

Dr Ian Colvin

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GP Medical Expert Witness, GP Partner and Trainer, GP Leader

Overview of General Practice Experience

I have been working as a full time NHS doctor for 26 years. My first 10 years were in hospital medicine where I worked at all grades including Consultant. I then began my career in General Practice and I have been a GP Partner in a thriving North London GP surgery for 16 years. I work 4 days a week in the GP surgery, typically undertaking 6 clinics a week. I qualified as a GP Trainer in 2013, and have continuously trained junior GPs since that time. This includes lecturing on the Royal Free Hospital GP training scheme programme.

Alongside my GP surgery work, I have enjoyed a number of portfolio roles in primary care:

Appraisal: 7 years as a GP appraiser. Over 100 appraisals of GP colleagues completed. An appraisal is a detailed assessment of doctor performance relative to the General Medical Council standards of good practice.

Leadership: 15 years of Clinical Leadership roles. More recently, these have been Board and Director roles for local NHS health bodies (NHS North Central London Integrated Care System and the Islington GP Federation). I was elected to both these roles by fellow Islington GPs. My other clinical leadership roles have been in Information Technology and ENT/Audiology.

Emergency Primary Care: 6 years as Clinical Supervisor in emergency out of hours General Practice. I supervised and trained junior GPs working in the weekend and evening emergency GP service.

I have amassed a wealth of primary care experience including routine and emergency clinical care, clinical governance at all levels (practice, primary care network, GP Federations, Integrated Care System), healthcare transformation and digital innovation, healthcare procurement and commissioning, and education.

Medico-legal Experience

- I write approximately 30 expert witness reports per year (90% Claimant. 10% Defendant split)
- I also prepare detailed GP expert reports for the Coroner, and have given oral evidence in Coroner's hearings on three occasions
- Have undergone training in the principles of the medical negligence Test cases of Bolam, Bolitho and consent Test case Montgomery
- I comply with part 35 of the Civil Procedure Rules, the associated Practice Direction, and the Civil Justice Council Guidance for the Instruction of Experts in Civil Claims

Medico-legal Training

2025 *BMA Excellence in Medico-Legal Report Writing Course*

2024 *Expert Witness Certificate for Medical Professionals* - Inspire Medilaw and accredited by the University of Strathclyde. Certification was achieved by examination including assessment of courtroom skills by cross examination from a Professor of Law.

2024 Inspire Medilaw's *Expert Witness Training for Medical Professionals Course* - accredited by the Royal Society of Medicine. The content included:

- Expert evidence: the law and practice
- Report writing
- The process of a claim
- Data protection for medico-legal experts
- Addressing the legal issues - breach of duty, causation, condition and prognosis, consent
- Expert witness meetings - discussion of experts, conference with Counsel
- Courtroom skills

Medico-legal Organisations

- Member of The Medico-Legal Society
- Registered Expert with the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)
- Vetted member of the UK Register of Expert Witnesses
- Vetted registered expert with the charity Action Against Medical Accidents (AvMA)
- Member of The National Expert Witness Agency (NEWA)

Qualifications

2024 Expert Witness Certificate *University of Strathclyde/Inspire Medilaw*
2013 Postgraduate certificate in Medical Education
2010 Diploma of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health
2009 Membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners (*Deanery commendation for exam performance*)
2008 Diploma of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
2007 Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training in Audiovestibular Medicine
2005 MSc Audiovestibular Medicine (*Passed with Distinction*)
2001 Membership of the Royal College of Physicians
1998 Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (*Distinction in Medical and Surgical Finals*)
1996 Bachelor of Medical Sciences (*First Class with Honours*)

Education

2024 Inspire Medilaw Expert Witness Training for Medical Professionals Course
2012-2013 University of Westminster (part time PG Cert GP trainer qualification)
2003-2005 University College London (part time Audiovestibular Medicine MSc)
1993-1998 University of Nottingham Medical School

Indemnity

I am fully insured with the MDDUS for my work as an expert witness

Information Governance

Registered with the Information Commissioner's Office.
Up to date with certified IG training, including training in General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)