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Consultant Rheumatologist & Pulmonary Hypertension Physician | Expert Witness

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EXPERT WITNESS PROFILE

I am a Consultant Rheumatologist and Pulmonary Hypertension Physician with over **20 years' clinical experience** and a **Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians (London)**. I hold substantive NHS consultant posts at the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust, one of the UK's foremost centres for rheumatology and pulmonary hypertension, as well as consultant posts at two leading private hospitals in London.

I commenced medicolegal work in 2014 and hold the **Cardiff University Law School Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate**. To date, I have completed **over 315 medicolegal reports** across a wide range of case types and rheumatological conditions. I have experience of giving oral evidence and have been cross-examined in court.

I am fully conversant with Part 35 of the Civil Procedure Rules, the duties of an expert witness as set out in the Criminal Procedure Rules, and the guidance of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and the GMC on expert witness work. I understand that my overriding duty is to the court.

MEDICOLEGAL CASE EXPERIENCE

I have completed over 315 reports across the following case types:

Case Type	Approximate Number
Personal Injury (Claimant and Defendant)	166
Clinical Negligence (Claimant and Defendant)	138
Family Court	5
Employment Tribunal	3
Criminal Court	2
Legal/Professional Negligence	1

Conditions and Clinical Areas Covered

My medicolegal reports encompass the full breadth of rheumatological and musculoskeletal conditions, including but not limited to:

- **Inflammatory arthritis:** Rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis/axial spondyloarthritis, juvenile idiopathic arthritis, reactive arthritis, gout, crystal arthropathy, adult-onset Still's disease
- **Connective tissue diseases:** Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), systemic sclerosis/scleroderma, mixed connective tissue disease (MCTD), Sjögren's syndrome, Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, dermatomyositis/polymyositis
- **Vasculitis:** Giant cell arteritis (GCA), polyarteritis nodosa (PAN), granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA), Behcet's disease, Cogan's syndrome
- **Pulmonary hypertension:** Pulmonary arterial hypertension (idiopathic, connective tissue disease-associated, and drug-induced), life expectancy assessments in pulmonary hypertension
- **Chronic pain and fibromyalgia:** Fibromyalgia, chronic widespread pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS) – extensive experience across over 50 cases
- **Metabolic bone disease:** Osteoporosis, drug-induced osteoporosis, DEXA interpretation, fracture risk assessment
- **Drug-related complications:** Adverse effects of DMARDs (methotrexate, sulfasalazine, azathioprine), biologic therapies (TNF inhibitors), hydroxychloroquine retinal toxicity, corticosteroid complications, statin myopathy, denosumab-related issues
- **Musculoskeletal injury:** Road traffic accident injuries (including whiplash), workplace injuries, military injuries, falls, and complex orthopaedic conditions

Types of Instruction

- Single joint expert (SJE) instructions
- Party-instructed expert reports (claimant and defendant)
- Condition and prognosis reports
- Causation and liability reports in clinical negligence
- Screening reports and preliminary assessments
- Life expectancy and quality of life assessments
- Employment capacity and disability assessments
- Family court welfare assessments
- Criminal court expert evidence
- Supplementary reports and responses to Part 35 questions

QUALIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

2000	MB BS, University of London (UCL) – with Merit and Prize in Surgery
2004	MRCP, Royal College of Physicians (London)
2009	CCST in Rheumatology and General (Internal) Medicine
2010	Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Training
2011	MA in Clinical Education, Institute of Education, University of London
2011	British Society for Rheumatology Young Investigator Award
2013	MD (Research), University College London
2015	FRCP, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (London)
2016	Cardiff University Law School Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- **Consultant in Pulmonary Hypertension and Rheumatology**, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust
- **Consultant Rheumatologist**, The Wellington Hospital, London
- **Consultant Rheumatologist**, St John & St Elizabeth Hospital, London
- **Honorary Associate Professor**, University College London
- **Internal Medical Training Programme Director**

AREAS OF CLINICAL EXPERTISE

My clinical practice at the Royal Free London – a national referral centre for both rheumatology and pulmonary hypertension – encompasses the following areas:

- Rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, and other inflammatory arthropathies
- Systemic lupus erythematosus and other connective tissue diseases
- Systemic sclerosis (scleroderma) and associated organ complications
- Vasculitis (including GCA, GPA, PAN, and Behcet's disease)
- Pulmonary arterial hypertension, including connective tissue disease-associated PAH
- Fibromyalgia, chronic widespread pain, and complex regional pain syndrome
- Metabolic bone disease and osteoporosis
- Management of complex immunosuppressive and biologic therapy

KEY STRENGTHS AS AN EXPERT WITNESS

- **Breadth and depth of experience:** Over 315 completed reports across personal injury, clinical negligence, employment, family, and criminal courts, covering the full spectrum of rheumatological conditions.
- **Dual clinical expertise:** Uniquely qualified in both rheumatology and pulmonary hypertension, enabling expert opinion on complex multi-system presentations including connective tissue disease-associated pulmonary arterial hypertension.
- **Academic rigour:** Research doctorate (MD) from UCL, over 20 peer-reviewed publications in leading journals including The Lancet, New England Journal of Medicine, and Arthritis & Rheumatism, plus textbook chapters.
- **Formal medicolegal training:** Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate from Cardiff University Law School. Experienced in oral evidence and cross-examination.
- **Senior clinical standing:** Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. Consultant at the Royal Free London – one of the UK's leading tertiary centres for rheumatology and pulmonary hypertension.
- **Teaching and communication:** Master's degree in Clinical Education with extensive experience in medical teaching and training. Internal Medicine Training Programme Director.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Author of over 20 peer-reviewed publications and 2 textbook chapters. Key publications include:

- Brown JT, Schreiber BE et al. (2024). Prognostic utility of exercise cardiovascular magnetic resonance in patients with systemic sclerosis-associated pulmonary arterial hypertension. *European Heart Journal – Cardiovascular Imaging*, (12):1712-20.
- Nihtyanova SI, Schreiber BE et al. (2023). Dynamic prediction of pulmonary hypertension in systemic sclerosis using landmark analysis. *Arthritis & Rheumatology*, 75(3), 449-458.
- Vlachou M, Schreiber BE et al. (2022). Intravenous prostanoids in systemic sclerosis-associated pulmonary arterial hypertension: a single-centre experience. *Rheumatology*, 61(3), 1106-1114.
- Hobbs AJ, Schreiber BE et al. (2019). Nephilysin inhibition for pulmonary arterial hypertension: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, proof-of-concept trial. *British Journal of Pharmacology*, 176(9), 1251-1267.
- Schreiber BE et al. (2011). A Formula for Detecting Pulmonary Hypertension using Pulmonary Function Tests in Systemic Sclerosis. *Arthritis & Rheumatism*, 63(11), 3531-9.
- Uttenthal BJ, Schreiber BE et al. (2012). Clinical Problem Solving: The Wolf at the Door. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 366(23), 2216-21.
- Schreiber BE et al. (2010). Sudden sensorineural hearing loss. *The Lancet*, 375(9721), 1203-11.

Full publication list available on request.

Book Chapters

- Schreiber BE, Keir G, Coghlan GJ. (2013) *Cardiopulmonary Investigations*. In *Oxford Textbook of Rheumatology* (4th Edition, pp. 146-151).
- Schreiber BE, Valerio CJ, Coghlan GJ. (2012) *Connective Tissue Disease related Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension*. In *Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension* (pp. 99-120).

MEDICOLEGAL TRAINING AND CPD

- **Cardiff University Law School Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate** (awarded May 2016)
- Fully conversant with Part 35 CPR and the duties of an expert witness
- Experience of oral evidence and cross-examination in court
- Compliant with the guidance of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges on expert witness work

AVAILABILITY AND TURNAROUND

- Reports typically completed within 4–6 weeks of receipt of instructions and medical records
- Available for urgent instructions by arrangement
- Medicolegal consultations conducted at Wellington Diagnostics Centre, 296 Golders Green Road, London NW11 9PY
- Willing to travel for court appearances as required

Fee schedule available on request.

DECLARATION

I understand that my overriding duty as an expert witness is to the court. I confirm that I have made clear which facts and matters referred to in my reports are within my own knowledge and which are not. Those that are within my own knowledge I confirm to be true. The opinions I have expressed represent my true and complete professional opinions on the matters to which they refer.