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Hilton Brighton Metropole

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A very warm welcome to the 2014 Annual Clinical Negligence Conference. Thank you for your continued support of this event and AvMA's work. We hope you have an enjoyable and informative conference.

Contact Details at the Conference

The AvMA Registration Desk will be staffed in the Sussex Lounge at the Hilton Brighton Metropole at the following times:

**Thursday 26 June** 18.30 to 21.00;  **Friday 27 June** 08.30 – 17.25;  **Saturday 28 June** 08.45 – 15.30

Urgent telephone messages can be received during the conference via the AvMA office on 020 8688 9555 - messages will then be relayed onto AvMA staff at the conference. If you have any queries or emergencies at any point during the conference, please go to the AvMA registration desk.

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The Clarence, Viscount and Lancaster Rooms are located down the stairs behind the AvMA registration desk. Hall 4 and the Stanmer Room are located just off the upper exhibition area (Durham Gallery). The Oxford Suite is the main plenary room.
### General Hotel Information for Residential Delegates

**Check-in**
Check-in at the Brighton Hilton Metropole is from 3pm and 2pm at the Thistle Hotel. If you intend arriving earlier than the times stated, check-in may be possible but is not guaranteed.

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Rooms must be vacated by midday on the day you intend to leave. Storage space for luggage will be available at your hotels but delegates will be able to store their bags in the Ambassador Suite at the Hilton Brighton Metropole if you wish to check out before you come to the conference on the Saturday.

If you have any questions about your accommodation or any problems at all please do let us know as early as possible so we can try and assist you.

**Breakfasts**
Breakfast is included for those staying at the conference hotels. Please see information in your hotel rooms for specific timings.

**Room Extras**
The conference package includes lunch and designated refreshment breaks on Friday and Saturday for all delegates, plus accommodation, breakfast and the ACNC evening social functions for residential delegates. Delegates are responsible for settling their own room extras and will be asked for credit card details on arrival.

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**Welcome Event – Thursday 26 June, Hilton Brighton Metropole**

If you have booked to attend the Welcome Event, drinks will be served from 18.30 with food being served from 19.30 – 22.00 in the Waterhouse Restaurant and Sandringham Suite. Delegates attending the Welcome Event can register for the conference at the AvMA registration desk in the Sussex Lounge from 18.30 – 21.00. If you have booked to attend the Welcome Event you will have two free drinks tokens in your delegate badge holder; which can be exchanged at the bar for a beer, glass of house wine or soft drink.

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**Mid-Conference Dinner – Friday 27 June, Hilton Brighton Metropole**

The pre-dinner drinks reception will commence at 19.30 in the Oxford Suite Gallery. Dinner will be served at 20.15. The evening will end at 01.30. Smart casual is the dress code for the evening - dinner jackets are not necessary.

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**Badges**
Please ensure that you wear your badge at all times to help with prompt delivery of messages and as a means of identifying yourself to other delegates. The badges also show the break-out sessions that you have chosen to attend.

**Questions**
Speakers are happy to answer your questions at the end of their presentation. We would be grateful if you could wait for the microphone to be passed to you and identify yourself and your company before asking your question.

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The conference packs will be available at the registration desk. All documentation received at the time of going to press is enclosed within the documentation pack. Any missing papers will either be distributed during the event or sent to you soon afterwards. Please be assured that we always endeavour to offer a complete set of speaker papers within the documentation pack. However, for reasons beyond our control this is not always possible.
SRA, APIL CPD Hours:
This conference qualifies for the following:

Friday 27th – 6 hours and 5 minutes
Saturday 28th – 4 hours and 15 minutes
Both days – 10 hours and 20 minutes

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Friday 27 June

08.30 Registration and refreshments

09.30 Chair’s Introduction
Mr Peter Walsh, Chief Executive, AvMA

09.45 Plenary Address:
The Hospital Inspection Programme
Dr Nick Bishop, National Professional Advisor, Care Quality Commission
- The role of the Chief Inspector of Hospitals
- How does the new inspection regime work and how is it different from before?
- In addition to inspections, how will CQC gather and use other indicators that there may be safety problems at hospitals?
- Early lessons so far

10.30 Plenary Address:
Complications in Diabetes
Dr Paul McNally, Consultant Endocrinologist, Leicester Royal Infirmary
- The role of obesity in the rising levels of type 2 diabetes
- Management of ulcers, especially foot and leg
- Prognosis once diabetic ulceration becomes an issue and avoiding amputation
- The benefits of multidisciplinary teams working together and the extent to which this is currently mandatory
- Common insulin administration errors

10.30 Refreshments

11.55 Parallel Lectures:

A Cardiology Update
Dr Narbeh Melikian, Consultant Interventional Cardiologist, King’s College Hospital, London
- Common conditions: hypertension; angina; myocardial infarction
- Diagnostic tools: ECG and cardiac enzymes
- Treatment: medications and the use of statins, aspirin, beta blockers and the possible side effects. Thrombolysis; angioplasty; cardiac bypass surgery
- Survival rates

