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CONSULTANT IN ANAESTHETICS AND PAIN MEDICINE

EXPERT INFORMATION

GMC No: 4115250

Will see Claimants 18+

Report turnaround 4-6 weeks

Face to face assessments

Remote assessments

Home visits

Court experience 5+

attendances

REPORT RATIO



50% Claimant 50% Defendant



90% Clin Neg



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CURRENT ROLE:

Consultant in Anaesthesia and Pain Management

Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (2003 - present)

Clinical Lead for Pain Services

Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

CASES RELATING TO:

Personal injury relating to:

- Chronic pain
 - Complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS)
 - Fibromyalgia Pain after trauma/surgery
 - Neuropathic pain
- Whiplash associated disorders
- Management of knee pain
- Neuromodulation
- Spinal cord stimulators (SCS)
- Sacral nerve stimulators
- Musculoskeletal pain presentation
- Industrial disease

Clinical negligence relating to:

- Medical Negligence related to Pain Management
- Medical Negligence related to Anaesthesia
- Cauda equina syndrome (CES)
- Failed Back Surgery (FBS)

Specific cases relating to pain:

- Soft tissue injuries
- Chronic pain conditions:
 - Chronic post surgical pain
 - Chronic post traumatic pain
 - Chronic primary pain Chronic widespread pain
 - Complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS)
- Whiplash pain
- Fibromvalgia
- Long Covid pain
- Myofascial pain
- Abdominal pain
- Amputation related pain
 - Phantom Limb Pain
- Lower Back Pain (all)
- Neck pain Shoulder pain
- Joint pains (all)
- Interventional pain (medical negligence)
- Unexplained pain
- Disproportionate pain
- Chest Pain (musculoskeletal)
- Nerve related pain
- Neuropathic pain
- Nociceptive pain
- Chronic secondary pain
- Degenerative pain
 - Osteoarthritis
 - Arthritis
- Constitutional pain



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MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Dr Bret Claxton successfully completed the 'Pain Experts' course and demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the Civil Procedure Rules Part 35.



Over the past three years, Dr Claxton has diligently handled over 300 reports, encompassing a diverse range of personal injury and medical negligence scenarios. During this time, Dr Claxton has completed approx. 50 Clinical Negligence related reports annually, looking at breach of duty, condition and prognosis, liability and causation.

In 2021, Dr Claxton earned the Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Expert Witness Civil Certificate, further solidifying his credentials in the field.

His scope of expertise extends across various facets of adult chronic pain management, encompassing conditions such as chronic pain syndromes, complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), spinal pain, and musculoskeletal pain presentations. His wealth of experience positions him as a sought-after authority for opinions on medical negligence within Chronic Pain Management and Personal Injury cases.

Dr Claxton has experience in Court and has been praised in judgments whereby he has excelled in his opinion, forensic and evidentiary report writing. During his time as an expert witness, he has attended Court on a number of occasions and has numerous trial attendances pending for 2024 and 2025.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Dr Bret Claxton is a highly qualified medical professional, graduating from Aberdeen University Medical School in 1994 and achieving fellowship status with the Royal College of Anaesthetists in 1999. In 2002, he completed a Masters Degree in Medical Science and became a Fellow of the Faculty of Pain Medicine in 2014.

Within the NHS, Dr Claxton holds consultant appointments at Bradford NHS Trust, specialising in anaesthesia since 2003 and pain management since 2014. Currently, he conducts four outpatient clinics and two theatre-based interventional procedure lists monthly, dedicating two sessions to consultant-delivered Acute pain management. His expertise also extends to providing both NHS and Private Pain Management at a Private Hospital, with four sessions of outpatient activity and four theatre lists monthly.

Dr Claxton specialises in managing various chronic pain conditions, including back pain, sciatica, whiplash, CRPS, and post-traumatic and post-surgical pain. He particularly focuses on knee pain management and excels in neuromodulation, specifically the insertion of Spinal Cord Stimulators for Post Spinal Surgery Persistent Pain Syndromes, following NICE Guidance.

Dr Claxton is actively involved in professional presentations and educational roles, serving as an educational supervisor and clinically supervising advanced pain trainees. His past roles include Foundation Training Programme Director, Associate Postgraduate Dean, Interim Deputy Postgraduate Dean, and Head of School for Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine at Health Education England, Yorkshire and The Humber. For the last three years, Dr Claxton has served as the Clinical Lead for Pain Services at Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, demonstrating his dedication and leadership in the field.