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Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust
(2016 - Present)



EXPERT INFORMATION

SPECIALIST AREAS:

- Obstetric anaesthesia

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
- ✿ Sinhalese

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EXPERT RATIO



CLAIMANT 50%
DEFENDANT 50%



CLIN NEG 50%
PI 50%

Clinical experience (yrs)

18

Clinical governance & audit (yrs)

8

*Annual report from 2024

VENUES:



Remote

FURTHER INFO:

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

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CASES RELATING TO:

General anaesthesia-related issues:

- Obstetric
- Gynaecology
- Cardiothoracic surgery
- Orthopaedics
- Urology
- General surgery
- Maxillofacial surgery
- Breast surgery
- ENT surgery
- Spinal and epidural block insertion and complications
- Nerve injury related to block insertion/ complications
- Peribulbar block
- Sub-Tenon's block and other peripheral nerve blocks

Medico-legal and Professional Issues:

- Standards of documentation and consent
- Duty of candour and communication with patients/families
- Fitness to practice and professional conduct in anaesthesia
- Review of clinical governance and adherence to guidelines

Perioperative Medicine and Patient Safety:

- Perioperative risk communication and consent
- Preoperative assessment and optimisation
- Recognition and management of complications
- Multidisciplinary team communication and handover

General Anaesthesia:

- Allegations of negligence in the conduct of general, regional or local anaesthesia
- Intraoperative anaesthetic management and monitoring standards

- Risk of oesophageal tear
- Vascular access and line insertions
- Intubation placement/misplacement/size
- Tracheal tube insertion/size/procedure
- Anaesthetic drug errors, adverse drug reactions (including anaphylaxis, effects of anticoagulants/antiplatelets)
- Equipment use and safety (e.g. ventilators, infusion devices)
- Intraoperative cardiovascular management

Complications during/post-surgery:

- Waking
- Risk of choking
- Airway management complications (failed intubation, aspiration, difficult airway)
- Blood clots (including deep vein thrombosis)
- Informed consent
- Implications of ceasing medication to undergo surgery/after-effects/risks
- Hypoxic brain injury
- Post-operative care and recovery issues (e.g. failure to recognise deterioration)
- Post-operative cognitive dysfunction (POCD)
- Post-operative complications (e.g. nausea and vomiting, delayed recovery)
- Pre-operative assessment and optimisation of patients
- Major haemorrhage
- Aspiration pneumonia
- Awareness under anaesthesia
- Rapid sequence induction in emergencies
- Cardiac arrest management and rescue of the deteriorating patient
- Management of massive transfusion

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MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Dr Liyanage is a GMC-registered Consultant Anaesthetist with over 18 years of broad clinical experience across general, obstetric, and specialist anaesthetic practice. She undertakes medico-legal instructions in all areas of anaesthesia, preparing both Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence reports. Her casework includes, but is not limited to, complications arising during or following surgery, adverse reactions to general and regional anaesthesia, airway and perioperative management concerns, and nerve injury associated with regional block insertion or complications.

She accepts instructions on behalf of both claimants and defendants, maintaining a balanced 50/50 caseload, and has developed a particular expertise in obstetric anaesthesia, regularly providing detailed, evidence-based reports in this subspecialty.

Dr Liyanage is currently completing her Bond Solon Expert Witness Certification, further strengthening her understanding of the legal framework underpinning expert evidence. She is experienced in addressing issues of causation, liability, breach of duty, and condition and prognosis. Her reports integrate thorough clinical analysis, clear reasoning, and careful consideration of relevant guidance and standards, ensuring they meet the requirements of CPR Part 35.

With significant real-world clinical exposure and a strong grasp of medico-legal processes, Dr Liyanage is committed to delivering objective, robust, and well-structured expert opinion. She is able to provide oral evidence in court when required.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Dr Liyanage is a highly experienced Consultant Anaesthetist with 18 years of experience, including nine years in a consultant role. Dr Liyanage has a strong background in teaching and education and is an Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Health Sciences at Queen Mary's University of London. She has also been involved in numerous quality improvement projects and audits, with several of her projects presented at national and international conferences.

Dr Liyanage holds impressive qualifications, including an MBBS, MD in Anaesthesiology, FRCA, and a Post Graduate Certificate in Medical Education. She is also a member of several professional bodies, including the Royal College of Anaesthetists, Obstetric Anaesthetists Association, and the Academy of Medical Educators.

Her research interests include obstetric anaesthesia and pain management, and she has contributed to studies for Direct Reporting of Awareness in Maternity Patients (DREAMY) study and research on Fascia iliaca blocks.

Dr Liyanage is also an experienced appraiser, having conducted numerous appraisals for doctors of various grades.

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PUBLICATIONS:

- Improving outcomes following emergency laparotomy: Aggregation of marginal gains, December 2017, Sri Lankan Journal of Anaesthesiology 26(1):4, DOI:10.4038/slja.v26i1.8304
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