B Vitreo-Retinal Eye Disease and Surgery
Mr Tom Williamson, Consultant Ophthalmologist & Vitreo-retinal Surgeon, St Thomas’ Hospital, London
- Diabetic retinopathy – the failure to diagnose and treat accordingly
- Laser treatment for diabetes and macular holes
- Retinal detachment, the consequences of the delay in diagnosing and referring
- Common breaches of duty
C Shoulder Surgery

Mr Michael Kurer, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, North Middlesex Hospital, London

• Failure to diagnose trauma to the joint: fractures, dislocations, ligament and nerve damage
• Arthroscopy
• Consequences of the delay in diagnosis
• Shoulder replacement surgery
• Decompression

D Gynaecological Surgery

Mr Alfred Cutner, Consultant Gynaecologist, University College Hospital, London

• Laparoscopic surgery techniques
• Common complications of laparoscopic surgery
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• Intraoperative injuries: perforation, failure to diagnose and treat

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• CTG’s common errors
• (Mis)management of uterine rupture
• Caesarean complications bleeding, ureteric damage, wound problems
• Perineal tears/episiotomy/third degree tears

F Preparation and Advocacy at Inquests

Mr Richard Partridge, Barrister, Serjeants’ Inn Chambers

• Preparation: marshalling papers; identifying salient points; the PIR
• Advocacy: asking questions; managing witness evidence; engaging the Coroner; requesting adjournment; requesting independent expert evidence
• Conclusions: requesting reports for the prevention of further deaths (Rule 43); action plans

13.05 Lunch

14.05 Plenary Address:
Medico-Legal Issues in Obesity (bariatric) surgery

Mr Marcus Reddy, Consultant Bariatric Surgeon, St George’s Hospital, London; & Mr Omar Khan, Consultant Upper GI and Bariatric Surgeon, Whittington Hospital, London

• Eligibility for surgery: consent issues; psychiatric assessment
• Post-operative follow up complications including abdominoplasty and non NHS surgery
• Success rates
• GP commissioning: referrals and the postcode lottery

15.05 Plenary Address:
Treatment of Thromboembolic Disease

Professor Sam Machin, Professor of Haematology, University College Hospital, London

• High risk groups
• Symptoms and investigations: D-Dimer; ultrasound; venogram
• Treatment of DVT, including venous stenting
• Common mistakes in the management of DVT and PE
• Prognosis

15.50 Refreshments

16.15 Parallel Lectures:
G  Medico-legal Issues Arising out of Vaccination
Mr Peter Todd, Partner, Hodge, Jones & Allen LLP
• The importance of vaccination for public health programmes and the growth of the number, frequency and type of vaccines
• Compensation under the UK statutory vaccine injury compensation scheme
• Review of key cases
• Cause of action and limitation issues

H  Vicarious Liability & Non-Delegable Duties in Healthcare
Mr Steven Ford QC, Barrister, 7 Bedford Row
• The extension of vicarious liability beyond employer/employee
• What is left of “the course of employment”?
• Is a hospital’s duty non-delegable?
• No-fault liability in the brave new world of commissioning

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20.10 Mid-Conference Dinner
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Ms Rita Lewis, Chair of Trustees, AvMA

09.35 Plenary Address:
The 2014 Legal Update
Ms Margaret Bowron QC, Barrister, 1 Crown Office Row

10.20 Plenary Address:
Mechanisms, consequences and prevention of brain injury in the critically ill newborn
Professor John Wyatt, Professor of Ethics and Perinatology, University College Hospital, London
- Hypoxia
- Stroke
- Infection
- Hypoglycaemia
- Jaundice
- Birth trauma
- Focal areas of injury including hippocampal damage
- Brain cooling and other preventative measures

11.05 Refreshments

11.30 Parallel Lectures:

M Ambulance Standards of Care
Mr James Petter, Head of Education and Professional Development, South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
- Regulation and standards of paramedics
- The ambulance service clinical workforce and scope of practice
- Ambulance service business and performance standards
- Education and training of paramedics
- Case histories relating to paramedic and ambulance service negligence

N Common Areas of Negligence in Midwifery
Mrs Charlene Francois, Expert Midwife, Born Medical Consultancy Limited
- Reading CTGs
- Use of Syntocin
- Management of difficult presentations
- Obstetric intervention and when it is necessary

O Cost Budgeting, Mitchell & Relief from Sanction
Mr Richard Wilkinson, Barrister, Temple Garden Chambers
- Mitchell – a recap of the facts and issues
- CPR 3.9: The new provisions are of “paramount importance”
- When will relief be granted?
- Mitchell 6 months on - where are we now? [Review of cases conflicting with and following on from Mitchell]
- Completing The Costs Budgeting Form (Form H)
- Preparation for the Cost Budgeting Hearing

