He has to date been instructed by claimant representatives (60%) and by the defendants representation (40%).

The reports he has completed over the last 27 years include:

Most frequent (20 plus)

Scaphoid fractures
Missed fractures
Cauda Equina/back pain
Heart attacks
Acute knee injuries
 Especially ACL rupture
Deep venous thrombosis
Achilles tendon rupture
Ischaemic limbs

Frequent (10 plus)

Head injuries
Neck injuries
Septic arthritis
Soft tissue infections
 Including necrotising fasciitis
Abdominal pain
Hernias
 Including perforation
Obstruction
Cancer
Pulmonary embolism
Subarachnoid haemorrhage

Less Frequently

Bacterial endocarditis
Pneumonia
Pericarditis
Encephalitis and meningitis
Tropical illness eg malaria
Ectopic pregnancy
Pelvic inflammatory disease
Deliberate self harm
Suicide
Alcohol related problems
Drug side effects
Burns

Personal Injury

Francis Morris has been preparing reports on behalf of personal injury claimants for the past 27 years. He estimates that during this period of time he has prepared over 5,000 reports on whiplash claimants and 5,000 reports on work related accidents. He has the expertise to report on the following injuries:

- Whiplash/road traffic claims
- Hand and finger injuries
- Bruising and soft tissue injuries
- Sprains e.g. ankle, wrist
- Burns
- Wounds, lacerations and scars
- Assaults
- Minor head injuries
- Chest wall injuries, cracked ribs
- Trips and falls
- Back injury
- Back pain
- Electrical shocks

- Needle stick injuries
- Eye injuries
- Neck injuries

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Francis Morris has published over 60 papers in medical journals during his career, with a particular emphasis upon chest pain assessment, the electrocardiogram (ECG) and deep venous thrombosis (DVT).

The areas covered by his publications include:

Whiplash injuries
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
Injuries to motorcyclists
Thrombolysis in the care of heart attacks
Evidence-based medical care
Triage of patients in A & E
The role of computers do they aid ECG diagnosis
ECG interpretation – multiple articles
Performance of biomarkers in chest pain
Patient satisfaction with chest pain units
Chest pain assessment in Emergency Medicine
Pre-hospital trauma care, triage and trauma scoring
Emergency department investigation of deep venous thrombosis (DVT)
D.dimer performance in the assessment of patients with calf pain
Experience and the rate of medical admissions
Head injuries and warfarin
Pelvic pain in pregnancy
Fractures of the femur

BOOKS AND CHAPTERS

Francis Morris has co-authored seven books covering all aspects of Emergency Care, as well as a number of book chapters and e-learning modules.

His books include:

1. Case presentations in Accident and Emergency medicine
Butterworth Heinemann 1992
2. Data and Drug Guide for Accident and Emergency
Butterworth Heinemann 1994
3. ECG interpretation for Emergency Medicine
Butterworth Heinemann 1997
4. ABC of Clinical Electrocardiography
BMJ Books 2003
2nd Edition published in 2009
5. ABC of Emergency Differential Diagnosis
BMJ Books 2009
6. Minor Injuries and Minor Illness at a Glance
Wiley 2014
7. ABC of Common Soft Tissue Disorders
Wiley 2016

Francis Morris has written a number of Book Chapters and e-Learning Modules on Poisoning, Respiratory Illness, Medical Emergen-

cies, Eye
Injuries,
Brady-
cardias,
Tachy-
cardias,
the Inter-
pretation
Electro-

ogram
whiplash
injuries (NHS Choices)

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