

The Exeter Medico-Legal Society Conference 2009

In association with
The Medical Protection Society



Litigation and how to avoid it?

Friday 25 September 2009

Venue: University of Exeter, Peter Chalk Centre,
The Queen's Drive, Exeter, EX4 4QJ

Registered for
6 CPD points

EMLS/MPS Seminar 2009

Peter Chalk Center, University of Exeter

Course organisers



DR ADRIAN ROGERS FRCGP
General Practitioner
Past Chairman Exeter
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DR STEPHANIE BOWN
Director of Policy and
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Medical Protection Society

Speakers

JAMES BADENOCH QC

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James Badenoch is a Deputy High Court Judge, a Recorder of the Crown Court, President of the Mental Health Review Tribunal, a Bencher of Lincolns Inn, a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, an Accredited Mediator, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine. He has been admitted ad eundem to the Hong Kong Bar. He is Chairman of the Expert Witness Institute

DR STEPHANIE BOWN

Medical Protection Society

Stephanie Bown has spent over 12 years as a doctor in the NHS. Following her training at the Royal Free Hospital, London, in 1982, she worked in acute hospital medicine, then obstetrics and gynaecology before moving into general practice. Her present post is Director of Policy and Communications where she is closely involved in developing MPS's medicolegal educational material. Dr Bown is Vice President (Medicolegal) of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine.

**PROFESSOR SIR DENIS PEREIRA GRAY OBE MA DM DSc
FRCP FRCGP**

Former President of the Royal College of General Practitioners, Former Chairman of the Academy of the Medical Royal Colleges

Sir Denis Pereira Gray hails from a long established family of general practitioners in Exeter. He established the first post graduate university department of general practice in Europe where he was later appointed Professor and Director of the Postgraduate Medical School. He is a former Chairman of the Council of the Royal College of General Practitioners and Chairman of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges in Great Britain and Ireland. He was Knighted in 1999.

DR MICHAEL J POWERS QC BSc MB BS DA FFLM

Michael Powers qualified in medicine in 1972 and practised as a doctor until a few years after his call to the Bar in 1979. A well known practitioner in the field of medical negligence, having been the lead editor of the principal multi-author authority "Clinical Negligence" (4th Edition 2008). He was appointed QC in 1995 and a Master of the Bench of Lincoln's Inn in 1998. In 2007 he was elected a Fellow of the Faculty of Forensic Medicine and Law of the Royal College of Physicians where he acts presently as examiner for the membership.

DOMINIC REAGAN

Pre-eminent commentator on civil litigation and employment law issues

Dominic Reagan is a contributor to both the leading employment law textbooks in the country and has examined in employment law for the Law Society. His talks attract high praise and one delegate recently said the talk was the best he had ever heard! He lectures to several Government Departments and has advised the Government on law reform.

DR ADRIAN ROGERS FRCGP

Exeter Medico-Legal Society

Adrian Rogers trained at Guys Hospital and practised single handed in Exeter for many years before becoming a sessional and locum GP. He has survived a dalliance with politics and undertakes a substantial amount of medico-legal work as an expert witness.

PROFESSOR CAROL SEYMOUR

Medical Protection Society

Carol Seymour has been a Medicolegal Adviser with MPS since October 2003. She is also a non-practising Barrister, called to the Bar in 2001. Until October 2003, her previous clinical experience has been as an academic physician, now Emeritus Professor, involved in acute medical intakes and the care of, and research into inborn errors of metabolism, mostly affecting the liver.

DR CHRISTOPHER GARDNER-THORPE

President of Exeter Medico-Legal Society

Christopher Gardner-Thorpe is a consultant neurologist, now in independent practice after 32 years as a consultant neurologist in the NHS". He undertakes consultancy work for the British Army in Germany. He qualified at St. Thomas Hospital in London and also teaches students in the Peninsula Medical School and offers Special Study Modules in Medical Writing, Medicine and the Law, Medical History, and Museums and Artefacts. He is a Lecturer for the Society of Apothecaries in London.