P Maxillofacial Surgery: the procedures leading to a claim of clinical negligence
Mr Laurence Newman, Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, The Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead
- Claims arising from dental treatment
• Delay in diagnosis of oral cancers
• Failure to diagnose and treat traumatic injuries to the face

Q  Quantum Legal Update
Mr Richard Follis, Partner, Shoosmiths; & Mr William Latimer-Sayer, Barrister, Cloisters
• Recent case law
• Maximising damages
• Roberts v Johnstone
• Court of protection costs
• Evidence required to prove the claim
• Costs budgeting for quantum

12.40  Lunch

13.40  Plenary Address:
Major Lower Limb Trauma – the medico-legal issues arising
Mr Iain McFadyen, Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon, Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust
• Types of fracture and dislocation affecting the lower limb and the failure to recognise and diagnose
• Problems occurring post treatment: non-union; infection; wrong sized prosthesis; compartment syndrome and deformity
• Negligent and non-negligent surgery

14.25  Plenary Address:
Medico-Legal Issues in Neuro-Intensive Care
Dr Basil Matta, Divisional Director, Emergency and Perioperative Care, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
• Management of traumatic brain injury and referral to specialist centres
• Specialist post-operative care
• Management of ventilation and rising intracranial pressure
• End of life issues
• Brain stem death
• Organ donation

15.10  Chair’s Closing Remarks
Dr Nick Bishop MB BS MRCS DMRD FRCR FRCP is a National Professional Advisor at the Care Quality Commission and was until December 2013, a consultant interventional radiologist in Bristol. He was the first Medical Director of Brighton Healthcare NHS Trust. He helped establish the Brighton & Sussex Medical School and the cardiac surgery service in Brighton. After six years as MD he moved to United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust as Medical Director, coinciding with the start of the Bristol Inquiry into Children’s heart surgery.

In 2003 Nick was appointed Assistant Medical Director to the Commission for Health Improvement, becoming Senior Medical Advisor to the Healthcare Commission in 2004 and Care Quality Commission in 2009.

Nick was on the Board of the British Association of Medical Managers (BAMM) for many years and was elected Chairman from 2005-2007. He is an Associate with the GMC working on inspection of medical schools and a member of the GMC’s Quality Scrutiny Group.

His work in CQC includes assessment of statistical Outliers and clinical advice on strategic issues that encourage improvement. The work of the Outlier Programme led to the investigation and subsequent public inquiry at Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust.

Nick is a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Health Enterprise at City University and Cass Business School, London. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in May 2011.

Margaret Bowron QC has been in practice since 1978 and a silk since 2001. Her practice has for a number of years been substantially concentrated on clinical negligence work involves claims of all types but particularly cases of very high value frequently arising from brain injury sustained at birth and cases involving serious brain injury, tetraplegia and paraplegia. She has very extensive expertise in both complex liability and quantum issues and acts for both claimants and defendants. In the last 2 years Margaret has been instructed in a number of group actions including claims involving gynaecologists in the North West and South West of England. High value personal injury actions remain another important part of her practice. She has experience as a mediator, particularly in high value clinical negligence and personal injury claims and was involved in the successful resolution of a complex group action."

Alfred Cutner was appointed a consultant gynaecologist at University College Hospital in 1997. His main interests are in minimal access surgery and its application to Endometriosis, Urogynaecology and paediatric and adolescent gynaecology. He has published widely in the area, particularly with regards new surgical techniques. He is currently vice chair of the British Society of Urogynaecology. He is a past president of the British society for gynaecological endoscopy. He has a major interest in teaching laparoscopic surgery and has lectured widely both nationally and internationally. He has also demonstrated surgical techniques in several countries and runs many surgical master-classes.
Richard Follis joined the Birmingham office of Shoosmiths in November 2006 from where he now heads their national private client practice. He has undertaken Claimant CN work since 1979 and has specialised in the field since 1989. He previously established the team at Challinors, headed the team at Irwin Mitchell Birmingham and lead the opening of the Alexander Harris Midlands office in Solihull before that niche firm was sold in 2006.

There he headed a team acting for 160 children damaged by hospital misdiagnosis/mistreatment in the Leicester Epilepsy Claims, acting as lead negotiator with the NHSLA representatives on behalf of numerous colleagues as well as negotiating the terms of the “cutting edge” ADR scheme itself as one of two lead solicitors. Since then he has continued to act for Claimants in a wide range of claims arising from a variety of specialties and, by choice, covering almost the entire value range from minor through to birth injury as well as other iatrogenic acquired brain and spinal cord injuries. He has particular experience of secondary victim claims recovering significant damages (£X00k+) in cases rejected by other firms as uneconomic.

