



2ND ANNUAL AMA QUEENSLAND

MEDICO-LEGAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER | PRESENTED BY AMA QUEENSLAND ETHICS AND MEDICO-LEGAL COMMITTEE

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The AMA Queensland 2nd Annual Medico-Legal Conference has been designed and developed in conjunction with the AMA Queensland Ethics & Medico-Legal Committee and the AMA Queensland Council of General Practice.

The program will equip delegates with:

- ▶ A timely understanding of the new health complaints management process in Queensland as presented by new Health Ombudsman, Leon Atkinson- MacEwen
- ▶ A greater awareness of Recent Child Protection changes and implementation of Carmody Reforms relevant for medical practitioners as presented by Mr Steven Armitage, Commissioner for Children and Young People
- ▶ The latest medico-legal case digest with an update on recent advertising guideline changes as discussed by TressCox Partners Rachel Drew and Katharine Philp
- ▶ An understanding on the recent changes to the Mental Health Act, as outlined by Dr Bill Kingswell, Executive Director, Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch, Queensland Health
- ▶ An exploration of end of life care issues including expert insight from the Clinical Senate, General Practitioner, Emergency Department Doctor, Clinical Ethicist, Palliative Care Doctor and Lawyer perspectives
- ▶ The key privacy legislation changes relevant for practice
- ▶ Knowledge on the key risks in private practice and how these can be minimised through correct procedures, protocols and insurance.

LOCATION

Law Society Auditorium, Level 2, 179 Ann Street, Brisbane

REGISTRATION PRICE (inc GST)

\$155 Doctor in Training Rate (Years 1 – 5)

\$255 Member Early-Bird Rate
Available until Friday 19 September

\$305 Member Standard Rate

\$605 Non-Member Rate

RACGP ACCREDITATION

RACGP Accreditation for an Active Learning Module (Category 1, 40 points) has been applied for. Upon approval by RACGP, GP delegates will be advised of points available and further details including pre-disposing and reinforcing activities. For any enquiries about accreditation in the meantime, please email Holly Bretherton, General Manager, Member Relations h.bretherton@amaq.com.au

SOLICITORS AND BARRISTERS CPD POINTS

Solicitors can claim one point per hour for attending this conference, as long as the content is relevant to your area of practice and level of expertise (please contact the Queensland Law Society for further information on Solicitors' CPD). Barristers please note that CPD points have been approved by the Bar Association of Queensland as follows:

- ▶ Code: AMLC14
- ▶ Strand: Non-allocated
- ▶ Points: 1 CPD point per hour of attendance



PROGRAM

9.00am - 9.10am **Welcome remarks and introduction by the Chair**
Katharine Philp *Partner, TressCox Lawyers*

9.10am - 9.50am **Role and future directions for the Office of the Health Ombudsman**

Mr Leon Atkinson-MacEwen, Health Ombudsman, will present on the establishment of the new Office of the Health Ombudsman and changing expectations around quality health service delivery and dealing with health service complaints. The Health Ombudsman is determined to create an office that is the driver of a transparent, accountable and fair system for effectively and expeditiously dealing with complaints and other matters related to the provision of healthcare in Queensland. Mr Atkinson-MacEwen was most recently the Tasmanian Ombudsman and Health Complaints Commissioner, and Energy Ombudsman.

Mr Leon Atkinson-MacEwen *Health Ombudsman, Office of the Health Ombudsman*

9.50am - 10.30am **The recent Australian Privacy Principle changes and implications for medical practices**

With the introduction of the new Australian Privacy Principles, this session will explain your obligations in managing information, patient rights and your legal obligations.

Luke Donaldson *Workplace Relations Advisor, AMA Queensland*

10.30am - 11.00am **MORNING TEA**

11.00am - 12.00pm **Medico-legal case digest – Workplace Relations Focus**

This two-part session will focus on recent case studies in workplace relations (including new bullying legislation and stress claims case studies) and will also provide a timely update on recent advertising guideline changes and important implications for all practitioners.

Rachel Drew *Partner, TressCox*
Katharine Philp *Partner, TressCox*

12.00pm - 12.30pm **Risk Management in Practice**

This session will explore common and emerging medical and business risks in medical practice and how to mitigate and manage these risks through the right insurance program. Chris will outline:

- ▶ Fundamentals of risk management
- ▶ Medico-legal cases in the media, what went wrong and how to protect yourself from similar events
- ▶ Risk management tips and insurance traps, including an overview of the insurances the 'average' private practice should hold to protect their assets and liabilities
- ▶ A review of the recent privacy changes and case studies

Chris Mariani *Consultant, AMA Queensland Insurance Solutions*

12.30pm - 1.30pm **LUNCH**

1.30pm - 2.00pm **A new way forward for Queensland's Child Protection System**

In the last decade Queensland has seen the numbers of children entering the child protection system triple. It's not in anyone's best interests to allow this to continue. The Child Protection Commission of Inquiry was established to review Queensland's child protection system and deliver a ten year roadmap to

provide the best possible services to support families and protect children. Steve will discuss the:

- ▶ The Carmody Inquiry findings
- ▶ The role of the Family and Child Commission, and
- ▶ Child protection reforms relevant to medical practitioners.

Steve Armitage *Principal Commissioner (Interim), Queensland Family and Child Commission*

2.00pm - 2.30pm **The evidence behind the policy, behind the review of the Mental Health Act 2000**

The Mental Health Act is the largest and most complex piece of health legislation that touches on the lives of thousands of patient's, carers and the clinicians that look after them.

The presentation will present a brief outline of the history of Queensland's mental health legislation and the compliance of the current legislation with key statements on the rights of those with disability. The performance of the existing act will be reviewed and the changes proposed to address the deficiencies in that performance presented.

Dr Bill Kingswell *Executive Director, Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch, Queensland Health*

2.30pm - 2.40pm **QUICK LEG STRETCH**

2.40pm - 3.10pm **MDA National Session - Case update: Consent refusal and Advanced Care Directives**

The issue of consent refusal has long been a challenging aspect of patient care for medical practitioners. Patients are more frequently demanding to have more autonomy over decisions regarding their health.

The presentation will provide an overview of the legal issues encompassing the patient's right to refuse treatment, withholding or withdrawing futile treatment and Advanced Care Directives.

Deb Jackson *Claims and Advisory Counsel, MDA National*

3.10pm - 4.30pm **AMA Queensland Council of General Practice and Ethics & Medico-Legal Committee and present: End of life care panel discussion**

This panel discussion will explore end of life care scenarios, canvassing Advanced Care Planning and Palliative Care Plans. The panel will include expert insight from the perspectives of the Clinical Senate, General Practitioner, Emergency Department Doctor, Clinical Ethicist, Palliative Care Doctor and Lawyer.

The panel invites your questions for the ahead of the conference, which can be emailed to h.bretherton@amaq.com.au

Dr David Rosengren *Director Emergency Centre, Greenslopes Private Hospital, Emergency Physician, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Chair Qld Faculty Australasian College for Emergency Medicine, Chair Qld Emergency Medicine Research Foundation, Chair Qld Clinical Senate*

Dr Paul Neeskens *General Practitioner, Bayswater Family Practice and AMA Queensland GP Council Representative*

Dr Sarah Winch *Health Care Ethicist, University of Queensland*

Deb Jackson *Claims and Advisory Counsel, MDA National*

4.30pm - 4.50pm **Closing comments and evaluation**

Our Chair, Katharine Philp, will sum up our key learnings from the day.

