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Dear Mr Scott

Forthcoming AvMA Events

We would like to draw your attention to the forthcoming conferences below, for which you will be able to find further programme details and booking forms at www.avma.org.uk/events. Alternatively, e-mail conferences@avma.org.uk or call the AvMA Events team on 020 8688 9555 for further information.

Cerebral Palsy: Ensuring you do the best for your client

24 September 2009, Manchester Conference Centre

Quantification of claims when acting for those profoundly brain damaged has become increasingly challenging. Testimony to this is the amount of litigation that has resulted, ranging from indexation claims to arguments concerning the cost of care and life expectancy. The conference will discuss and analyse the areas currently under the spotlight so that lawyers are aware of the challenges required to best represent their clients in cerebral palsy cases. *Kindly sponsored by Byrom Street Chambers, Independent Living Solutions and North West Law.*

Running A Successful Clinical Negligence Practice & Case Load: A Survival Guide

30 September 2009, Woburn House, London

Following the success and excellent feedback the first time this conference was held in Manchester, this highly practical event is coming to London. Funding of claims and cost recovery will be examined, focusing on case law, and the event will also look beyond the issues of funding by examining practical ways in which practitioners can plan for the future, and how to think and work creatively to ensure that clinical negligence work remains viable and profitable for the future.

Essential Medicine for Lawyers

14 October 2009, Browns Courtrooms, London

This conference has been structured to ensure delegates leave with a good grounding in some of the major body systems. The increased understanding gained will underpin all future medical learning in relation to clinical negligence and enable you to apply medical knowledge to your cases. Each speaker will address the essential areas that clinical negligence solicitors need to know, including an introduction to the anatomy and physiology of each system, useful terminology and an examination of the common conditions that affect these systems, their symptoms, diagnosis and treatment.

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Older People's Care — Scandals & Successes: Lessons from Stafford and Beyond

21 October 2009, Austin Court, Birmingham

The scandals of Stafford, Maidstone, Brighton and Gosport all predominantly centre on the failure to treat older people in a way that we would want for our own elders. Older people are by far the biggest cohort of patients and yet seem to many to face discrimination, neglect or indifference in healthcare with alarming regularity. This conference is essential for anyone with a commitment to learn from past failures and also from best practice in addressing some of the key dangers faced by older patients today.

Health in Custody — Clinical and Legal Issues in Prisoners' Healthcare

3 November 2009, Browns Courtrooms, London

This brand new event will examine commissioning safe health care and risk management of prison healthcare; what goes wrong in prison healthcare, what needs to improve and the Department of Health's strategy; and provide examples of clinical negligence in the prison setting and look at access to justice for prisoners.

Medico-Legal Issues in Plastic Surgery

12 November 2009, Marriott City Centre, Bristol

Leading experts will cover the key medico-legal issues arising in plastic surgery relevant to your cases in this new AvMA conference. Consent issues and risk factors will be discussed and the presentations will be illustrated with medico-legal cases on which the experts have reported. Among the topics covered will be:

- Breast surgery, including augmentation and implants, reduction and reconstructive surgery post mastectomy
- Facial surgery, including facelifts, rhinoplasty, laser surgery, otoplasty, blepharoplasty, chemical peels, collagen implants, botulinum toxin treatment
- Abdominoplasty/scarring, including liposuction and pressure sores
- Skin tumours and genital reconstruction, including melanoma, genital surgery
- Paediatric plastic surgery, including congenital cranial and facial abnormality surgery, cleft palate surgery

The 3rd Annual Legal & Ethical Issues in Healthcare Conference

(run in association with the Medical Protection Society)

19 November 2009, Woburn House, London

This conference is a must for anyone interested in the ethical and legal issues in healthcare today, especially doctors, nurses, lawyers, managers, regulators, patients, academics and policy makers. Delegates will come away with a better understanding of the most topical legal & ethical issues in healthcare and ideas of how to address them in their everyday work. Programme and registration form enclosed.

Please don't hesitate to contact the AvMA Events team should you have any queries about attending or sponsoring our conferences. And don't forget to visit www.avma.org.uk/supportus where you will learn how you can support AvMA's important work by participating in one of many exciting fundraising events!

We hope to see you at an AvMA event soon.

Kind regards

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