In addition he has over 30 years’ experience of dealing with inquests, preparation and advocacy, both with and without a jury. He has advised and represented patients and families on General Medical Council complaints.

Richard is a Past President of Birmingham Law Society.

Steven Ford QC is a leading personal injury and clinical negligence silk, described in Chambers and Partners 2013 as an “excellent advocate” who is “very much a preferred option” (2014). His practice is focused on professional negligence claims involving medical professionals, social workers and teachers. He acts in clinical negligence cases, with a particular focus on claims involving psychiatric damage. He represents local authorities, charities and private social care, religious and educational establishments in claims concerning child abuse, social care and educational negligence, stress at work, bullying and deliberate injury. He has recognised expertise in the law of vicarious liability and limitation.

He appeared in Woodland-v-Essex County Council [2013] UKSC 66, the Supreme Court decision on the circumstances in which a school or hospital trust can delegate to an independent contractor its common law duty to take reasonable care for a pupil or patient.

Charlene Francois has 30 years experience in midwifery, Charlene is instructed as an Expert across the UK. She also undertakes work in the Cayman Islands, Hong Kong and in Coroner’s Court. She works regularly as a jobbing midwife in her local district general hospital, and has worked in small, stand alone midwifery units to tertiary referral hospitals. Charlene has held the post of Director of Midwifery & Gynaecology at St. Georges’ Hospital in London. Charlene has worked as an Expert witness for 18 years, has a great interest in medico-legal work, holds a LL.M and currently runs her own business dealing with medico-legal issues related to maternity care.
**Duncan Irons** MD FRCOG, Senior Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, University Hospital of North Durham, Durham, DH1 5TW  mrirons@icloud.com

Labour ward lead UHND 1998-2006.

Clinical Director 2001-2006, University Hospital Durham.

Medical Adviser for Gynaecology, Nuffield Hospitals, UK, 2007 to date.

Lead Clinician Gynaecology, Alliance Surgical, UK, 2007 to 2013.

**Medico Legal Report Writing Experience:**
Prepare approx 150 reports/year
Claimant defence approx 60:40

**Omar Khan** trained at Cambridge University and undertook his surgical training in the Midlands before completing a PhD in cardiovascular and obesity science. He completed his specialist surgical training in Wessex and has been performing bariatric surgical procedures since 2011, initially at St Georges Hospital and now as a Consultant surgeon at the Whittington Hospital, London. He has published over 140 academic articles and has lectured nationally and internationally on Upper GI and bariatric surgery. He has a particular interest in medicolegal aspects of surgery and, with Marcus Reddy, has set up “Medicolegal Solutions” – a company specialising in producing negligence reports in all aspects of general surgery.

**Michael Kurer** is a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon. He trained in London at University College and at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital as well as undertaking Fellowships in Switzerland and New York.

He was appointed Consultant to North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust in 1994. This is a district general hospital where he deals with all aspects of traumatology and has a particular interest in disorders of the shoulder.

His medico-legal career started at least 30 years ago with Personal Injury work. Over the last 15 years he has also undertaken Clinical Negligence work, again with a particular interest in cases involving the shoulder.

Most of his Personal injury work is either Claimant or Independent Expert instructed; most or his Clinical Negligence work is Claimant instructed.

In his spare time, he cycles and sings in a choir. Having been born in Manchester, he follows the highs (mostly) and lows (recently) of Manchester United Football Club.

**William Latimer-Sayer** specialises in catastrophic personal injury and clinical negligence. He has a special interest in quantum and the majority of his work is related to contested assessment of damages hearings. He is consistently highly-rated by the independent legal directories, being named as one of only two “star” individuals in London for personal injury work by Chambers and Partners and a Band 1 junior by both Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500 for clinical negligence. William was nominated for the Chambers and Partners’ Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence Junior of the Year in 2008, 2009 and 2010, winning in 2008 and 2010. In 2013 he was included in the inaugural edition of Chambers 100 UK Bar which lists the top barristers in the UK across all practice areas.
Rita Lewis is currently Chair of AvMA, and Chair of the British Acupuncture Accreditation Board. She has experience as a non-executive director and Interim Chair of a NHS Primary Care Trust, non-executive director of an NHS Acute Care Trust and Deputy Chair of the Optical Consumer Complaints Service. Her experience includes public appointments as a lay member in the Nursing and Midwifery, Osteopathic and Chiropractic Professional Councils and disciplinary panellist for the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. She has also been a health policy consultant and part-time social and public policy lecturer. With her family she has experience of medical accidents and poor NHS care. In her many years as a Community Health Council member at Local, Regional and National level Chair, is a champion of patient and public involvement in the NHS.

Professor Samuel J Machin, Emeritus Professor of Haematology, University College London. Formally (Retired 2012) he was a Consultant Haematologist, University College London Hospitals (University College Hospital, The Middlesex Hospital, National Hospital for Nervous Diseases). Honorary Consultant Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital. Professor Machin attended Manchester Grammar School and studied at Sheffield University from 1966 – 1971.

