



# The Skeleton Series 2010

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Date	Topics	Speakers
<b>Week 1: Thursday 14th January 2010, 5.30pm - 3 CPD</b>	<b>Bariatric Surgery</b>	Mr Dugal Heath Dr Ben Timmis Nigel Godsmark QC
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<b>Week 6: Thursday 18th February 2010, 5.30pm – 3 CPD</b>	<b>Orthopaedics</b>	Mr Christopher Constant Julian Matthews Mr Ronan Dardis

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The Speakers

### **Week: 1**

**Date & Time: 14/01/10 5.30pm**

**Seminar details: BARIATRIC SURGERY**

#### **Mr Dugal Heath**

Speaking on: **Principles of Gastric Banding; Complications after Gastric Banding; How to Avoid Complications and Recognising signs of Band Slippage**

Dugal Heath is currently a laparoscopic and bariatric (weight loss) surgeon at the Whittington Hospital North London. He qualified at Leicester University in 1982 and undertook research on pancreatic disease under Professor Imrie in Glasgow before being appointed as a senior registrar in London. His first consultant appointment was as a senior lecturer in the University of Western Australia, Perth, Western Australia where he performed laparoscopic surgery and transplant surgery. He returned to the UK in 2001 to continue his interest in laparoscopic surgery before starting bariatric surgery in 2004 and being appointed to the Whittington Hospital in 2007. He runs the London Hernia Clinic.

His medico-legal training was with Bond Solon and he has been undertaking medico-legal work for four years, principally in the areas of hernia and bariatric surgery.

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#### **Dr Ben Timmis**

Speaking on: **Radiological Investigations for Bariatric Surgery**

Dr Timmis has been a Consultant Radiologist at the Whittington Hospital since 1984, having completed his radiology training at Hammersmith and Royal Free Hospitals. He is also a Consultant Radiologist & Clinical Director at St John & Elizabeth Hospital, London.

He specialises in Clinical Radiology and his particular interests include gastrointestinal imaging and vascular and intervention radiology.

He has had a number of publications in his field of expertise.

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#### **Nigel Godsmark QC**

Speaking on: **Who Pays For Care?**

Ranked as a leading silk in Clinical Negligence in The Legal 500 (2009) where he is described as "*a superb lawyer whose skills with difficult clients make him an excellent choice for claimant work*" and rated in the same speciality in Legal Experts (2007), Nigel has wide experience of complex maximum severity claimant work in particular relating to cerebral palsy, Erb's palsy, birth injuries, spinal injuries and the treatment of congenital heart conditions leading to death or brain damage.

He also acts across a broad range of maximum severity personal injury cases that involve complex medical issues, structured settlements and periodical payments. His medico legal expertise is reflected in his criminal practice, where Nigel deals mainly with murder but in particular with drug-related deaths and cases with medical and causation issues.

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### **Week: 2**

**Date & Time: 21/01/10 5.30pm**

**Seminar details: PLASTIC SURGERY**

#### **Mr Hugh Henderson**

Speaking on: **Facial Cosmetic Surgery**

Mr Henderson qualified as a doctor in 1970 and started training in plastic surgery in 1978 and therefore has thirty years experience in plastic surgery, with additional training in the fields of orthopaedics, neurosurgery, ENT and eye surgery. He has experience in all forms of cosmetic surgery and has carried out most of the modern techniques available today.

Mr Henderson's practice is based upon the idea that a patient must be fully aware of the range of treatments available to deal with their problem. He feels it is important that patients understand the risks and possible complications, as well as the benefits.

He has written a large number of information sheets on most of the plastic surgery procedures that he undertakes. He encourages patients to read these either before or soon after a consultation. This will then lead on to a second consultation and then to the appropriate operation or treatment.

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#### **Derek Sweeting QC**

Speaking on: **Causation**

Derek's practice is focused on contentious civil litigation, and advisory work in the High Court and the Court of Appeal. He retains a keen interest in maximum severity personal injury and clinical negligence work. As well as representing claimants he is regularly instructed by the Attorney General in this field and appeared for the MOD in *Bailey v MOD* [2008] EWCA Civ 883 (causation and material contribution in clinical negligence claim).

