Professor Peter Holt PhD FRCS

Professor of Vascular Surgery

Medico-Legal Curriculum Vitae, Terms & Conditions

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Summary

I am Professor of Vascular Surgery at St George's University of London, and a Consultant Vascular Surgeon at St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. I am a consultant in a busy Vascular Surgical Unit that provides secondary and tertiary care to 1.5 million patients in South West London. I have published over 250 peer-reviewed articles on all aspects of vascular disease, including both arterial and venous disorders. I deal with a spectrum of clinical practice including complex aortic pathologies, carotid revascularization, peripheral arterial disease, venous disorders.

With respect to trauma, I have published on traumatic vascular injuries and imaging, was a member of the pan-London vascular injuries working group. I work in a Level 1 trauma centre. I am the current Chair of the South-East London, Kent and Medway (SELKaM) Trauma Network.

I have been a standing member of a National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) committee and also been an expert in a number of NICE health technology appraisals. I am a member of a Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) Expert Advisory Group for vascular surgery. I have previously been the Royal College of Surgeons of England nominated member in advising the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC) for a specific consultation.

I was a Council member of the British Society of Endovascular Surgery between 2020-2024. I was appointed Clinical Director for cardiothoracic and vascular surgery and their respective networks across SW London up to 2020. I was NHSE Operational Delivery Network (ODN) Director for Vascular Surgery for SW London which I held between 2016-2025. I have overseen the major strategic service recommissioning of services within this network. I am NHSE ODN South London Lead for Aortic Dissection.

In 2022, I was commissioned as an external vascular expert to provide vascular surgical expertise for a high profile regional vascular service review undertaking a large number of individual case reviews, panel membership and final report co-authorship.

I am a member of a number of national expert witness bodies and was awarded Expert of the Year 2019 & 2022. I maintain continuing education in expert witness work and have delivered invited lectures on clinical negligence nationally.

Recent Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury Portfolio

Reports last 3 years - 400
Claimant 45% : Defendant 50% : Joint 5%
Court appearances last 3 years - 2 clinical negligence; 7 HM Coroner Expert Witness including Jury Inquest for death in custody

I have provided expert opinion in over 800 expert cases in total to both Claimant and Defendant on matters pertaining to vascular surgery.

As well as clinical negligence, I provide employment and other Insurance reports, including for high value or complex claims.

Memberships and Indemnity Relevant to Expert Witness

GMC	6076469
FRCS Eng. (Gen Surg)	1013921
MDU Indemnity	358015J
ICO (GDPR)	ZA758941

Vascular Society of Great Britain & Ireland (Member)
British Society of Endovascular Therapy (Member & Council Member)
European Society of Vascular Surgery (Member)

National Expert Witness Agency
Expert Witness Institute Member
Your Expert Witness Member
Federation of Forensic and Expert witnesses – Expert of the Year 2019
Corporate INTL Global Awards – Vascular Surgery Expert of the Year 2022

I am listed with, and can be instructed via, Agencies including Premex, Speed Medical, Stewart House and Premier Medical.

Employment

Professor of Vascular Surgery - St George's University Hospitals NHSFT

Education

FRCS (Gen Surg) 2010	Royal College of Surgeons of England
PhD in Surgery 2009	University of London
MRCS (Eng) 2005	Royal College of Surgeons of England
MBBS (Lond) 2003	St Mary's Medical School, London
BSc Honours in Physiology 2001 (2:1)	University of London

Contributions to International and National Practice Guidelines

- MHRA Expert Advisory Group – Endovascular Aneurysm Sealing
- BSET – Council Member
- NICE Expert Advisor – various Health Technology Assessments 2012 - 2020
- NICE Indicator Advisory Committee (Tenure 2015-2018)
- Academy of the Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC) working group on International Hospital Mortality Rates 2013/14
- NICE Clinical Commissioning Group Outcome Indicator Set (CCG OIS) Advisory Committee (Tenure 2013-2015)
- European Guidelines - Management of abdominal aortic aneurysms clinical practice guidelines of the European society for vascular surgery.
- AAA Quality Improvement Framework – Vascular Society
- Amputation Quality Improvement Framework – Vascular Society
- Vascular Trauma Guidelines – London trauma network
- Referral & treatment of lower limb chronic venous insufficiency – RSM Venous Forum

