

### **Medical report writing – Terms and Conditions**

- I will only write reports relating to my area of specialist expertise. This expertise is in all conditions and injuries involving the elbow, forearm, wrist and hand.
- I aim to produce reports of high quality based on the Expert Witness Institute Model Report Format.
- I aim to see patients within two weeks of receiving instructions from a solicitor or insurance company.
- I would normally return the completed report within two weeks of the medical consultation.
- I will need to see all medical records, please. Most companies obtain medical notes directly and forward copies of the relevant sections for my information. Other companies send their own, or my, form of authority with their instruction letter and I apply for the medical records on their behalf.
- For cases involving Work Related Upper Limb Disorders I will need a DVD showing the tasks the patient carries out at work (or I can make a work place visit) and whether other personnel performing the same tasks have any similar complaints.
- My fees are based on the length of time necessary for the examination, the time taken to examine the medical evidence prior to the examination, my expert opinion and the time required writing and checking the report.

Type of Report	Average Fee
Injury as a result of an accident with photographs as appropriate	£300.00
Alleged Repetitive Strain Injury or Work Related Upper Limb Disorder	£400.00 - £600.00
Alleged medical negligence	£1000.00
Those based on medical notes <i>without examination</i>	£200.00
Letters on medical notes, videos and additional correspondence	See hourly rate

- Please note my fees are not inclusive of any fee from a hospital or GP in relation to obtaining medical notes or X-rays. These invoices are forwarded to the Solicitor or Insurance Company for direct payment.
- Please note I increase my fees on 4th April each year. The prices apply when the report was instructed.
- My hourly rate is £150.00. To date I do not charge VAT on medico-legal reports.
- Missed appointments will be charged as for a half hour consultation.
- My current court fees are £1500.00 per day or part thereof excluding expenses e.g. travel and/or accommodation. Cases cancelled within 1 week are charged at 1 day's fee per day booked.
- The instructing party will be sent an invoice once their client has been examined and the report completed. The report will be sent to the instructing party only after payment has been received.

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