



## The Skeleton Series 2012

### A Series of Six Medico Legal Seminars

Date	Topics	Speakers
<b>Week 1:</b> <b>Thursday 12th January 2012, 5.30pm</b> <b>3 CPD</b>	Laparoscopes & Litigation GP care	Professor Marc Winslet Dr Michael Ingram Mr Derek Sweeting QC
<b>Week 2:</b> <b>Thursday 19th January 2012, 5.30pm</b> <b>2 CPD</b>	Complications of gynaecological surgery	Ms Anne Henderson Mr Julian Matthews
<b>Week 3:</b> <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 5.30pm</b> <b>2 CPD</b>	Pitfalls of Paediatric Neurosurgery	Mr Peter Richards Mr Simeon Maskrey QC
<b>Week 4:</b> <b>Thursday 2nd February 2012, 5.30pm</b> <b>3 CPD</b>	Chronic & Complex Back Pain Developments in MRI	Professor John O'Dowd Professor Irene Tracey Mr Adam Weitzman
<b>Week 5:</b> <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012, 5.30pm</b> <b>3 CPD</b>	Neonatology & Obstetrics	Dr Andrew Lyon Mr. Mark Waterstone Mr Simon Wheatley
<b>Week 6:</b> <b>Thursday 16th February 2012, 5.30pm</b> <b>2 CPD</b>	All aspects of Cauda Equina Syndrome	Mr David Sandeman Mr Leslie Keegan

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### SPEAKERS AND SEMINAR DETAILS

**Week: 1**  
**12/01/2012 5.30pm**

**Professor Marc Winslet**  
*'Through the Keyhole of Laparoscopes and Litigation'*

Professor Marc Winslet has been Professor of Surgery and Head of the Department of Surgery at the Royal Free Hospital since 1997. Prior to this he was appointed Senior Lecturer/Honorary Consultant Surgeon at the Royal Free Hospital in 1992 and was promoted to a personal Chair in 1996. He qualified in 1981 and obtained the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and Edinburgh in 1985. Professor Winslet was awarded the Master of Surgery degree by the University of London in 1988. He was appointed as Honorary Consultant Surgeon with a special interest in colorectal and oesophago-gastric surgery. He has lectured and published widely on clinical research aspects of diseases of the gastro-intestinal tract.

**Dr Michael Ingram**  
*'Listen to the Patient'*

Dr Michael Ingram has been a full time partner in a large general practice in Radlett, Hertfordshire for the past 25 years. He is firmly focussed on General Practice and has served on both Local (Hertfordshire Local Medical Committee) and National (General Practitioners Committee of BMA) representative bodies and is Deputy Chairman of the policy setting conference. In addition he has been a medico-legal expert in the field of General Practice for the last 21 years and, in the main, acts for the claimant.

**Mr Derek Sweeting QC**  
*'Legal Update - A Roundup of important cases on procedure and quantum during 2011'*

Derek Sweeting'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).

**Week: 2**  
**19/01/2012 5.30pm**

**Ms Anne Henderson**  
*'Urological Complications of Gynaecological Surgery'*

Anne Henderson is a Consultant Gynaecologist & Obstetrician and her clinical interests include laparoscopic surgery, pelvic and vulval pain, endometriosis, prolapse and hormonal problems including menopause, premenstrual syndrome and PCOS. Anne also runs a separate Integrated Gynaecology Clinic in association with Anita Ralph, a Qualified Medical Herbalist, offering a unique holistic approach to common gynaecological problems such as pelvic pain.

**Mr Julian Matthews**  
*'The psychiatric aspect of medical injuries'*

Julian Matthews is a leading junior specialising in clinical negligence, product liability and personal injury. In clinical negligence, cases include cerebral palsy, spinal and brain injury, orthopaedic and anaesthetic accidents, delayed diagnosis of cancer and other diseases, and psychiatric injury, whilst in personal injury he specialises in brain and spinal injuries, public health matters and group actions, including stress at work and RSI. Julian also acts in professional negligence cases, for professionals at disciplinary tribunals and in health and safety matters, particularly for employers in respect of fatal or near fatal workplace accidents.



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**Week: 3**  
26/01/2012 5.30pm

**Mr Peter Richards**  
*'Pitfalls of Paediatric Neurosurgery'*

Peter Richards has been a consultant neurosurgeon since 1987, initially in London, but since 1995 in Oxford. His main interest is paediatric neurosurgery, although he maintains an emergency adult neurosurgery commitment. In the medico-legal field he does a small amount of personal injury work, mainly relating to head injury in childhood, and medical negligence work relating to neurosurgery both for claimant and defence. However, the bulk of his work currently relates to child protection, having an interest in infant head injury and the question of whether injuries are accidental or non-accidental.