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### **Week: 3**

**Date & Time: 28/01/10 5.30pm**

**Seminar details: SPINAL SURGERY**

#### **Mr Richard Kerr**

Speaking on: **Problems of Lumbar Spinal Surgery and Cauda Equina Syndrome**

Mr Kerr is the Lead Consultant Neurosurgeon at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. Additionally, he is Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Oxford and a Principle investigator at the ISAT.

Previously, Mr Kerr acted as Medical Advisor to the DVLA, Advisor to NCEPOD and has been elected to the ACCEA Committee.

He is the author of multiple peer review papers and book chapters.

Mr Kerr specialises in General Neurosurgery, Skull Base Surgery, Vascular Surgery and Spinal Surgery.

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#### **Dr Andy Molyneux**

Speaking on: **Brain Haemorrhage and Stroke**

Dr Andrew Molyneux has been in the Interventional Neuroradiology field for more than 25 years and the treatment of intracranial aneurysms by endovascular techniques for 20 years. He was amongst the first in Europe to use platinum coils to treat otherwise untreatable cerebral aneurysms in the early 1990's and one of the first in the UK to use detachable platinum coils.

He has published widely in many aspects of interventional neuroradiology and intracranial aneurysm treatment in particular, with a personal experience of well over 1000 cases over the last 14 years. He was a Consultant Neuroradiologist at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford for 25 years and remains an honorary Consultant in Oxford. He is an Hon. Senior Clinical Research Fellow, at the Nuffield Department of Surgery, University of Oxford.

He has been providing expert witness evidence for Medico-legal cases for over 15 years in the Neuroradiology field, both diagnostic (reading scans) and in cases of Interventional procedures.

He continues in active part-time diagnostic clinical practice, and research as well as medico-legal work.

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#### **Adam Clemens**

Speaking on: **Article 2 Claims: Victims and Smoking Guns**

Described in Chambers & Partners as "a deadly advocate who adopts such a pleasant approach that before you know it he has beguiled the judge and crucified you", Adam's clinical negligence practice ranges from cerebral palsy to serious post-operative infection. He is particularly interested in human rights aspects of clinical negligence litigation, writing and speaking regularly on the subject.

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### **Week: 4**

**Date & Time: 04/02/10 5.30pm**

**Seminar details: NEUROLOGY**

#### **Dr Richard Hardie**

Speaking on: **Traumatic Brain Injury**

Dr Richard Hardie studied at Cambridge University and St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School. He was employed by the Ministry of Defence as Clinical Director of Neurological Rehabilitation at Headley Court from 2002 - 2005. His current duties include those of a full-time general neurologist at the Regional Neurosciences Centre of North Bristol NHS Trust, and an Honorary Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Bristol.

Dr Hardie has published widely, and has a special interest in brain injury, stroke and other cerebrovascular disease. His current role in Bristol includes acting as the liaison neurologist for the stroke service. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London, a member of both the British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine and Association of British Neurologists. In 1999 the Lord Chancellor appointed him to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal, and in 2005 to what is now styled the War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Chamber.

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#### **Dr Camilla Herbert**

Speaking on: **Brain Injury Rehabilitation**

Dr Herbert has worked in specialist residential and community neurorehabilitation services since qualifying as a clinical psychologist in 1988. She has worked in various locations across the UK including London, Sheffield and Leeds and is now based in West Sussex. She continues to work within the National Health Service at the Regional Neurosciences Centre, Hurstwood Park in West Sussex and also for the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust where she is the Lead Clinician for the specialist neurorehabilitation centre, Kerwin Court near Horsham. She has a particular interest in working with families and also in the assessment of capacity. She was involved in the British Psychological Society's response to the Government consultations concerning the Mental Capacity Act (2005) and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (2007).

