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Thank you for your interest in my terms and conditions regarding the preparation of medico-legal reports. An abridged Curriculum Vitae is available on request.

**I do not accept instruction on soft tissue injury or minor musculoskeletal trauma.
I accept instruction on cases involving complex trauma / limb reconstruction surgery / deformity / bone infection / paediatric orthopaedic cases.**

I am a full-time consultant trauma & orthopaedic surgeon at Alder Hey Children's Hospital & Liverpool University Hospitals. I treat both children and adults at specialist tertiary referral orthopaedic major trauma centres.

I am a member of the Executive Committee of the BLRS (British Limb Reconstruction Society), as well as being a general member of BSCOS (British Society for Children's Orthopaedic Surgery), the OTS (Orthopaedic Trauma Society) and the BOA (British Orthopaedic Association).

I have successfully completed the Cardiff University Bond Solon Certificate in Civil Law and have also completed formal medico-legal training with Inspire Medilaw.

My practice includes a specialist interest in the management of all aspects of all adult & paediatric limb reconstruction surgery including management of complex trauma, limb lengthening, deformity correction, non-union and bone infection. I regularly manage children's fractures and trauma as well as paediatric orthopaedics including the upper and lower limbs.

I regularly teach and present nationally and internationally on these topics at courses and conferences. I have twice been an invited speaker at the national British Limb Reconstruction Society conference (2023, 2026) and I run fellowship training in limb reconstruction surgery. I convene national courses endorsed by BLRS & BSCOS.

I have previously been accredited by MedCo. I am registered with the Medical Defence Union and the Information Commissioner's Office. Peterson Orthopaedics Ltd is registered at Companies House and is fully compliant with GDPR. I have enhanced DBS clearance.

These terms and conditions are subject to review and are correct as of April 2026 and are subject to biannual review.

Fees

My hourly rate for medicolegal work is £450.

A straightforward personal injury/condition & prognosis report including examination is charged at a minimum of 2 hours. This includes examination of the client, but does not include additional time charged for review of medical records, review of imaging and proof reading/reworking of the report following typing.

A breach of duty/causation/negligence report not including examination is charged at a minimum of 3 hours. An examination of the client can be arranged but will be charged in addition. This fee does not include additional time charged for review of medical records, review of imaging and proof reading/reworking of the report following typing.

Review of associated medical records and medical imaging is charged at the hourly rate, with time spent depending on volume and complexity.

Estimates for the number of hours required for reports can be undertaken when the volume of notes and imaging is provided. Complexity is often not clear at this stage; therefore a range of time will be quoted.

Fixed cost medical reports will not be undertaken at any time unless expressly agreed for each individual case, in writing, in advance of the instructions being accepted.

Short form screening reports can be provided if expressly agreed on an individual case basis, for an agreed fee, usually a minimum of 2.5 hours.

Court appearances

Attendance at Court is charged at £4000.00/day. There is no charge for cancellation if made 4 weeks before the agreed date. Cancellation between 1 and 4 weeks is charged at £2000. Cancellation less than 1 week from the agreed date is charged at £3000. Attendance includes time required to wait, and these rates are payable even if I am not called to give evidence.

Timings

Appointments are currently offered within 30 working days of instructions being accepted and receipt of all records (including imaging studies). Turnaround time for medicolegal reports is usually 25-35 working days following any examination and the receipt of all records (including imaging studies).

Any new records, imaging or documents sent for consideration after a report is provided will be dealt with within a further 25-35 working days from receipt of those new records.

If a deadline exists that means these timelines must be accelerated, a negotiated fee for doing so may be agreed in advance of instructions being accepted.

Non-attendance

Appointments that are not attended by clients, or cancelled with less than 48 hours' notice, will be charged to the instructing party at £750. Late attendance beyond 30 minutes will be charged to the instructing party at £500. Late attendance beyond 60 minutes will be considered a non-attendance and require rebooking, with the full cancellation fee of £750 payable by the instructing party.

Rooms & Travel

I have regular rooms (addresses below) in Liverpool, Chester and Manchester, however I am able to travel within the United Kingdom if required. Travel is charged at the cost of transport and accommodation plus an additional charge for time of £200.00/hour on weekdays or £300.00/hour at weekends. Reasonable costs for accommodation will also be billed to the instructing party if the time for a return trip from Liverpool is more than 6 hours in total.

Addendum reports

Any changes to reports required due to additional materials becoming available after completion of the report will be dealt with by way of an addendum and charged at the hourly rate. Reports will not be amended unless a simple factual or typographical error exists.

Correspondence and questions

A minimum cost of 0.5 hours will be incurred for any correspondence or questions relating to a report. If more than 2 weeks since the report was provided, this will be charged at a minimum of 1 hour to account for the necessary re-reading.

Legal conference including teleconference

Attendance will be charged at the hourly rate. If an in-person conference is necessary, travel will be charged in addition, and depending on the location reasonable accommodation charges may also be added.

Cancellation of legal conference

If cancellation takes place within 28 days of the agreed dates, the full quoted cost will be charged.

Medical records

The instructing party agrees to accept responsibility for investigating what records may be required and to supply them. The medical records must be provided as paginated bundles. Large volume paper notes must not be sent without prior agreement in advance, and in all situations a digital process is preferred.

The following records should be provided prior to an appointment and examination:

- Copies of the court order and court timetable

- Copies of the full GP records
- Copies of the full accident & emergency and hospital records
- All imaging studies provided by disc including software that opens the imaging studies

If they exist and are available, the following may be provided:

- Accident report
- Ambulance documentation
- All other medical reports prepared
- Occupational records
- Physiotherapy records (and chiropractic/osteopathic)
- Disability and other benefit documentation if relevant

If incomplete or inadequate records are received the appointment and report will be consequentially delayed until the relevant information is received.

Records will not normally be returned unless by prior agreement and postage costs will be incurred by the instructing party. Records will be securely destroyed by 3 months following the date of payment for the report unless prior agreement is made.

Payment

Fees are to be **paid within 60 days from the date of the invoice**. Delays in payment will result in an interest charge being incurred at 10% above current Bank of England base rate for each week or part thereof.

Reports remain the property of Peterson Orthopaedics Ltd. until the invoice is paid in full and cannot be used in proceedings until payment is complete.

Regular consulting rooms

28 Rodney Street, Liverpool, L1 2TQ

Chester Wellness Centre, Wrexham Road, CH4 9DE

Calderbank Medical Chambers, 599 Wilmslow Road, M20 3QD

Thank you for your request and consideration,



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