

Expert Witness Medico-legal Curriculum Vitae

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Medical Qualifications	
1978	BSc (pharmacology) University of London
1981	MB,BS University of London (St Thomas' Hospital Medical School)
1988	FRCS (otolaryngology) Royal College of Surgeons of England
1993	Accredited Trained Specialist in Otolaryngology (RCS England)
1996	Master of Surgery (University of London)
Current NHS Post	Consultant ENT Surgeon East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust
Private Hospital admitting privileges	St Saviours Hospital, Hythe, Kent The Chaucer Hospital, Canterbury Benenden Hospital, Benenden, Kent

Medico legal Experience

With a track record of 18 years providing timely, clear, independent medical reports to the legal profession, I fully understand the requirements of instructing solicitors, in particular the restricted timescales for civil litigation, the limitations of expertise, and the absolute need for independent, balanced consideration. I bring to bear

- Over 25 years clinical experience in ENT
- Accepting medicolegal instructions since 1990
- Strong academic background in Evidence Based Medicine
- Scientific, analytical and logical approach
- Sound grasp of legal principles / CPR
- Key points of case grasped, summarised & presented effectively

I currently produce around 20 medico-legal reports per year, some commissioned by claimant, some defendant, and increasingly as a single joint expert. In the personal injury field, common areas for reports are

- industrial noise-induced hearing loss
- tinnitus
- ear, nose and throat injuries from road traffic accidents
- medical negligence cases

Clinical experience

I have been in independent practice as an NHS and private Consultant in Kent since 1993. I see and treat around 2,000 new ENT patient referrals and over 3,000 follow-up patients per year, referred from General Medical Practitioners for specialist opinion on the full spectrum of ENT disorders. I carry out approximately 500 ENT surgical operations per year, with special interest in microsurgery of the middle ear, endoscopic sinus surgery, and laser surgery.

Research and teaching experience

In 1996 I was awarded Master of Surgery from the University of London for my research on Correlation of Nasal Symptoms with Objective findings, and Surgical Outcome Measurement. I train and supervise junior doctors in ENT.

Publications and presentations

I have published papers on sinusitis, physiology of nasal obstruction, vocal cord paralysis, HIV/AIDS in ENT, use of lasers, day case tonsillectomy, stapes surgery, Bone Anchored Hearing Aids, Evidence Based Otolaryngology, Sudden deafness. I co-authored a book of multiple choice questions for trainees covering the whole spectrum of ENT. My Master's thesis focussed on the correlation between nasal symptoms and objective findings in relation to the measurement of surgical outcome. I have a special interest in evidence based medicine, act as a protocol reviewer for the Cochrane collaboration, and sit on the Clinical Audit Practice Advisory Committee of the British Association of Otolaryngologists / Head & Neck Surgeons. I have given numerous regional, national and international presentations on my research and am generally thought to be a good public speaker.

Administration, appointments, terms and fees

We can normally see clients within 2 weeks of receiving instructions, and produce the report within a further two weeks. Mrs Fairley runs a highly efficient office and we have a rapid turnaround for reports, including electronic delivery (secure .pdf format) All reports are produced according to current rules and protocols. Our fees are published on our website and are based on an hourly rate and are payable on receipt of the report. We do not carry out work under deferred payment schemes and no longer accept legal aid cases.