Clinical Governance Roles

- Chair South-East London, Kent and Medway Trauma Clinical Network
- NHSE ODN Dissection Lead – South London
- South-West London Vascular Network Director 2016 – 2025
- External Network Review 2022
- Clinical Director – Cardiac, Vascular & Thoracic Surgery 2017-20
- Care Group Lead – Vascular Surgery 2016-17
- NHS Commissioning Support London Acute Medicine and Surgery Review 2011-12
- VSGBI Quality Improvement Framework – Risk assessment and prediction
- VSGBI Quality Improvement Framework – Amputations
- VSGBI Quality Improvement Framework – Aneurysm repair
- ESVS Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair Guidelines 2010 (co-author)
- Outcomes advisor and Clinical Expert Panel member for the NHS Commissioning Support London Cardiovascular Project 2009-2011
- Contributor: National Vascular Database annual report 2008/9
- Contributor: Provision of Vascular Services (POVS) 2008
- National Vascular Database Committee member (2007-2010)
- VSGBI Audit & Research Committee (2007-2010)
- Vascular Expert Working Group developing Healthcare Resource Groups (2008-12)

MEDICOLEGAL ADVISORY SERVICES
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION

This document contains the Terms and Conditions on which Holt Medico-Legal Consultancy Ltd (registered number 12282486) ("the Company") provides the services of Professor Peter Holt as an expert witness and adviser in medico-legal and insurance matters. The information about fees is current at the time when this document is issued. It is to be read in conjunction with any communication referring to it.

The Company offers free initial consultations in limited cases only. If you are seeking an initial discussion free of charge you must say so on first contact.

1. PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

1.1. Professor Holt is currently Professor of Vascular Surgery at St George's, University of London.

1.2. Advice is given by Professor Holt in in his capacity as a specialist independent medical practitioner in vascular surgery and related fields.

1.3. Professor Holt's advice is given as an independent witness to the best of his knowledge, experience and belief.

1.4. Professor Holt is obliged in any report which he provides by way of formal evidence to be given to any Court to include the wording specified in the attached Schedule or similar wording to the same general effect.

2. CONFIDENTIALITY

2.1. Any information given to the Company will be stored on Professor Holt's computer system and will be kept confidential and secure. The Company will not disclose it without the prior written consent of those consulting the Company.

2.2. In cases where the Company is consulted by a solicitor it will assume that it is authorised to disclose details of Professor Holt's advice to any barrister whom the Company has been notified is instructed by that solicitor.

2.3. The Company will communicate mainly by electronic means. Electronic means of communication and transmission are not wholly secure and may be intercepted by third parties. This risk must be accepted. If you require any particular method of communication, please specify.

2.4. The Company is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office and complies with the current regulations about Data Protection (GDPR).

3. COPYRIGHT

The copyright in any work created by Professor Holt belongs to the Company and will not be transferred to you. However, you have the Company's licence to use such work for the purposes for which it was created. Professor Holt is entitled to be identified as the author of the work and to object personally or via the Company to any misuse of it.

4. INSTRUCTIONS, FEES AND INVOICES

4.1. All fees are for payment by the professional person, firm or company consulting the Company. The Company is unable to accept payment from the individual client or customer of any such person, firm or company or from any other third party.

4.2. Instructions will be accepted only from solicitors qualified to practise in a part of the United Kingdom or in the Republic of Ireland, or from their Agents.

4.3. Fees will be calculated by multiplying the time taken for the work required by Professor Holt to prepare his advice, calculated in units of fifteen minutes, by Professor Holt's hourly rate as specified below:

4.3.1 Expert Report Writing	
Screening Report - £1500, or by agreement, dependant on complexity - As a screening report the medical notes and imaging will not be scrutinised	
CPR35 Compliant Report	£500/hour
Fast track reports / consultations (<4 weeks)	£750/hour
Condition and Prognosis Report: - Consultation - £500/hour This will be remote video consultation in the first instance for all cases. Selected cases, if required, will be offered a further face to face consultation. - Home Visit - £750/hour for the consultation plus expenses (travel costs, subsistence and accommodation) plus travel time and lodging time, if required, at £325/hr	
Supplementary reports / verbal advice / letters / emails / report amendments or revisions / telephone or video conferences	£500/hour
Missed appointments or consultations	£500 plus expenses
4.3.2 Additional notes / radiology After provision of the initial report, it is assumed that any additional typed medical records can be reviewed at the rate of 50 pages/hour; additional manuscript records can be reviewed at the rate of 25 pages/hour; radiology can be reviewed at two scans per hour. The Fee will be £500/hr.	
4.3.3 Joint Expert Meetings, Solicitor or Counsel Meetings £500/hour for the meeting plus expenses (travel costs, subsistence and accommodation) plus travel time at £250/hr. Time for preparatory and follow-up work will be charged at £500/hr.	
4.3.4 Court Appearances	
Court appearances	£4,000/day listed plus expenses
Cancelled Court appearances - 15 to 42 days' notice	£1,500/day listed plus expenses
Cancelled Court appearances - 1 to 14 days' notice	£2,000/day listed plus expenses
Cancelled Court appearances cancelled on the day	£4,000/day plus expenses for the day of cancellation plus £2,000/day for each other day of Trial listing.

