



SURGEONS in DIFFICULTY



Date: Thursday 21 March 2019
Venue: RCSEd, 85-89 Colmore Row,
Birmingham, B3 2BB

Surgeons in Difficulty

The recently formed Confederation of British Surgery together with the Federation of Surgical Specialty Associations are hosting a day meeting entitled "Surgeons in Difficulty" on March 21st 2019.

Surgeons today work in a litigious environment and may be subject to investigation from a number of different sources. These include their employer (usually a Trust) the regulator (the GMC) or as a result of complaints arising from allegations of medical negligence (the civil courts).

Whatever their origin, complaints cause considerable stress and anxiety.

The aims of this meeting are:

- ✓ **To provide a background to medicolegal issues in the UK**
- ✓ **To explain the various processes involved in dealing with complaints**
- ✓ **To advise on the optimal means of avoiding conflicts**
- ✓ **To advise on how best to protect yourself**
- ✓ **To understand what is required of an expert witness**

Surgeons are often asked to be expert witnesses and recent experience has shown that it is essential that the clinician writing reports understands both the law and the requirements of the courts. This course will provide an overview of those elements as well as providing some insight into the challenges facing a surgeon in difficulty.

We have put together a programme in which we are fortunate to have a number of experienced and entertaining speakers. There will be opportunities during the day to mix with speakers and colleagues for mutual benefit.

The provisional programme is shown overleaf:

1000-1030 1030	Registration and Coffee Introduction and welcome Professor John MacFie, Past President of FSSA and Inaugural President of CBS
<i>Session 1 – A bit of background....</i>	
1040	Medico legal aspects of practice Professor Keith Syrett, Professor of Health Law and Policy, University of Bristol
1100	Medical Manslaughter: what you need to know Professor Pete Sagar, Colorectal Specialist who acted as an expert witness for the defence in the <i>Sellu</i> case
1120	NHS Resolution: role, remit and responsibility Mr Stephen Preece, NCAS
1145	Panel discussion
1230-1330	Lunch and networking
<i>Session 2 – Dealing with the Accusers</i>	
1400	The Trust Mr Paul McAndrew, Deputy Medical Director and Responsible Officer
1420	The GMC John Smyth, GMC Assistant Director - Case Examiner Team
1440	Coroners Court Mr Mark Lucraft QC, Chief Coroner of England & Wales
1500	The Civil Claim Ms Clare McNaught, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon and Council Member of RCSEd
1520	Panel discussion
1540-1600	Coffee/Tea
<i>Session 3 – Some things worth knowing</i>	
1600	Medical Indemnity: reducing your risk Mr Nigel Mercer, Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, President of the FSSA
1615	Report Writing: what the barrister wants to know Mr Nicholas Peacock, Barrister
1630	Panel discussion
1700	Drinks & Canapes
1730	Close



The venue is in the RCSEd offices in Colmore St, Birmingham. This facility was opened in 2014 and offers state of the art office space and facilities for events and courses. It is very conveniently situated close to both major road and rail networks.

Registration:

The registration fee for the day is £125 (£100 for members CBS).

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