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### **Simeon Maskrey QC**

Speaking on: **Legal Update: Notable Recent Cases on Procedure and Quantum**

Simeon acts almost exclusively for claimants in clinical negligence and product liability cases. As of 2008 he is involved in over 100 maximum severity clinical negligence claims, a major product liability group action and a product liability action in the House of Lords and European Court of Justice. He also acts for claimants and defendants in catastrophic brain injury personal injury actions and for defendants in solicitors negligence actions, normally arising out of a medical context. He is currently acting for major security firms defending actions arising out of injuries sustained in Iraq, Afghanistan and other world-wide trouble spots. The remainder of his workload is an eclectic mix of disciplinary actions and public law family cases with a medical context where advocacy and trial experience are required.

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### **Week: 5**

**Date & Time: 11/02/10 5.30pm**

**Seminar details: MAXILLOFACIAL**

### **Mr Kenneth Lavery**

Speaking on: **Common Errors in Diagnosis and Treatment in Maxillofacial Surgery**

Mr Lavery was previously Chairman of Specialist Training Committee Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons. He is Training Programme Director of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Kent Surrey and Sussex Deanery. Previously, Mr Lavery was an advanced Trauma Life Support Instructor. He has contributed to chapters in text books on trauma generally and facial trauma in particular.

Mr Lavery has been invited to speak at International Symposia on Head and Neck Cancer Surgery.

He has completed the Bond Solon Expert Witness Course and just completed the dissertation requirements for LLM in Medical Law at Cardiff in University.

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### **Simon Wheatley**

Speaking on: **Interim Payment Applications: A Barrel of Eeles**

In clinical negligence, Simon specialises in claims involving injury at birth, cerebral palsy, failure to diagnose, failure to inform, and a variety of procedures including laparotomy and laparoscopy. He appears on behalf of medical and other professionals in disciplinary proceedings.

Simon lectures on medico-legal topics, including the use of medical experts in clinical negligence cases and the application of multipliers.

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### **Week: 6**

**Date & Time: 18/02/10 5.30pm**

**Seminar details: ORTHOPAEDICS**

### **Mr Christopher Constant**

Speaking on: **The Treatment of Complex Shoulder Injuries**

Mr Constant qualified as a doctor in 1975. He was awarded the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1979. He went on to obtain a Masters in Surgery in 1986 for his seminal work on shoulder function in which he designed the internationally accepted method of assessing the function of the shoulder. He was appointed a Consultant Orthopaedic & Trauma Surgeon to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge in 1987, where he developed the Shoulder and Elbow service until his premature retirement in 2006. He lectures on upper limb surgery and on clinical negligence to both the medical and legal fraternities.

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### **Mr Ronan Dardis**

Speaking on: **Common Errors in Diagnosis and Treatment of Cranial and Spinal Injuries**

Mr Dardis is a Consultant Neurosurgeon at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire and the lead clinician in head injuries. He performs a large caseload of complex spinal surgery, both cervical and lumbar. He has given a series of lectures to MASS (Motor Accident Solicitors Society) on the medical aspects of whiplash injury. His medico-legal practice covers all aspects of cranial and spinal injury. Mr Dardis is Honorary Associate Clinical Professor at Warwick University.

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### **Julian Matthews**

Speaking on: **Disproportionate Injuries: Orthopaedic Injuries and the Litigation Effect: Ensuring Just Compensation**

In clinical negligence, Julian's cases include cerebral palsy, spinal and brain injury, orthopaedic and anaesthetic accidents, delayed diagnosis of cancer and other diseases, and psychiatric injury. In personal injury, he specialises in brain and spinal injuries, public health matters and group actions, including stress at work and RSI. He is well known for his experience in travel industry and diving accident claims. In product liability, although medical products are a mainstay of Julian's caseload, recent instructions have also included matters relating to the motor industry and chemical use in industry, agriculture and aviation.

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# Chairs

**Week 1: Leslie Keegan**

**Week 2: Rosalind Coe QC**

**Week 3: Kate Thirlwall QC**

**Week 4: Nigel Godsmark QC**

**Week 5: Dr Peter Ellis**

**Week 6: Jeremy Pendlebury**

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