

Talk on

Who is the Medical Expert Witness? The Function of a Medical Expert Witness

1 Nov 2011 (Tuesday) | 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Bar Council Auditorium (1st Floor), No 15 Leboh Pasar Besar, 50050 Kuala Lumpur

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Delivering a basic standard of good medical practice, bearing in mind what is best for the patient, should be the objective of the medical profession. Today, with the growing focus and emphasis on human rights, patients are becoming more aware of their right to such healthcare.

When things go wrong, allegations of medical negligence tend to rise. As patients and their relatives have become more aware of their rights, complaints by the public to the Malaysian Medical Council ("MMC") and/or civil suits filed against the medical profession are increasing. Thus, a medical expert witness is often required to attend legal proceedings in courts.

This talk will discuss the confusion faced by courts on the following topics:

- (1) Who is the medical expert witness?;
- (2) The role and function of a medical expert witness; and
- (3) The difference between:
 - ◆ a medical expert witness involved in the management of the case presenting a factual report; and
 - ◆ a medical expert witness uninvolved in case management giving an opinion on the management of the case.

The talk will feature Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr Alex Delilkan (FRCA (England), FFARACS (England), FANZCA (Australia/New Zealand), FFARACS (Australia), FAMM (Malaysia), MBBS (Singapore)). His profile is as follows:

- (1) Emeritus Professor, Anaesthesiology & Critical Care, University of Malaya ("UM"), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2004)
- (2) President, Medico-Legal Society Malaysia (2001–2004)
- (3) Chair Professor, Anaesthesiology & Intensive Care, UM, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (1978–2001)
- (4) Founder President, Malaysian Association for the Study of Pain, Malaysian Chapter, and International Association for the Study of Pain
- (5) Member, Ethical Committee, MMC
- (6) Member, Main Council, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia
- (7) Has submitted expert medical opinion (critical care problems) to courts in Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Australia (1975 to date)

Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr Alex Delilkan is the author of *The Critical Care Team, Caring for the Unconscious* (2002), *Medical Dilemmas in the Evolution of Critical Care* (2009) and *CRITICAL CARE, Caring for the Unconscious – Medical Ethics-based Teaching*. He has also published numerous articles in various medical journals and publications.

He is currently Clinical Teaching Professor (Anaesthesiology, Critical Care, Medical Ethics) at International Medical University, Universiti Teknologi MARA, UM Medical Centre and MAHSA University College.

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