4.4 Invoices will be submitted on completion of the work requested (or as referred to in Clause 4.5) and are due for payment within 30 days. Invoices will be submitted by Civica - Medical Billing and Collection as the Company's Agent and are to be paid according to the details shown on the invoice. If an invoice is not paid within 30 days. The Company reserves the right to charge interest for late payment for the period from 30 days after the date of the invoice until actual payment at the rate of 4% above Bank of England Base Rate from time to time. The Company is also entitled to recover all costs of collecting any overdue amount and interest.

4.5 In the case of any matter which continues for more than 3 months the Company may submit interim invoices at monthly intervals.

4.6 If any invoice remains outstanding for more than 30 days the Company shall be entitled at its discretion to cease doing any further work on the matter either until the outstanding invoice has been paid or altogether.

4.7 The charging rates shown above are subject to review in the case of any matter which continues for more than 12 months after the Company is first instructed and the Company will notify you separately of any change.

4.8 The Company is registered for VAT (Registration Number 335 6483 85) and VAT at the rate in force for the time being will be charged on all invoices.

4.9 Travelling expenses will be charged for all taxi fares and first-class rail travel. Air travel will be in business class within the UK and Europe or in first class to destinations outside Europe, unless otherwise agreed. Subsistence and accommodation costs incurred while travelling will be charged in addition.

4.10 If the Company does work on your behalf but the matter is not completed, either on your instructions or for any other reason, the Company will charge for work actually done on the basis of time spent on the matter (as referred to in Clause 4.3) and for any expenses incurred.

4.11 So far as any invoice is outstanding (wholly or partly) the Company may retain all files, papers and other documents (whether in paper electronic or any other form) in its possession.

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5.3 You may terminate your instructions to the Company at any time. If this occurs, Clauses 4.10 and 4.11 will apply.

5.4 The Company may cease to act in the matter if it considers there is good reason to do so; for example, if an invoice remains unpaid, or if an actual or potential conflict of interest arises, or for other professional reasons. If the Company is obliged to cease acting, you will still be liable for fees and any expenses previously incurred. The Company is not obliged to give any reason for ceasing to act but will notify you of its decision in writing.

5.5 These Terms and Conditions are governed by English Law and are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts. Each provision of these Terms and Conditions is severable and distinct from the others. You may not assign all or any part of your rights and benefits hereunder without the prior consent of the Company.

5.6 Any changes to these Terms and Conditions will be notified to you in writing and will take effect from the date of such notification.

5.7 If you become aware of any actual or potential conflict of interest during the matter you must notify the Company at once.

5.8 The continuation of your instructions will be taken as your unqualified acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.

THE SCHEDULE

1. I confirm that I understand my duty to the Court and have complied with and will continue to comply with that duty. I also confirm that I am aware of and have complied with requirements of CPR Part 35, the accompanying practice direction, the Guidance for the Instruction of Experts in Civil Claims 2014 and the practice direction on pre-action conduct.
2. I have set out in my report what I understand from those instructing me to be the questions in respect of which my opinion as an expert is required.
3. I have done my best in preparing this report to be accurate and complete. I have mentioned all matters which I regard as relevant to the opinions I have expressed. All of the matters on which I have expressed an opinion lie within my field of expertise.
4. I have drawn to the attention of the Court all matters of which I am aware which might adversely affect my opinion.
5. Where I have no personal knowledge I have indicated the source of factual information.
6. I have not included anything in this report which has been suggested to me by anyone, including those instructing me, without forming my own independent view of the matter.
7. Where in my view there is a range of reasonable opinion I have indicated accordingly.
8. At the time of signing the report I consider it to be complete and accurate. I will notify those instructing me if, for any reason, I subsequently consider that the report requires any correction or qualification.
9. I understand that this report will be the evidence that I will give under oath, subject to any correction or qualification I may make before swearing to its veracity.
10. I have attached to this report a statement setting out the substance of all facts and instructions given to me which are material to the opinions expressed in this report or upon which those opinions are based.

Statement of Truth

11. I confirm that I have made clear which facts and matters referred to in this report 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.
12. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

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