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(2013 - Present)



EXPERT INFORMATION

SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Complex spinal
- Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES)
- Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS)
- Scoliosis

CASES ACCEPTED:

Claimant age: 18+

- Clinical assessments
- Remote assessments
- Home visits
- Prison visits
- Criminal cases
- Screening reports
- Desktop reports
- Family cases*

*Case-by-case

BILINGUAL:

- ✿ English
- ✿ Gujarati
- ✿ Hindi

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EXPERT RATIO



CLAIMANT **70%**
DEFENDANT **30%**



CLIN NEG **45%**
PI **55%**



*Annual report from 2024



VENUES:



- Coach House Health Care, Cambridge, CB2 9LN
- Springfield Hospital, Chelmsford, CM17 7GU
- The Oaks Hospital, Colchester, CO4 5XR
- Nuffield Hospital, Ipswich, IP4 5SW
- Pure Physiotherapy, Norfolk, NR2 4JD
- 10 Harley Street, London, W1G 9PF

FURTHER INFO:

- Court experience
- Bond Solon trained
- Legal aid (LAA)
- Personal Injury
- Clinical Negligence:
 - Causation
 - Liability
 - Breach of Duty
 - Condition & Prognosis



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CASES RELATING TO:

Clinical Negligence

Minimally Invasive & Keyhole surgery:

- Minimally invasive spinal surgery (MIS)
- Microdiscectomy
- Tubular decompression
- Keyhole lateral lumbar interbody fusion

Interbody Fusions:

- Extreme Lateral Interbody Fusion (XLIF)
- Anterior Lumbar Interbody Fusion (ALIF)
- Transforaminal Lumbar Interbody Fusion (TLIF)
- Lumbar, cervical and thoracic fusions
- Fusionless stabilisation

Disc Procedures:

- Discectomy
- Disc replacements / Artificial Disc Replacement
- Disc extrusion / prolapse / herniation
- Degenerative Disc Disease (DDD)

Decompression & Stabilisation:

- Spinal decompression
- Laminectomy
- Complex revision spinal surgery
- Complex spinal disorders

Injections:

- Nerve root blockers / Nerve root injection
- Facet injections / Facet joint injection
- Caudal epidurals / Epidural

Tumours, Trauma & Infection:

- Spinal tumours
- Spinal infection
- Spine fractures and trauma
- Spine fracture surgery
- Spine tumours and infections
- Sports-related spine injuries

Vertebral Augmentation:

- Kyphoplasty
- Vertebroplasty
- Vertebral compression fracture

Spinal Deformities:

- Adult spinal deformity (Scoliosis, Spondylolisthesis, Spondylosis, Kyphosis)
- Scoliosis surgery
- Spinal deformity correction

Other Conditions:

- Ankylosing Spondylitis
- Arthritis (Spine)
- Coccyx fracture
- Upper, mid, and lower back pain
- Cervical (neck) surgery
- Thoracic (back) surgery
- Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES)
- Nerve root compression / irritation
- Foot numbness / foot drop
- Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS)

Clinical Negligence Specific:

- Delayed or missed diagnosis
- Inappropriate surgical indication
- Assessment of standard of care

Personal Injury

- Whiplash related injury (soft tissue injury)
- Accident at work (crush injury, repetitive stress injury, strain)
- Pain relating to back, neck, arms
- Chronic pain
- Radicular pain
- Complex spinal pain
- Coccygeal pain
- Sciatica
- Degenerative disc disease
- Degenerative signal change

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MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr Bhagat is a Consultant Spinal Surgeon with extensive experience in the assessment and management of complex spinal disorders. He has 11 years' medico-legal experience, providing independent evidence-based expert opinions in a wide range of spinal cases. He is an Expert Witness with Bond Solon training and is instructed by Claimants and Defendants on cases of personal injury and clinical negligence.

He is frequently instructed to prepare expert witness reports addressing issues of diagnosis, surgical decision-making, standard of care, causation, prognosis and future treatment requirements.

Having a strong background in both elective and emergency spinal surgery, Mr Bhagat is skilled in analysing complex medical records and imaging to provide clear, balanced, objective opinions that assist courts, solicitors and insurers. He is experienced in differentiating pre-existing spinal disease from injury-related pathology and in assessing long-term functional impact.

Mr Bhagat undertakes medico-legal work with independence and impartiality, working strictly within his area of expertise and in accordance with accepted medico-legal principles. Annually, Mr Bhagat prepares 10-20 clinical negligence reports, opining on breach of duty, condition and prognosis, liability and causation.

Although he has been a medico-legal expert for a number of years and has received numerous witness summons' he is yet to attend trial.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr Bhagat is a Consultant Spinal Surgeon currently affiliated with with Ipswich Spinal Unit at Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust, Nuffield Health Ipswich, Colchester Hospital and Oaks Hospital, Colchester, with extensive experience in the assessment and management of a wide range of spinal conditions. His clinical practice includes both elective and emergency spinal care, encompassing complex diagnostic and surgical decision-making.

He has particular expertise in the management of complex spinal disorders, including Cauda Equina Syndrome, where he regularly undertakes urgent assessment, imaging interpretation and timely surgical intervention. Mr Bhagat also has significant experience in treating patients with connective tissue disorders, including Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, managing associated spinal instability, chronic pain and complex surgical considerations.

His practice encompasses a comprehensive spectrum of spinal conditions, including degenerative disorders, trauma, tumours, infections, deformities, and sports-related injuries.

Mr Bhagat holds specialised expertise in minimally invasive keyhole spinal surgery and degenerative deformity. Notably, he established a specialised paediatric spinal clinic at Ipswich Hospital, contributing to specialised patient care.

He serves as a faculty member for numerous spine surgery and FRCS Orthopaedic teaching courses, reflecting his dedication to advancing the field.

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