



Medico-Legal Issues in Amputation Claims

Thursday 21st September 2017 – The Halle Suite at the Radisson Edwardian, Manchester
Registration 13:00 prompt start at 14:00

Speakers: **Professor Saleh, Professor Kulkarni, Peter McTigue, Gary McKeown, Michael Lemmy and Matthew Snarr**

CPD Accreditation: 3 hours¹ - All profit from this event will be donated to the Limbless Association.

Amputation injuries caused as a result of traumatic accidents give rise to both subtle and complex medico-legal issues. In collaboration with the Limbless Association, 9 St John Street is providing a half day seminar to furnish an audience with in-depth understanding and analysis of particular issues which are germane to amputation injuries.

The aim of the seminar is as follows:-

- (i) To gain an in-depth understanding of the orthopaedic and neurological issues which arise in lower limb amputations, the potential benefits of revision re: surgery and particular considerations for lawyers.
- (ii) To explain the role of the consultant in rehabilitation medicine, what their practical function is in a treatment context, recent advances in amputee rehabilitation and the views of such a consultant regarding common issues arising in amputation litigation.
- (iii) To furnish an increased awareness of the Limbless Association, its role and potential benefits to persons who have suffered traumatic amputations.
- (iv) To gain an insight into a former Claimant in the litigation process and now a champion for touch bionics as to the litigation experience, the benefit of receipt of full compensation and his involvement in technological advancements in upper limb prosthesis.
- (v) Legal issues arising as regard to the quantification of amputation injuries including accommodation claims, arguments over multiple prosthesis, the increasing costs of prosthesis and strategic collaboration from both sides of the litigation fence.

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Speaker Biographies



Professor Michael Saleh



Professor Kulkarni



Peter McTigue



Gary McKeown



Matthew Snarr



Michael Lemmy

Professor Michael Saleh MBChB, MSc (bioeng), FRCS, FRCSE

The author trained under Professor George Murdoch and Michael Turner in the Dundee Limb Fitting Centre. He received rehabilitation training from Dr Ian Troup and David Condie (bioengineer). He went on to write a thesis on prosthetic alignment using gait analysis and received the Syme's Gold Medal at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He ran a regional amputation clinic in Sheffield with Dr Nirula and Dipak Datta between 1987 and 2003. He has an amputee surgical practice and works closely with prosthetists doing a regular combine clinic. As a result of his expertise in limb deformity correction he is able to assess and advise on corrective treatments for the residuum and contralateral limb to optimize the client's gait and function.

Professor Kulkarni

Prof Kulkarni is accredited in UK and Europe as a Rehabilitation Medicine Physician. His clinical work for the last 25 years has been focussed on the rehabilitation of people with amputations and people with severe disabilities following acquired injuries. His clinical practice involves assessment of disability, determination of multidisciplinary therapy/prosthetic requirements and overview of rehabilitation programme.

Peter McTigue

Peter McTigue had an amputation of his right leg below the knee in June 2011. Shortly after, he became a Volunteer Visitor for the Limbless Association. Volunteer Visitors are Limbless Association members who are willing to share their experience of limb-loss with anyone who has had, or is about to have an amputation. Peter offers practical information to others based on his personal experience and knowledge.

Gary McKeown

After an accident at work in 2009, Gary spent 2 years undergoing multiple surgeries in an attempt to restore function to his left hand. Despite these attempts Gary experienced no significant improvement and therefore elected to have an amputation of his remaining fingers.

Gary was first fitted with a prosthesis normally designed for individuals with a higher level of absence, which resulted in a prosthesis which was longer than his arm making it difficult to control and use in daily activities. Gary decided to explore newer partial hand technology options and presented as an ideal candidate for an i-limb digits myoelectric hand prosthesis. The prosthesis fits snugly around his hand and allows him to utilize a wide range of features, enabling the most appropriate grips for a variety of tasks. With the open palm feature Gary is able to maintain feeling and sensation while holding different objects in his hand.

Matthew Snarr

Matthew is a trial lawyer. His instructions are predominately characterised by contentious high value proceedings involving significant disputes of fact or complex opposing expert evidence. Particular expertise includes traumatic brain injuries, amputations, fatal accidents and chronic pain. Matthew is regularly instructed in claims exceeding £1 million.

Michael Lemmy

Michael is experienced in the full spectrum of catastrophic injury claims, including spinal injury, brain injury, amputation, chronic pain and psychiatric injury, both in the County Court and the High Court. He is regularly instructed to represent clients at trial where there are complex legal and factual issues in a substantial value claim.

REGISTRATION - There is a £65.00 fee for attending this seminar. All profit from the seminar is donated to the Limbless Association Charity. For further details regarding the Limbless Association please visit www.limbless-association.org

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