Qualifications: MB ChB FRCPath FRCP
GMC: No: 1474190

Professor Machin did regular training from 1973 – 1980 at Manchester Royal Infirmary and the Senior Registrar Scheme at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School. 2 years research experience the Department of Vascular and Haemostasis Research Unit, KU Leuven Belgium.

His primary research interests are in haemostasis and thrombosis and he is Head of the Haemostasis Research Unit in the department of Haematology, University College London with approximately 20 people in the research department. Professor Machin has directly supervised, over the past 15 years, 25 PhD and MD thesesis. He has published more than 400 prime review papers. His main areas of research interest are in vascular and endothelial cell platelet interactions, acquired causes of thrombosis including COC’s and hormone therapy, and, in particular, the pathophysiology and management of the primary anti phospholipid syndrome, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura and thrombotic arterial disease. He coordinate’s the Evaluation Centre at UCLH into automation, coagulometers and blood counters.


He has regularly prepared reports for the Coroner, Plaintiff and the Defendant in Medico-Legal matters since 1988 and has appeared in Court regularly. As well as standard Medico-Legal reports he has also been involved in preparing reports concerning scientific patent applications and their defence and employment law. A list of publications is available on request.
Dr Basil Matta, Consultant in Anaesthesia and Neuro-Critical Care, is the Divisional Director for MSK, Digestive Diseases, Major Trauma and Perioperative Care at Cambridge University Hospitals. He is also an Associate Lecturer at University of Cambridge Clinical School.

He graduated from Trinity College, University of Dublin in 1986 and completed his training in Anaesthesia and Neuro-Critical Care in Leicester, Bristol, Cambridge and Seattle.

He joined Addenbrooke’s in 1994 as a Consultant, and has since made significant improvements to many areas, including the expansion of Adult Critical Care Services, Neuro-Critical Care, theatre modernisation, infection control and established the EoE Major Trauma System.

Basil is active in teaching and research with over 70 peer reviewed publications. His contributions recognised by his peers by his past appointments as President of the International Society of Neurosurgical Anaesthesia and Critical Care, the President of Neuroanaesthesia Society of Great Britain & Ireland, and the Chairmanship of Neurosciences Committee at the European Society of Anesthesiology.

Iain McFadyen has led the development of the Major Trauma Centre in Brighton and the establishment of Trauma Networks in Kent, Surrey and Sussex. He is National Director of Clinical Audit for the UK’s Trauma and Audit Research Network, Co-chairman of the Fracture Guidelines Development at the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), and a member of the NICE trauma executive team. He is on the NHS National Clinical Reference Group for Major Trauma, instructs on national and international orthopaedic trauma courses, and is a lead investigator on national portfolio clinical research trials in trauma. In September 2014 he will move to the University Hospital of North Staffordshire to lead a fulltime trauma and limb reconstruction clinical practice.

Dr Paul McNally MD FRCP qualified from Nottingham Medical School in 1983 and trained in Diabetes & Endocrinology in Leicester and Melbourne, Australia. I was awarded my MD from the University of Leicester in 1991. I have published widely in the area of Diabetes and have contributed to numerous book Chapters and co-authored two books on Diabetes. I was Chair of the national Diabetes UK Professional Conference Organising Committee, Manchester 2013. I continue to be involved in clinical research. I am a Consultant Physician in Diabetes and Endocrinology at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and I was Clinical Director for Medicine in Leicester 2009 to 2013. I am interested in all aspects of diabetes care.

Dr Narbeh Melikian is Consultant Cardiologist and Honorary Senior Lecturer in Cardiology at King’s College Hospital in London. He qualified from the University of London in 1996 with University Honours and trained in London, Belgium and South Africa. He has received multiple academic distinctions throughout his career including the Golding Bird and Treasures Medals, the Foord Caiger Prize in Cardiology, and the prestigious British Cardiac Society John Parker Fellowship. He has a large practice encompassing all aspects of interventional and non-interventional cardiology and regularly sees patients with chest discomfort and cardiovascular risk factors. His particular expertise lies in interventional cardiology and management of myocardial infarction in which he has an international reputation. In 2012 he was invited to join a panel of cardiologists providing cardiac care for the London Olympic Games.
Laurence Newman is a Consultant Maxillofacial / Head & Neck Surgeon at the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead & Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer at Brighton & Sussex Medical School. Prior to this he was a Consultant Surgeon at University College London Hospitals and Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children from 1997 - 2008. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. He was previously Chairman of the Court of Examiners for the Intercollegiate Board Specialist Examination in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons from 2010 - 2013. He is fascinated by medical law and holds an LLM Master in Laws studying the legal aspects of medical practice, graduating from Cardiff University Law School in 2010. He runs The Surgeons Chambers, providing reports in cases of clinical negligence and personal injury. He has been involved in medicolegal cases since 1993 and writes in excess of 100 reports annually.