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Programme of events

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| 8.30 – 9.00 AM | REGISTRATION AND COFFEE | 12.00 –12.45 | EMPLOYEE OR EMPLOYER – YOUR RIGHTS AND DUTIES Dominic Regan |
| 9.00 – 9.02 | OPENING OF DAY Dr Christopher Gardner-Thorpe President of Exeter Medico-legal Society | | You will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Basic employment law■ About staff rights■ Employment tribunals■ About your rights as an employee■ Your duties as a partner■ More than you thought! |
| 9.02 – 9.15 | PROF SIR DENIS PEREIRA GRAY OBE <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Practising in a litigious society | | |
| 9.15 – 10.00 | WHY PATIENTS SUE AND COMPLAIN Dr Stephanie Bown | | |
| | You will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The commonest reasons for complaints in different sectors■ What you can do reduce risk of complaint or law suit■ How to manage adverse outcomes■ The do's and don'ts of responding to patients complaints | 12.45 – 1.55 PM | BUFFET LUNCH |
| 10.00 – 10.45 | OTHER DOCTORS' ERRORS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM YOURSELF Professor Carol Seymour | 2.00 – 2.25 | CORONERS WHAT THEY DO AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM Michael J Powers QC |
| | You will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The common pitfalls of hospital and general practice■ About consent, confidentiality and administrative errors■ Prescribing errors■ How to keep records that aid your defence | 2.20 – 3.00 | SOME REAL CASES AND WHAT WE CAN LEARN: FROM THEM Professor Carol Seymour |
| 10.45– 11.15 | COFFEE | 3.00 – 3.45 | QUESTION AND ANSWER PANEL Your chance to question Question Master, Dr Adrian Rogers FRGP |
| 11.15– 12.00 | PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND ACCOUNTABILTY IN 21ST CENTURY Dr Stephanie Bown | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Dr Stephanie Bown MPS■ Professor Carol Seymour■ Dominic Reagan■ Professor Sir Denis Pereira Gray OBE■ James Badenoch QC■ Michael J Powers QC |
| | You will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ About the GMC and what is new■ Where else you can be held accountable■ About multiple jeopardy■ The role of your personal responsible officer■ Relicensing | 3.45 – 4.15 | TEA |
| | | 4.15 – 4.58 | WHAT TO EXPECT IF YOU ARE SUED? James Badenoch QC |
| | | | You will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Basic law of clinical negligence■ The process of a clinical negligence claim■ How to respond to litigation■ How to give evidence in court■ How the judge decides |
| | | 4.58 – 5.00 | CLOSE OF CONFERENCE Dr Christopher Gardner-Thorpe President of Exeter Medico-legal Society |

The organisers reserve the right to alter the programme and speakers should this prove necessary



- £125 per delegate including buffet lunch and refreshments
- Special Discount rate of £50 for students and trainees
- 6 CPD/CME hours available
- Registered provider of CPD with the Law Society, ILEX and the Royal College of Physicians

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Travel Information: To University of Exeter (Peter Chalk Centre, EX4 4QJ)

By Road from the M5

Leave the M5 at Junction 29, signed Exeter Airport. At the traffic lights at the end of the motorway off slip road, turn right onto the B3015, signed City Centre, and at the first roundabout turn right, signed Exeter Business Park.

Go straight over at the next two roundabouts, signed Pinhoe, and join the Monkerton Link Road. At the traffic lights bear left onto the B3212, signed City Centre. Take the right-hand lane and at the second set of traffic lights turn right, signed University.

Pass under the railway bridge (Polsloe Bridge), drive up the hill and at the fourth set of traffic lights turn right onto Mount Pleasant Road, signed University. (Henry's Bar is on the corner of this junction.)

At the first roundabout take the second exit onto Union Road. Go straight over at the first set of traffic lights onto Prince of Wales Road. After a set of pedestrian crossing traffic lights the road curves to the left and the University's Stocker Road entrance is on your right. Use this entrance and go up hill to the car parks on your right and just above the car parks with the Northcote Theatre on your left is the Peter Chalk Centre.

From the West via the A30

Alternatively, leave the A30 at the Dawlish and Marsh Barton turning. Turn left at the large roundabout into Alphington Spur (A377), which becomes Alphington Road. Continue on this road until the large Exe Bridges roundabout; Riverside Leisure Centre is on your left.

Take the third exit (Bonhay Road), signed Exeter St David's station. After passing the station on your left, turn sharp right at a double roundabout onto St David's Hill.

Turn left at the first mini roundabout and then left at the next set of traffic lights into New North Road. Take the second right into Streatham Drive and the University's **Streatham Drive entrance** is on your left. Use this entrance for Holland Hall, Reed Hall and the Sports Park.

For the University's Stocker Road entrance bear right along Prince of Wales Road. As the road curves to the right the entrance is on your left. Use this entrance and go uphill to the car parks on your right and just above the car parks with the Northcote Theatre on your left is the Peter Chalk Centre.

From the East via A303/A30

After the junction with the M5 (J29) follow the signs for Exeter Business Park. Then follow the directions given under 'From the M5'.

By Rail

Exeter has two railway stations – Exeter St. David's (main station) and Central. Exeter St. David's Station is approximately 10 minutes walk from the Streatham Campus and taxis are available. The average journey time from London Paddington is 2 hours 30 minutes to Exeter.

Use **National Rail Enquiries** to plan your route. For passenger information telephone 08457 484950.

Accommodation Information

For information on local accommodation please contact the Exeter Information centre on 01392 665700

Important Contact Information on the day of the Seminar

If you require assistance on the day of the seminar please contact Susan Turner on 01392 667671 or 07515 643609.

Response slip:

If you would like to attend please complete the response slip and return it to Susan Turner c/o Tozers LLP, Broadwalk House, Southernhay West, Exeter, EX1 1LA:

I, _____ (full name) _____ (complete company/organisation)
wish to attend the seminar on Friday 25 September 2009.

I attach my cheque for (please tick): Full rate £125 Trainee/student rate of £50

My contact number is: _____ and/or email address: _____

If trainee/medical or dental student please provide Law Society number/membership/college number: _____