

CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr Emily Clapham MBBCh DIPPALMED MRCGP

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GP Medico Legal Expert Witness

Associate GP Partner | Macmillan GP | Medical Educator



I am a General Practitioner working in South Devon with a practice list size of 27,000 patients. I qualified as a GP in 2012 and have worked as a locum, out of hours, salaried GP and GP Partner gaining a breadth of experience and knowledge of different approaches by colleagues and teams.

I have a Diploma of Palliative Medicine (Cardiff University, 2012). Since 2015, I have been a Macmillan GP for Devon, a strategic and educational role in cancer and palliative care focusing on quality improvement. This involves teaching, significant event analysis, audit, development of cancer referral pathways and Devon-wide guidance and policy. I chair the Torbay and South Devon End of Life Board, sitting on this for ten years with responsibility for significant event investigations and learning outcomes.

I educate on topics including early diagnosis of cancer, long-term consequences of cancer, advanced communication skills and compassionate end of life support. As a GP I train students, foundation doctors and GP Registrars in evidence-based General Practice using local and national guidance. I am a member of the Primary Care Women's Health Forum.

I have regular report writing experience for the DVLA, Department of Work and Pensions, Insurers, Occupational Health, Coroners and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority. My career has suited my curious and analytical approach to clinical situations. These are highly transferable skills to medicolegal work.

MEDICOLEGAL EXPERTISE

All aspects of medico-legal work are undertaken accepting instructions from claimant and defendant solicitors. I comply with the Civil Procedure Rules for Expert Witnesses and have undergone training in the principles of the Test cases of Bolam (Eng and Wal) modified by Bolitho, Bailey (Eng), Hunter (Scot) and Montgomery.

I am a member of Inspire Medilaw and registered on their directory. I have completed Inspire Medilaw's Expert Witness Training which is accredited by the Royal Society of Medicine including:

- Expert evidence
- Report writing
- The process of a claim
- Medico-legal data protection
- GMC workshop on 'Acting as a witness in legal proceedings'
- Breach of duty, causation, condition and prognosis, medical advice and consent
- Using evidence in giving evidence
- Understanding the language lawyers use
- Expert Witness meetings – discussion of experts, joint meetings and conference with Counsel
- Costs
- Court room skills

I am in the process of studying for a certificate in expert witness training from Strathclyde University. I received very positive feedback from my report writing and cross examination sessions. I am registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ZB685204) and comply with responsibilities under the DPA 2018 and GDPR.

QUALIFICATIONS

2006	MBBCh	Batchelor of Medicine, Batchelor of Surgery, Cardiff University
2011	DIPPALMED	Postgraduate Diploma of Palliative Medicine, Cardiff University
2012	MRCGP	Membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners
2022		Confidence in the Menopause, Newson Health
2024		Expert Witness Training, Inspire Medilaw

CURRENT ROLES

2024 - present	GP Medico Legal Expert Witness
2024 - present	Director at General Medico Legal Services
2020 - present	Associate GP Partner Pembroke Medical Group
2015 - present	Macmillan GP Facilitator Devon Integrated Care Board
2022 - present	Rowcroft Hospice Dementia Expert Advisory Group Member
2015 - present	Torbay and South Devon End of Life Board Chair
2020 - present	NHS Devon End of Life Steering Group Member

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

2016-2020	Salaried GP, Kingskerswell and Ipplepen Medical Centre
2015-2016	GP Partner, Barton Surgery, Torquay
2013-2015	Salaried GP, Barton Surgery, Torquay
2012-2013	GP Locum Cardiff, Hospice of the Valleys, South Devon, Devon Doctors Out of Hours
2006-2012	Training posts GP VTS Training Cardiff, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Australia
2003-2004	Vice President University of Wales College of Medicine Students' Union

INDEMNITY

I am fully insured with the MDDUS for my work as an expert witness.