

Clinical Negligence conference – Thursday 29 October 2015  
The Scotsman Hotel, Edinburgh  
CPD: 6 hours – APIL accredited

9.00 Registration & refreshments

9.15 Chair's introduction  
**Ampersand Advocates**

09.30 **Medico-legal issues in Sepsis** – a medical emergency, definitions, cause and prevalence of sepsis, diagnosis and treatment – the importance of early intervention, septic shock – why patients die, sepsis in pregnancy – causes and outcomes, sepsis management in ITU, common scenarios for sepsis.

**Dr Rosie MacFadyen, Consultant in Critical Care, Western General Hospital**

10.10 **Medico-legal issues in hip replacement surgery** – consent and known risks, problems with prosthesis, loosening wrong size component, infection, device failure – focusing on the DePuy prosthesis.

**Mr Graham Lawson, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, The New Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh**

10.50 Refreshments

11.10 **Medico-Legal issues in General Surgery** - Laparoscopic versus open cholecystectomy – causes and outcomes of bile duct injury, common complications of gastrointestinal surgery– infection, bleeding and anastomotic leaks, delay in diagnosis of malignancy – the importance of early diagnosis.

**Mr Mark Duxbury, Consultant Hepatobiliary, Pancreatic & General Surgeon, Glasgow Royal Infirmary**

11.50 Panel discussion – topic to be confirmed  
Ampersand Advocates & Medical speakers

12.45 Lunch

13.45 **Medico-legal issues in Subarachnoid haemorrhage** - the course of subarachnoid haemorrhage and the clinical symptoms, the consequences of failure to image or interpret the scans correctly, the consequences of failing to perform a lumbar puncture when indicated, the role of angiography, neurosurgical/neuro-interventional management.

**Mr Fred Nath, Consultant Neurosurgeon, South Tees Hospital**

- 14.30 **Delay in diagnosis of meningitis and meningococcal septicaemia** – signs and symptoms of meningitis and meningococcal septicaemia, diagnostic testings, timelines for the use of IV antibiotics, consequences for the delay in diagnosis, condition and prognosis  
**Dr Nelly Ninis, Consultant Paediatrician, St Mary's Hospital and Medical Advisor for Meningitis Research Trust**
- 15.10 **Medico-Legal issues in Ophthalmology** – Current controversies. Is loss of sight of one eye a disability? Sight loss malingering and what can go wrong with laser surgery.  
**Mr Robert Murray, Consultant Ophthalmologist, Head of Service, Borders General Hospital, Melrose & Chair of the Specialty Surgical Group for Ophthalmology**
- 15.50 Refreshments
- 16.10 **Medico-legal issues in obstetric anaesthesia** – consent issues, dural tap, nerve damage, general anaesthesia and anaesthetic awareness.  
**Dr David Levy, Consultant Anaesthetist, Nottingham University Hospitals**
- 16.40 Life happens every moment everyday not just when a crisis happens – an overview of being on the front line.  
**Maura Buchanan, Senior Nurse, Independent Adviser Nursing and Healthcare, Past President of the RCN (2006-2010)**

Closing remarks and finish 17.30