Richard Partridge has specialised in all aspects of medical law for over 20 years. He originally trained and practiced as a doctor, and has been able to successfully combine his medical knowledge and industry awareness for the benefit of claimants and defendants in a range of proceedings, including several well known cases such as the “MMR” General Medical Council disciplinary case, the Bristol heart doctors case, the Mid Staffs inquiry and a wide range of other health related proceedings including inquests and public inquiries. He is known for his tactical acumen, and highly regarded across the profession for his skills as an advocate.

James Petter has a substantial background in ambulance service and paramedic-related matters with over twenty years’ experience as a paramedic, starting in Bristol and rising through clinical and managerial interests to become a specialist paramedic (Emergency Care Practitioner)with a subsequent move to the then Strategic Health Authority to lead on clinical workforce development. His management interests include education, human resources and strategic workforce development. As well as his ambulance service career, James has been closely involved with the rapid ‘professionalisation’ agenda for paramedics. He is a past Director of Professional Standards for the College of Paramedics and has worked on several national projects, most recently the ongoing project to harmonise UK paramedic education with Health Education England. James’s medico legal interests include working as Fitness to Practice panel member for the Health and Care Professions Council and provision of expert witness opinion and reporting in the field of ambulance service and paramedic matters. Spare time interests include family time, sailing and walking.

Marcus Reddy is Consultant Surgeon at St George's Hospital in London, with a special interest in Bariatric surgery. He also developed the South Thames Bariatric Service which has established itself as the preferred provider for NHS bariatric surgery in the region. Although his NHS and private practice experience spans a range gastrointestinal surgeries, Marcus has a particular interest in laparoscopic gastric banding, sleeve gastrectomy and Roux en Y gastric bypass. He is experienced in revision and salvage bariatric surgery. He is on the committee releasing national data from the National Bariatric Surgery Register that collects surgical activity and complications. Marcus has advised the HM Coroner on bariatrics and provides expert medico-legal opinions on bariatrics.
**Peter Todd** was admitted as a solicitor in 1994 and has been at Hodge Jones & Allen since 1997, becoming a salaried partner in 2000 and an equity partner in 2003, and was one of the 3 founding members of Hodge Jones & Allen LLP in 2009.

His practice areas cover a wide range of civil litigation including personal injury and clinical negligence, inquests, catastrophic/fatal injury claims.

He has particular expertise in brain injury and injury caused by adverse reaction to vaccines & claims relating to defective pharmaceutical products under the Consumer Protection Act 1987.

He is appointed by the Law Society as a Costs Assessor in the Senior Courts & by the Legal Aid Agency as an LAA Independent Funding Adjudicator and also a member of the LAA Special Controls Review Panel.

**Peter Walsh** is Chief Executive of Action against Medical Accidents (‘AvMA’) - the independent charity which promotes better patient safety and provides information, advice and support to people affected by a medical accident. He took up his current position in January 2003. Peter has extensive experience of work on patients’ rights, advocacy and health policy. Before joining AvMA he was Director of the Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales. He had been Chief Officer of the Community Health Council in Croydon where he co-ordinated monitoring of local health services and took part in strategic planning, as well as supporting individuals with complaints about the NHS. Prior to that he worked in the voluntary sector, mainly within Councils for Voluntary Service. This included development work with voluntary and community groups, including work on user involvement, community care planning, and developing advocacy projects for different groups of people. He also has experience of working in the private sector in the advertising and publishing industry. Peter holds a Masters degree in Business Administration (‘MBA’) specialising in health service management from the University of Hull and a BA in English from the University of Leicester.

Other positions held:
- World Health Organisation “Patients for Patient Safety Champion”
- Editorial Advisory Board of *Clinical Risk* journal
- ‘Senior Advisor’ to Don Berwick review of patient safety in the wake of the Mid Staffordshire public inquiry

**Richard Wilkinson** is a long-standing member of Temple Garden Chambers’ cost team, Richard has extensive experience of dealing with all aspects of costs and funding issues. He has been recommended for many years for his work in the costs field by both *Chambers and Partners* and *The Legal 500* as illustrated by the following quotes:-

- “Talented operator” (Chambers & Partners, 2012)
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- “Completely unflappable” and “always sensible and pragmatic when advising in costs matters” (Legal 500, 2011)
- Great knowledge of costs law and is impressive in his drafting, written advices and on his feet in cost assessments (Legal 500, 2010).

During 2013 Richard was involved in costs issues arising from the “Phone Hacking” litigation and appeared on behalf of Andrew Mitchell MP in the *Mitchell v News Group* costs budgeting appeal in the Court of Appeal in November 2013.

