

CURRICULUM VITAE

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DATE OF BIRTH: 15th April, 1953

EDUCATION: Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood.
Middlesex Hospital Medical School, 1971 - 1976.

QUALIFICATIONS: MB BS (Lond) June 1976
FRCS (Eng.) November 1980
FRCS Ed (Orth) June 1986
Specialist register in Orthopaedics from 1990
DSc (Birmingham) November 2011

PRESENT APPOINTMENT: Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon
The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham - appointed April 1988.

Honorary Professor, School of Medicine, University of Birmingham (2012)

MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE

I have been producing medico legal reports for 32 years

I provide reports for both claimants and defendants and receive approximately 250 new instructions / year

Distribution of instructions in past 3 years:

50% plaintiff
40% defendant
10% joint instructions

I report on about 15 medical negligence cases per year – mixed plaintiff/defendant.

I have attended courses on report writing, court appearances, Wolfe report, Human Rights Act and advanced report writing.

Attendance at court – 2-3 times a year, giving verbal evidence approximately twice a year.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND INTEREST

Whiplash
Back and neck pain
Major Injuries
Soft tissue injuries including knee injuries
Bone and Joint Infection
Bone and soft tissue tumours
Amputations
Hip and knee replacements and complications

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Member of the British Medical Association.

Member of the British Orthopaedic Association. Executive Board Member (2009 – 12)

Council Member, Birmingham Medico Legal Society

Member, Worcester Medico Legal Society

Editorial Board, Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery (2003 – 7)

Editorial Board, Bone and Joint 360 (2011 -

Editor in Chief, Sarcoma (2006 – 2010)

President European Musculoskeletal Oncology Society (2012 –

Secretary of British Sarcoma Group (1999 -

TEACHING

Tutor in Medical Ethics, University of Birmingham 1995 – 6

Panel of Examiners, Intercollegiate Board in Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgery 1998 - 2005

PUBLICATIONS: As at 3/2013

272 peer reviewed articles in learned journals

34 chapters in books

380+ abstracts published

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TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR PROVIDING MEDICAL REPORTS

My terms of business are given herewith and I would ask you to note these.

1. Mr Grimer undertakes to prepare a medical report on your client and a date has already been offered to the client.
2. Mr Grimer undertakes to provide a report to the instructing solicitor/insurance company within 10 days of seeing the client (providing relevant medical records are available).
3. Mr Grimer will arrange simple investigations such as an x-ray if it is felt to be appropriate at the time of the medical report, unless instructed otherwise not to. X-rays may be required in occasional cases and will only be carried out if clinically indicated and if there are no recent x-rays available which could be obtained by other means. Mr Grimer will contact the instructing party before arranging this if possible.
4. Unless specifically indicated otherwise, it is the responsibility of the instructing solicitor/agency/insurance company to arrange provision of all previous medical records in relation to their client. These should ideally be available by the time the client is seen, so that they can be reviewed as part and parcel of the initial medical report.
5. If medical records arrive after the client has been seen these records will be reviewed separately and the original report amended or a supplementary report provided. If the records are extensive an additional charge may apply.
6. The basic cost of a standard medical report is £400 + VAT but this will vary depending upon the size and quantity of the medical records or other experts' reports which need to be reviewed, when an hourly rate will be charged. Supplementary reports will be provided and charged on the basis of an hourly charging rate of £200/ hour for time spent.
7. All invoices sent by Mr Grimer require payment within 9 months of the invoice date or on settlement of the case, whichever is earlier, unless specific arrangements apply.
8. If the patient does not attend without prior notice for a consultation, no charge will be made for the first non-attendance. Second non-attendances will not normally be offered a further appointment and a cancellation fee will be raised.
9. Mr Grimer's hourly charging rate is £200 per hour + VAT for personal injury cases, £250 per hour + VAT for medical negligence cases.
9. Please note that all medical reports will attract VAT (VAT registration No:902 3363 59.)
10. All non relevant medical records supplied to me will be destroyed after 3 months unless there has been a specific request to either return them or keep them for longer. Core medical records will be retained for 18 months and then destroyed.

Conferences with Counsel

10. These will be charged at the hourly rate plus travelling expenses. Time spent travelling to/from a conference with counsel will be charged at half the hourly rate. Conferences in London entail 6 hours travelling on average.

Attendance at Court

11. Under the terms of the new Consultant Contract in the NHS, attendance at court for medico-legal cases means that the Consultant has to take unpaid leave from the Trust with a minimum of 6 weeks notice. This is because clinics, operating lists etc. have to be cancelled if the Consultant is not available. As a result of this decision by the NHS Trust I work for, I am obliged to give them 6 weeks notice of any attendance at court and cancel my commitments for those days. Attendance at court will be charged at £2400 per day for personal injury cases and £3000 per day for medical negligence cases or part thereof plus travelling expenses.

If the court case is cancelled or rescheduled with less than 10 working days notice, the full charge will apply.

12. As a full time doctor in the NHS I am required to give 6 weeks notice of any absence from work for non NHS commitments.