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#### INTRODUCTION

Francis Morris is an Expert in Emergency Medicine (A & E) living and working in Sheffield.

He qualified in 1982 and has over 30 years of experience in 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.

In April 2017, his role as a Consultant changed to focus exclusively on clinical governance and risk. He was 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 involved 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 required that he was current in all aspects of patient care and safety, changes in investigation and treatment and approaches to clinical management; national, College and local guidelines and Duty of Candour requirements.

His clinical and examination skills were maintained through the clinical assessment annual appraisals.

Mr Morris retired from the NHS in 2021 but has an ongoing role teaching ED clinicians and has been preparing clinical negligence reports for the past 30 years.

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

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

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

#### **Clinical Negligence**

Mr Morris has been preparing medical negligence reports on all aspects of accident and emergency work for the last 30 years and in total, he estimates that he has prepared over 5000 reports.

He has participated in multiple Case Conferences, prepared many joint statements with other experts, and given evidence in the County, High and Coroners courts as recently as November 2022.

He has participated in several training courses on report writing and giving evidence in Court, the last being in November 2022. He has to date been instructed by claimant representatives (80%) and by the defendant's representation (20%).

The reports he has completed over the last 30 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
Sepsis

#### 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 illnesses eg malaria
Ectopic pregnancy
Pelvic inflammatory disease
Deliberate self-harm
Suicide
Alcohol-related problems
Drug side effects
Burns

#### **RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS**

Francis Morris has published over 60 papers in medical journals during his career, with a particular emphasis on chest pain assessment, 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



## OF CARE IN THE A&E DEPARTMENT

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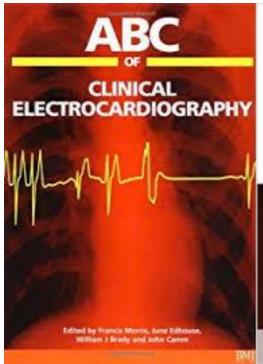
#### **BOOKS AND CHAPTERS**

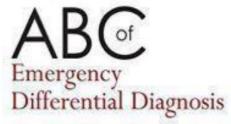
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#### His books include:

- 1. Case presentations in Accident and Emergency medicine Butterworth Heinnemann 1992
- 2. Data and Drug Guide for Accident and Emergency Butterworth Heinnemann 1994
- 3. ECG interpretation for Emergency Medicine Butterworth Heinnemann 1997
- 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 several Book Chapters and e-Learning Modules on Poisoning, Respiratory Illness, Medical Emergencies, Eye Injuries, Bradycardias, Tachycardias, and the Interpretation of the Electrocardiogram and whiplash injuries (NHS Choices)





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