Away from his work in the costs field Richard specialises in high value personal injury claims and is a current editor of the Judicial College Guidelines for the Assessment of General Damages in Personal Injury cases. He has experience of large scale litigation arising from his involvement in a number of group litigation claims (including Porton Down) and following his instruction in public inquiries (including Southall and the Joint Rail public inquiries). In 2006 was appointed to the Attorney General’s panel of Special Advocates.

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Tom Williamson graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1984 and trained in ophthalmology in Glasgow, Aberdeen, Cambridge and London. He is a vitreoretinal surgeon at St Thomas Hospital, London and performs all vitreoretinal procedures and cataract surgery. He has 20 years experience in vitreoretinal surgery. His book Vitreoretinal Surgery is the premier text for training in vitreoretinal surgery internationally. He has the largest single surgeon dataset of vitreoretinal procedures (with over 8000 operations) in the UK. He has over 140 publications on clinical topics in vitreoretinal surgery and ophthalmology making him one of the premier opinions in vitreoretinal surgery internationally. In particular he regularly performs investigations to determine ways of maximising success rates and reducing complication rates of this complex surgery and he is in demand as a international lecturer on this subject. Patients attend his practice from all over the world including Europe, USA, China, Middle East, Africa and the Caribbean. In addition he set up and directed the Eyehope charity for 5 years and performs duties for Fight for Sight and the World Sight Foundation, and has had many leadership roles including Ophthalmology Training Program Director in London, and Director of Consultants Eye Surgeons Partnership South

Professor John Wyatt is Emeritus Professor of Neonatal Paediatrics at University College London. He was a senior clinical academic neonatologist at University College London Hospitals from 1988 to 2011. In addition to clinical neonatology, his specialist area of expertise is the mechanisms, consequences and prevention of brain injury in the newborn and young infant. He led an internationally recognised research group at UCL pioneering new approaches to assessing brain injury using magnetic resonance and optical techniques and investigating methods of brain protection and repair. He was actively involved in the development of hypothermia treatment for infants with birth asphyxia and led the first major international clinical trial for cooling treatment in asphyxiated newborns. He retired from hospital practice in January 2011 but continues to be professionally involved in academic, educational and medicolegal activities. He has acted as an expert witness in the causation of brain injury and clinical neonatology in approximately 600 cases, acting on an approximately equal number of occasions for Claimants and Defendants.
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### Clinical Negligence Issues in Neurosurgery & Neurological Disease  
**17 September 2014, De Vere Holborn Bars, London**

Stroke medicine, spinal and cranial surgery and medico-legal issues in neuro-intensive care and neurological rehabilitation will be covered by leading medical experts. Quantum in neurosurgery and neurological disease will also be examined. The programme will be available and booking will open in June.

### Medico-Legal Issues in Orthopaedic Surgery  
**2 October 2014, Marriott Hotel, Leeds**

This essential one day conference brings together leading experts in the field of orthopaedics and gives you an in-depth insight into the conditions relevant to your caseload. Topics include upper limb surgery focusing on the shoulder, hand and wrist surgery, spinal, foot and ankle surgery, knee surgery as well as joint replacement of the hip and knee. Types of injury and fracture will be looked at within each area as well as highlighting where negligence may occur within each condition. This popular conference is not to be missed and is ideal for solicitors and barristers with a limited or intermediate knowledge of orthopaedics who wish to expand and update their expertise in this area. Booking now open.

### Medico-Legal Issues in Obstetric & Neonatal Care  
**9 October 2014, Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Dublin**

This popular AvMA conference is coming to Dublin for the first time. Leading experts will cover screening for fetal abnormality and examine how best to manage medical problems in pregnancy and labour, and issues in neonatal care and neurological birth injuries. Causation issues in obstetric and neonatal care will also be discussed, in what will be a key event to assist your caseload. The programme will be available and booking will open in July.

### Best Practice in Quantum  
**23 October 2014, Manchester Conference Centre; 5 November 2014, Central London**

This conference, which will be held both in Manchester and London, will cover all the key issues in quantum that you need to know. The programme will be available and booking will open in July.

### AvMA Specialist Clinical Negligence Panel Meeting & Christmas Drinks Reception  
**4 December 2014, De Vere Holborn Bars, London**

The annual meeting for AvMA Specialist Clinical Negligence Panel members provides the opportunity to meet, network and discuss the latest key developments and issues facing clinical negligence law. This year’s meeting will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 4th December - registration and a networking lunch will commence at 12.30, with the meeting starting at 13.30 and closing at 17.30. The programme will be available and booking will open in September.

### AvMA’s Christmas Drinks Reception, which is also open to non-panel members, will take place immediately after the meeting, also at De Vere Holborn Bars. The event provides an excellent opportunity to catch up with friends, contacts and colleagues for some festive cheer!

