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Curriculum Vitae of Dr Martin Harris
General Medical Practice Expert Witness

An **Expert Witness** with very comprehensive experience in general medical practice. Martin has 38 years experience in general medicine followed hospital qualification and experience. His opinion and experience are sought throughout the UK.

Memberships of medical professional bodies/associations include British Medical Association, Medical Defence Association, MDU and General Medical Council. Martin is Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Martin has a particular interest in the preparation of medical reports for legal purposes, including on a '**Single Joint Expert**' basis. Memberships of medico legal professional bodies/associations include the Expert Witness Institute (EWI), the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA), and listed in the 'UK Register of Expert Witnesses' (JS Publications).

Martin has provided **medico-legal reports for solicitors, Courts, insurance companies, employers** and others - involving criminal, civil, family matters and clinical negligence. Currently writes about 100 reports per year. Court attendance is rarely required (once in the last three years). In civil cases, approximate proportions are 60% claimant, 35% defence and 5% single joint expert. In criminal cases, prosecution and defence reports are approximately equal.

Recent cases include prison/YOI visits, coroner's courts inquests for death certification, asylum refugee and immigration cases, RTA with whiplash, and personal injury following wax and beauty treatments.

Martin conducts expert witness work nationwide.

EXPERTISE & QUALIFICATIONS

(1) I am a general medical practitioner at the Temple Fortune Health Centre, North West London, with 38 years experience in General Medical Practice.

(2) I am also an Honorary Consultant at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London.

(3) I was formerly a lecturer in the Department of Primary Care and Population Sciences (Department of General Practice) at the Royal Free Hospital & University College Hospital Medical Schools, London (1981-2005). My interest in the department was the disability in the elderly population, identification and assessment.

(4) My qualifications include Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours), London University (1971). I qualified in medicine in 1976 from The (Royal) London Hospital MB BS (London) LRCP (London) MRCS (England). I qualified in 1981 as a Member of the Royal College of General Practitioners MRCGP. Previously elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine in 2002.

(5) Memberships of medical professional bodies/associations include British Medical Association, Medical Defence Association, MDU and General Medical Council.

(6) I have been a Clinical Assessor to the Independent Review Panel UK since 1996 and am an appointed External Professional Advisor (EPA) to the Office of the Health Service Commissioner (Ombudsman).

(7) I have experience in matters concerning coroners and death certification.

(8) I have a particular interest in the preparation of medical reports for legal purposes, including on a 'Single Joint Expert' basis. Memberships of professional bodies/associations include the Expert Witness Institute (EWI), the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA). I am listed in the 'UK Register of Expert Witnesses' (JS Publications). I have provided medico-legal reports for solicitors, Courts, insurance companies, employers and others - involving criminal, civil, family matters and clinical negligence. I currently write about 180 reports per year. Court attendance is rarely required (once in the last three years). In civil cases, approximate proportions are 60% claimant, 35% defence and 5% single joint expert. In criminal cases, prosecution and defence reports are approximately equal. Cases include prison/YOI visits, coroner's courts for death certification, asylum refugee and immigration cases.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- (1) Personal injury, including
 - Road traffic accidents (RTA)
 - Whiplash injuries
 - soft tissue injury
 - back pain
 - falling, tripping & slipping
- (2) Medico-legal reports concerning all aspects of general medical practice.
- (3) Medical records.
- (4) Medical ethics.
- (5) Medical disputes.
- (6) Medical competence, accidents and negligence.
- (7) Prescribing and dispensing errors.
- (8) Therapeutic misadventure.
- (9) Drugs & Alcohol supervised testing & Chain of Custody
- (10) General medical reports in asylum, refugee and immigration cases.
- (11) Home & prison visits.
- (12) Matters concerning coroners and death certification

OTHER EXPERIENCE

GP Chair Locality 1995-1999

Primary Care Group PCG Vice Chair 1999-2001

Joint Prescribing Committee 1995-2001

GP to Board MIMS Monthly Index of Medical specialities -2002

Barnet Local Medical Committee LMC 1994-

Barnet Local Medical Committee LMC Vice-Chair

LMC/Health Authority Standing Joint Liaison Group-

LMC Annual Conference Representative 1996-

BMA ARM Annual Conference Representative 1996-

Barnet Local Medical Committee LMC Chair 2014, Co-Chair, now Member Barnet LMC

London Regional Council LRC elected member

BMA Edgware & Hendon Division Honorary Treasurer

OUTSIDE INTERESTS

My interests outside medicine include

- Family: one wife, two married children and eleven grandchildren;
- Community welfare
- travel including Eastern Europe.
- Cricket: I am a member of Middlesex CCC at Lords cricket ground; I have been on the waiting list since 1997 and became an elected MCC member 2017!

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF EXPERT SERVICES

Section I: My services

My appointment is as The Expert to provide advice and services in accordance with these Terms and Conditions of Engagement.

For the avoidance of doubt, you have instructed me as principal, and not as an agent for your client. In the absence of any response, I shall assume that these terms have been accepted by you.

The Client is the person in relation to whom The Expert has been instructed to render such advice and services.

The Appointer will obtain and forward to The Expert the client's GP and hospital notes.

My fee for this work is £99.00 per hour. Should this fee be increased for any reason (such as visiting, phlebotomy blood testing or laboratory analysis), prior written notification of such increase will be given to my principal. In particular should I be instructed to attend a court hearing, and/or to provide evidence in this case, then my additional fee for attending court shall be discussed for attendance at court on any day (including part days). The fee for my report shall be payable in full within one month of delivery of my report to my principal. Value added tax will not be added to my charge.

Where I am instructed to prepare for and attend a hearing, the charge for attendance in London is £1700.00 per day or part of a day shall be payable in respect of every day which has been set aside. Where I am instructed to prepare for and attend a hearing, and for whatever reason those instructions are revoked within 21 days prior to the date of the hearing, then a cancellation charge shall be payable. Should more than one day be set aside for the hearing then this shall be payable in respect of every day which has been set aside.

As The Expert I will comply with the new Court rules and observe the relevant sections of the Code of Guidance for Expert Evidence.

Section II: Terms and Conditions of Engagement

The latest edition of the Model Terms and Conditions of Engagement as published from time to time by the Expert Witness Institute (a copy of which is attached) shall apply except to the extent to which they are varied or excluded by agreement in writing or are inconsistent with the above terms

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything relating to these terms which you would like to discuss.

Dr Martin Harris