

MEDICOLEGAL CV

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SPECIALIST REGISTRATION	General Internal Medicine (Acute Medicine) 1 st Jan 2011
FULLY INDEMNIFIED VIA MDDUS	M174135

QUALIFICATIONS

POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS	PG Cert "Doctors as Managers" Leeds University Business School, 2010
	MRCP Royal College of Physicians, London, 2003
UNIVERSITY EDUCATION	MB ChB University of Liverpool, 1998

Current full time NHS Consultant Physician, Acute & General Medicine, Barnet Hospital, Royal Free London NHS Trust, since February 2011

Responsible for the daily streaming, rapid risk-stratification, and safe discharge of 30+ acute medical patients daily. Expert in managing time-critical conditions outside of traditional inpatient wards. I have deep familiarity with NICE guidelines for the variety of acute medical presentations such as venous thromboembolism, acute chest pain and community acquired pneumonia.

I have over 15 years of experience of managing acute unselected medical emergency presentations to hospital, leading a team of resident doctors. I lead intra- and post-take ward rounds and take part in the general medical on-call rota. I do ward rounds on an AMU (acute medical unit) and general medical inpatient ward. I lead multi-disciplinary meetings to plan patient discharges. I also see patients who do not require hospital admission with a wide variety of urgent medical problems in the ambulatory emergency clinic (AEC) or same day emergency clinic (SDEC). I am responsible for telephone triage of, and advice to GP referrers, specialist nurses and paramedics.

CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE & RELATED EXPERIENCE:

I provide clinical negligence reports covering all aspects of acute and general medicine including preliminary and full liability and causation, condition & prognosis and life expectancy reports. I attend conferences with counsel, provide joint expert statements, and have given evidence as an expert in clinical negligence and coroner's court cases. 11 years of medico-legal experience, over 350 expert opinions. Approximately 50:50 defendant: claimant split.

Specialist interests include ambulatory emergency care, acute kidney injury, sepsis, DVT/pulmonary embolism and life expectancy reports.

Since 2022 I have been an independent medical examiner at the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust. The role involves the scrutiny of medical records to establish cause of death, liaising with the clinical team involved with the care of the deceased, and the deceased's family. Coroner referrals are made when necessary and clinical governance/organisational learning issues are also highlighted as and when appropriate.

I was previously a clinical advisor for the National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcomes and Deaths (NCEPOD), contributing to their reports on sepsis, pulmonary embolism, heart failure and acute non-invasive ventilation. I represented the Society for Acute Medicine in producing national quality standards for ambulatory pulmonary embolism and acute non-invasive ventilation.

I have participated in local cardiac arrest notes audits, to identify and explore avoidable and remediable factors in the processes of care prior to cardiac arrest. I have undertaken Root Cause Analysis training and have been a lead investigator for Serious Untoward Incidents. I have been the consultant representative on the Trust wide serious incident review panel.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

June 2018 - RSM/BPP "Expert witness skills masterclass - how to avoid the pitfalls" two-day course:

Understanding civil procedure rules governing expert witnesses; case-law governing expert witness liability for negligence; data protection and confidentiality as related to expert witnesses

How to structure an expert report; how the contents of the report should assist the court; understanding court room procedure; how to prepare for a court room appearance; how to spot and cope with common cross-examination pitfalls

June 2020- AVMA 32nd Annual Clinical Negligence Conference
Legal and Clinical updates, 3 hours CPD

Nov 2023 – Medicolegal Considerations in End-of-Life Care, MDDUS

How to mitigate pitfalls in areas such as withdrawal of care, resuscitation decisions and advance care planning, 1 hour CPD

May 2024 – Inspire MediLaw, one day course

How to start, build and run a successful medico-legal practice

June 2024 -Specialist info Medico-legal Conference, 6 hours CPD

Nov 2024 – Bond Solon expert witness conference, 6 hours CPD

May 2025- Bond Solon Courtroom Skills course, 6 hours CPD

Aug 2025- Panel member of Royal College of Physicians invited review process.

Using structured judgment review methodology to examine a case record and evaluate various aspects of healthcare delivery.

Nov 2025 – Bond Solon expert witness conference, 6 hours CPD

Nov 2025 – An expert's Journey, MDDUS, 1.5 hours CPD

Covering professional and legal responsibilities and good practice across accepting instructions; writing the report; the consultation; joint expert meetings; giving evidence at court; fees and billing

Dec 2025 - Coroner's Inquests and Prevention of Future Deaths reports, MDDUS, 2 hours CPD

May 2026 -Specialist info Medico-legal Conference, 6 hours CPD