

Medicolegal Curriculum Vitae

Mr C Dawson MS FRCS LLDip
Consultant Urological Surgeon and Medicolegal
Expert Witness

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Consultant Urologist at the Fitzwilliam Hospital, Peterborough, with more than 30 years' experience in urology.

I left NHS practice in August 2021 to concentrate on private clinical and medicolegal work.

I have undertaken medicolegal reporting since 2004 and have completed more than 2,000 reports, averaging approximately 150 new instructions annually over the past five years.

I accept Claimant and Defendant instructions in clinical-negligence and personal-injury matters, including liability and causation, condition and prognosis, and preliminary screening reports.

I completed the Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate in 2006 and a Graduate Diploma in Law in 2008. I have given oral evidence on six occasions, including appearances in court and before GMC tribunals.

Current report turnaround is approximately 12 weeks. Face-to-face and secure video consultations are available where appropriate.

Medicolegal Training and Experience

I work through my company, Chris Dawson Ltd.

I completed the Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate in 2006 and a Graduate Diploma in Law at the College of Law in 2008. I have been engaged in writing medicolegal reports since 2004, and since that time I have accumulated an extensive medicolegal practice.

I am regularly asked to provide Fitness to Practice reports by the General Medical Council. I am happy to provide screening reports (where a CPR Part 35 declaration is not required) for a fixed fee, and I always provide a fee estimate on longer reports in advance of work being commenced. Currently I have written more than 2000 reports, with approximately 150 new instructions a year. I receive instructions from both Claimant and Defendant solicitors, with the current mix being approximately 60% Claimant and 40% Defendant.

My current turnaround time for reports is approximately 12 weeks, and consultations with clients are normally available within 2-3 weeks where required.

I have given oral evidence on six occasions, including appearances in Court and before GMC Tribunals.

I have written reports on all areas of Urology within my expertise (see below), including causation and condition and prognosis reports on Claimants with Cauda Equina Syndrome. I am happy to receive instructions for liability and causation reports, condition and prognosis, and personal injury matters.

I keep up to date with medicolegal developments. I am aware of the requirements of Part 35 and Practice Direction 35, the Protocol for the Instruction of Experts to Give Evidence in Civil Claims and the practice direction on pre-action conduct. I have obtained the Bond Solon Civil Procedure Rules Expert Witness Certificate to evidence my understanding and compliance of those requirements.

Professional Details

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Degrees and Qualifications

BSc Immunology (Upper 2nd) University College, London	1983
MBBS University College Hospital	1986
Fellowship of Royal College of Surgeons (England)	1990
Master of Surgery (London)	1996
Cardiff University Bond Solon Certificate	2006
Graduate Diploma in Law , College of Law	2008
Bond Solon – Civil Procedure Rules for Expert Witnesses	2012

Current Posts

**Consultant Urologist
Fitzwilliam Hospital
Milton Way
South Bretton
Peterborough
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December 1996 to date

Previous Posts

**NHS Consultant Urologist
Peterborough**

December 1996 to 31st August 2021

I was appointed a Consultant Urologist in December 1996 following four years of specialist urological training.

I was Urology Lead Clinician for the department of Urology in Peterborough from June 2001 to April 2016 and resumed this role in November 2019. I was also Cancer Lead for the Urology Department until March 2018.

I was Audit and Clinical Governance Lead for the Urology Department from April 2018 to March 2020.

My main academic interest is the diagnosis and management of prostate cancer.

I was responsible for the development of the Radical Prostatectomy Service in Peterborough until national organisation of cancer services resulted in the relocation of these operations to the Network Cancer Centre.

I have expertise in the following Urological conditions and complaints;

Clinical Expertise

- Prostate cancer, including PSA interpretation, investigation, diagnosis, treatment and treatment-related complications
- Renal and Ureteric stones. I have previous experience in ESWL for renal stones and my research thesis (MS) was on the fragility of renal stones.
- Scrotal conditions including testicular torsion, hydrocele and epididymal pathology
- Bladder dysfunction and retention
- Benign Prostate Conditions
- Vasectomy and Vasectomy Reversal
- Malignant disease (cancer) of the Bladder and Kidney
- Erectile dysfunction
- Haematuria
- Urinary infection
- Lower urinary tract symptoms

Common Medicolegal Issues

- Delayed cancer diagnosis
- Consent
- Complications of surgery
- Ureteric injury
- Testicular torsion and delayed or missed diagnosis of torsion
- Urological consequences of cauda equina syndrome and neurological injury

Academic Research

I have authored 54 papers and book chapters. A complete publication list is available on request.

I was the lead author for the ABC of Urology series, which is now in its third edition. I also co-edited *The Evidence for Urology*, which won first prize in the Urology section of the 2005 BMA Medical Book Competition.

Books

- **Dawson C**, Muir G (Eds). *The Evidence for Urology*. Tfm Publishing, 2005
- **Dawson C**, Nethercliffe JM. *The ABC of Urology* 3rd edition. Wiley-Blackwell, April 2012

I have also written articles for other organisations:

- Articles for NICE Clinical Knowledge Summaries
- Net Doctor
- BMJ Urology Action Sets
- BMJ Learning

Membership of Urological Organisations

Clinical memberships

- The British Association of Urological Surgeons
- The European Association of Urology
- The Royal Society of Medicine

Medicolegal bodies

- Action Against Medical Accidents
- The Law Society
- The Expert Witness Institute (Member 10001288) – Member since 19th November 2021