### Clinical Negligence: Law Practice & Procedure  
**29 – 30 January 2015, Birmingham**

This is the course for those who are new to the specialist field of clinical negligence. The event is especially suitable for trainee and newly qualified solicitors, paralegals, legal
executives and medico-legal advisors, and will provide the fundamental knowledge necessary to develop a career in clinical negligence. Expert speakers with a wealth of experience will cover all stages of the investigative and litigation process relating to clinical negligence claims from the claimants’ perspective. Places are limited to ensure a focused working group. The programme will be available and booking will open in October.

Complications in Pregnancy
11 March 2015, Marriott Royal Hotel, Bristol
Infection, genetic disorders, maternal health, cardiomyopathy, miscarriage, rhesus disease, obesity, multiple births, maternal age, fertility treatments and liver disease are among the topics to feature in this essential AvMA conference. The programme will be available and booking will open in December.

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### Blood Pressure - Implications and Outcomes
**On demand webinar**  
**When:** available from 10 June 2014  
Blood pressure is an important clinical measurement. In the community, high blood pressure is the main cause of concern; however, in hospitalised patients low blood pressure can indicate serious complications. This session will give solicitors involved in medico-legal cases an understanding of what is blood pressure and why it is important to control it.

**Presented by:** Dr Duncan Dymond, Consultant Cardiologist, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London  
**Location:** Your desk  
**CPD points:** 1 hour Bar Council & APIL

### Medico-legal Issues in Laser Eye Surgery
**On demand webinar**  
**When:** available now until February 2015  
Understand the issues surrounding Laser Eye surgery. This session will cover the types of laser surgery, contra-indications to treatment, consent issues, vision threatening complications and negligent and non-negligent treatment.

**Presented by:** Mr Damian Lake, Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead  
**Location:** Your desk  
**CPD points:** 1 hour SRA, Bar Council & APIL

### Medico-legal Issues in Maxillofacial Injuries
**On demand webinar**  
**When:** available now until February 2015  
This webinar will give solicitors involved in medico legal cases an understanding of the concerns in relation to maxillofacial surgery. This session will discuss nasal, check bone and orbital fractures and the failure to diagnose and treat appropriately as well as missed or delayed diagnosis of maxillofacial cancers.

**Presented by:** Mr Laurence Newman, Consultant Maxillofacial Surgeon, Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead  
**Location:** Your desk  
**CPD points:** 1 hour Bar Council & APIL

### Medico-legal Issues in Anaesthesia
**On demand webinar**  
**When:** available now until February 2015  
This webinar will discuss the issues surrounding the care of patients under anaesthesia and will cover pre-op checks, consent issues, anaesthetic awareness, patient monitoring and post-operative care.

**Presented by:** Dr David Levy, Consultant Anaesthetist, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust  
**Location:** Your desk  
**CPD points:** 1 hour Bar Council & APIL

### Understanding Biochemistry Test Results
**On demand webinar**  
**When:** available from 20 February 2015  
This webinar will give solicitors involved in medico-legal cases an understanding of how biochemical test results are used to monitor patients’ vital functions and how failure to request/monitor may impact on the patient.
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**Inquest-Post Mortem**

*On demand webinar*  
*When: available now until March 2015*

In July 2013 New Coroners Rules and Regulations came into force. Some of the issues affecting Inquests into death following medical treatment arise from changes related to post-mortem examinations, what is considered “natural death” and how this will affect further investigation. Watch this webinar to get some practical guidance on how to deal with the issue of post mortem examination, when to request post-mortem imaging and how to fund it and what is considered “natural death”.

**Presented by:** Professor Peter Vanezis, Professor of Forensic Medical Sciences; & Dr Peter Ellis, Barrister, 7 Bedford Row & Assistant Coroner, West London Coroners Court

**Location:** Your desk  
**CPD points:** 1 hour Bar Council & APIL

| Hospital Acquired Infections - the current state of play  
| On demand webinar  
| *When: available now until May 2015*  
| This webinar will update solicitors on medico-legal challenges around hospital acquired infections. During the session you will hear about the common hospital acquired infections, pre-hospital admission monitoring, hospital infection policies/infection control meeting, new generation of antibiotics and issues surrounding delay in treatment. |

**Presented by:** Dr Peter Wilson, Consultant Microbiologist, University College Hospital

**Location:** Your desk  
**CPD points:** 1 hour Bar Council & APIL

| Understanding the Issue of Consent in Clinical Negligence  
| On demand webinar  
| *When: available now until July 2014*  
| Presented by: Joel Donovan QC, Barrister, Cloisters  
| CPD points: 1 hour Bar Council & 1 hour 30 min APIL |

| Pressure Sores – A nursing perspective  
| On demand webinar  
| *When: available now until July 2014*  
| Presented by: Cathie Bree-Aslan, Tissue Viability Nurse & Expert Witness, Wound Healing Centres  
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For more details go to the Run Bristol 10K home page http://www.runbristol.com/10K/5/Home.aspx

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