

Terms of Engagement.

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I am a practising Consultant Cardiologist, and have been since 2009.

I am aware of the General Medical Council's Good Medical Practise guidance with respect to acting as an expert witness. I am aware of the Civil Procedure Rules (CPR) Pt 35 and Practise Direction on the duties of an expert witness.

I am aware of the key medico-legal cases such as: Hunter v Hanley, Bolam, Bolitho and DeFreitas v O'Brien. I have received specific training in expert witness work through course attendance.

Reports

I will prepare reports on the range of topics reflecting my areas of expertise: general and invasive cardiology.

Expert opinion is provided for claimant and defendant in civil matters. Additionally, I will act as a single joint expert.

Reports may address medical negligence, personal injury, industrial work related injury, fitness to work and prognostic issues. Reports may be compiled from records alone or with a consultation and clinical examination if required, conducted at the Albyn Hospital, Aberdeen.

I usually produce my reports within **six working weeks** of receiving all the necessary information.

The cost of a particular report can be estimated prior to proceeding (although it is often difficult) once the records have been received and reviewed, the cost reflecting an estimate of the time and workload anticipated.

Following report submission clarification of points or issues within the report can be addressed by telephone discussion and/or brief letter response.

No additional fee for such work, if it can be completed within a time scale of half an hour, is made.

If significant additional responses or report writing is required amounting to the production of a supplementary report, the basic hourly rate would be charged

Expeditious report production is of high priority. Communication is given high priority with personal secretarial telephone and fax no. together with email. Working within the NHS and privately calls cannot always be taken impromptu but will be returned promptly.

Fees

My current fees are £175 per hour for work performed at a time of my own convenience, £200 per hour for work performed at times dictated by others, £100 per hour while travelling, plus all necessary expenses and £1500 for a full day available for court.

If I have to reserve time to attend court, but my appearance is cancelled before I start to travel, I expect to receive one quarter of my daily rate, and one half of my daily rate if cancellation occurs within one week of the trial.

VAT is NOT applicable.

A clinical consultation with me undertaken at the Albyn Hospital, Aberdeen, has a fee of £150. If required further investigation can be undertaken at the Albyn Hospital, Aberdeen, the combined medical and hospital fees for these are found in the attached pricing list.

I expect my fees to be settled within six weeks of presentation of my invoice or to charge interest at 2% above the Bank of England base rate between the date of presentation and the date of receipt.

Contacts:

All correspondence should be sent to:

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It is important to wrap cases notes securely, or send them by a courier who will treat them carefully.

My Albyn secretary's contact details are:

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