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EXPERT INFORMATION

GMC No: 4328445

Will see Claimants 18+

Report turnaround 3-4 weeks

Face to face assessments

Remote assessments

Court experience

EXPERT RATIO



70% Claimant
30% Defendant




40% Clin Neg
60% PI

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CURRENT ROLE:

Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon

Barts Heart Centre, London

CASES RELATING TO:

Clinical negligence relating to:

- Aspects of breach of duty and causation in cardiac surgery
Examples include evaluating complex cardiac surgery and making it understandable for the solicitor, e.g.:
 - Valve surgery where the sizing has been incorrect and adverse outcomes occurred.
 - Intra operative complications and whether these were managed suitably or not.
 - Was endocarditis (infection of heart valves) diagnosed correctly and what have been the outcome had the correct diagnosis been made earlier?
- Aortic dissection including missed diagnosis and complex causation cases, i.e. did the missed diagnosis actually have a causative effect? Dr Roberts has reported on multiple cases in this regard.
- Pre-intervention decision making in cardiology and cardiac intervention
 - E.g should cardiac surgery have been considered before stent placement?
 - Consent issues
- Clinical governance, surgical safety standards, WHO checklist compliance
- Serious incidents and Datix incident investigations and processes
- All other aspects of adult cardiothoracic surgery
- MDT related issues, according to current best practice

Personal injury relating to:

- Aspects of current condition and prognosis Neil performs a remote consultation first, then arranges local imaging to objectively evaluate the long-term consequence of injuries. A face-to-face consultation is then arranged only if required. This allows for cost savings and availability to a wide geographical area.
- Chest trauma, sternal fractures and rib fractures, and their long-term consequences
- Aortic dissection as a result of blunt chest trauma and the long-term implications
- Cardiac damage due to index incident
- Suspected myocardial infarction due to index incident



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MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr Roberts has been an Expert Witness for over 7 years, supported by excellent feedback from solicitors and barristers. He has completed Bond Solon training and is instructed by Claimants and Defendants.

Mr Roberts is instructed in cases relating to personal injury clinical negligence, tribunal, Corner's Court and criminal cases.

Mr Roberts has a balanced ratio of CN and PI work and is happy to opine on condition and prognosis, breach of duty, liability and causation.

Mr Roberts completes approx. 100 reports a year, with 40+ being clinical negligence related

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Mr Roberts is currently a substantive cardiothoracic consultant with over 10 years of consultant practice, working within the NHS and privately and has performed more than 1,500 open-heart operations.

He was awarded an MD in 2007 by the University of London for research thesis in Endothelial Progenitor (stem) cells in cardiac surgery.

He passed the FRCS (C-Th) during his fourth year of training in 2008, winning the McCormack Medal for the highest score in the UK and Ireland for that year.

Mr Roberts is also a teacher and trainer, being a faculty member for a number of national and international courses. He was elected as postgraduate Dean by the Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery in 2019 and a full College of Surgeons Examiner for the FRCS (C-Th). He was also Clinical Governance Lead for cardiac surgery at Bart's Heart Centre for over four years.