**Mr Simeon Maskrey QC**  
*'The Drawbacks of General Damages'*

Simeon Maskrey QC is widely recognised as an outstanding, experienced silk in clinical negligence, personal injury and product liability cases. As at 2011 he is involved in over 100 maximum severity clinical negligence claims. He is recognised by both Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners as a leader in his fields of practice.

**Week: 4**  
2/02/2012 5.30pm

**Professor John O'Dowd**  
*'Back pain - a medicolegal overview'*

Professor John O'Dowd is founder and director of the RealHealth Institute in London, an evidence based organization providing multidisciplinary assessment and treatment programmes for patients with chronic and complex pain. He has acted as a medical expert in spinal injuries, whiplash injury, workplace back injury and all aspects of litigation in relation to the spine for over 15 years and has undertaken approximately 50% Claimant and 50% Defendant work.

**Professor Irene Tracey**  
*'Developments in Functional MRI – Reading the Human Brain'*

Irene Tracey is Director of Oxford Centre for Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging of the Brain (FMRIB) Centre, Nuffield Professor of Anaesthetic Science. After a D.Phil. at The University of Oxford and a postdoctoral position at Harvard Medical School, Irene returned to Oxford to co-found the FMRIB Centre. In 2005 she became Director and Professor of Pain Research, and in 2007 was appointed to the Nuffield Professorship. Irene is a leading expert on using neuroimaging to study pain processing in the human brain.

**Mr Adam Weitzman**  
*'Surveillance evidence; a trap for the unwary'*

The primary focus of Adam's practice is personal injury including clinical negligence and claims against local authorities in educational negligence and for negligent social work. He combines this with a specialisation in costs. Adam is regularly instructed in both personal injury and clinical negligence cases involving catastrophic injuries, in particular spinal and neurological injuries and amputations, and in claims under the Fatal Accidents Act.



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**Week: 5**  
9/02/2012 5.30pm

**Dr Andrew Lyon**  
*'The newborn baby - causes of damage to the brain'*

A consultant neonatologist, and an examiner for Royal College of Paediatrics, Dr Andrew Lyon became a Consultant Paediatrician in 1985. He is a Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh, and Secretary of the British Association of Perinatal Medicine and Neonatal Society. Dr Lyon lectures extensively in care of the newborn in UK and abroad and publishes widely in research in care of preterm babies and use of computerised expert systems in intensive care. Dr Lyon specialises in Medico-legal practice in care of the newborn, mainly causation of brain damage due to intrapartum insults.

**Mr Mark Waterstone**  
*'Secrets from within the womb – the stories CTGs can tell'*

Mr Mark Waterstone is a Consultant Gynaecologist & Obstetrician at Chelsfield Park Hospital. His interests include high risk obstetrics and maternal medicines with associated gynaecology, especially early pregnancy complications, recurrent miscarriage and the medical management of menorrhagia.

**Mr Simon Wheatley**  
*A short walk in the forest of experts.*

Simon's principle area of practice is maximum severity personal injury claims and brain damage cases. 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 also appears on behalf of medical and other professionals in disciplinary proceedings.

**Week: 6**  
16/02/2012 5.30pm

**Mr David Sandeman**  
*'Cauda Equina Syndrome Pathology Treatment Presentation & Outcome'*

Mr Sandeman is a Consultant Neurosurgeon at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol of 20 years standing. He has a general neurosurgical practice that includes the management of emergency and elective spinal and cranial surgery. He has specialist clinical interests in Epilepsy surgery, Neuro-oncology, Pain surgery and spinal surgery. His academic interests include computer guided surgery, surgical robotics and spinal assessment. He sits on the medical devices committee of the MHRA. He was previously medical director of South west imaging services, a medical provider company specialising in spinal assessment services.

**Mr Leslie Keegan**  
*'Expert Immunity'*

Leslie devised, organises and lectures on the Skeleton Series. He is a member of the editorial board of Facts and Figures and legal directories describe him as "having a brilliant mind for quantum", "impressive and knowledgeable", and having a medical background that "greatly assists him in dealing with complex brain injury claims". He deals with a wide variety of clinical negligence cases but he is particularly skilled in analysing complex brain injury cases. He lectures widely on medico legal issues to lawyers and healthcare professionals .

