



# Exchange Chambers Clinical Negligence Seminar *Brain Injury Claims*

Chaired by *Amanda Yip QC*

15th March 2012 – MacDonal Hotel, Manchester (next to Picadilly Station)

Aimed at specialist clinical negligence practitioners and featuring medical and legal experts, this seminar will examine the cause and consequences of brain injury.

At a time when the cost of clinical negligence claims is very topical, a leading doctor will discuss how his medico-legal work led to research and guidelines aimed at reducing the impact of brain infection and the associated human and financial cost.

9.00 – 9.30	Coffee & Registration	12.15 – 1.00	<b>Professor Malcolm Chiswick- Consultant Paediatrician and Professor of Child Health</b> Birth Complications, Brain Damage and Disability • Birth asphyxia and birth trauma • Pitfalls in the use of criteria for establishing causation (acidic blood samples; depressed vital signs; scans and patterns of disability) • Negligence in neonatal intensive care
9.30 – 9.45	<b>Introduction and Welcome from chair – Amanda Yip QC</b>	1.00 – 1.45	Lunch
9.45 – 10.30	<b>Professor Tom Solomon-Consultant neurologist and Head of the Brain Infections Group at Liverpool University</b> Bugs in the Brain: a Medico-Legal Odyssey Professor Solomon will talk about how rare but devastating medical conditions are dealt with, what can be done to minimise the risk and how his work as an expert in clinical negligence claims led to new national guidelines and a major research programme aimed at reducing the impact of brain infections in the UK.	1.45 – 2.30	<b>Dr. Deborah Annesley-Williams – Consultant Neuroradiologist</b> Causation Issues in relation to Brain Injury caused by Medical Negligence Case studies involving intracranial mass lesions – tumours, infarcts and haematoma.
10.30 – 11.15	<b>Dr. Ken Power - Consultant in Anaesthesia &amp; Intensive Care</b> Clinical Negligence in Anaesthesia and Critical Care This talk will focus on scenarios giving rise to cerebral injury. • Intra-operative hypotension and stroke • Airway problems • Management and recognition of circulatory collapse and shock • Refractory epilepsy • Iatrogenic (air embolism and central venous catheters)	2.30 – 3.00	<b>Amanda Yip QC - Exchange Chambers</b> Quantum Update A short update on quantum issues with particular reference to the judgment of Swift J in <i>Whiten v St George's Healthcare NHS Trust</i> . Managing quantum at the interim payment stage.
11.15 – 11.45	Coffee	3.00 – 3.15	Coffee
11.45 – 12.15	<b>Louis Browne - Exchange Chambers</b> Causation in Brain Injury Cases Is causation made out where susceptibility to brain damage is increased by an underlying but unidentified cause? A modified 'but for' test.	3.15 – 3.45	<b>Juliet Weston- Paediatric Physiotherapist</b> Physiotherapy for Cerebral Palsy Therapeutic aims; the evidence supporting the use of physiotherapy in Cerebral Palsy; NHS baseline versus optimum private provision; and the value of hydrotherapy and aquatic therapy.
		3.45 – 4.15	<b>Mathieu Culverhouse – Irwin Mitchell Solicitors</b> Welfare and Clinical Negligence Claims The public lawyer's perspective on issues which may arise during damages claims – mental capacity, welfare and treatment – with case studies and practical tips
		4.15 – 4.30	<b>Conclusion Questions and Close</b>

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