

# Consultant in Pain Medicine **Expert Witness in Pain Medicine**

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The London Pain Clinic, Harley Street, London

Webinar

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# Pain Issue

#### **Personal Injury**

- Musculoskeletal
- Neuropathic
  - CRPS
  - Post Amputation
  - Fibromyalgia Syndrome

#### **Clinical Negligence**

- Musculoskeletal
- Neuropathic
  - Post Surgical Neuropathic Pain
  - Latrogenic Nerve Injury







#### Assessment

F2F

Examination

General

Targetted

**Pictures** 

Neuropathic pain/CRPS/post

amputation



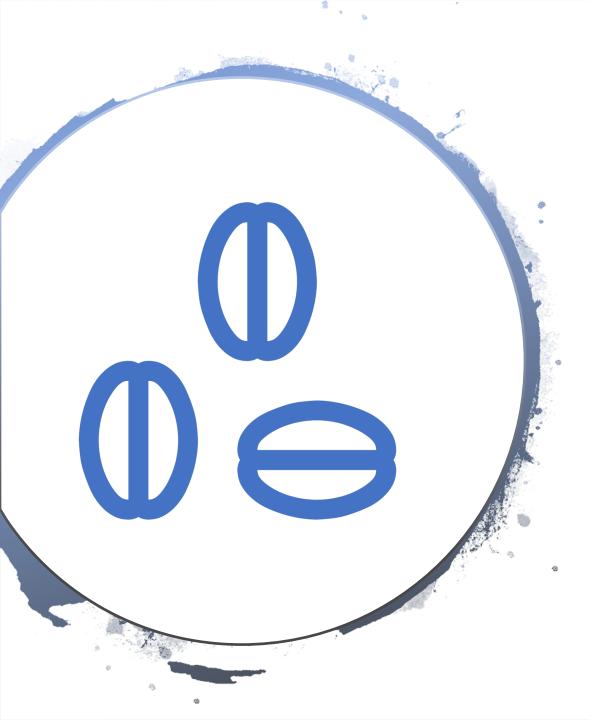
#### **Detailed Interview**

List of areas to discuss



# Report Writing Process 2

- Review of documentation
  - Medical Records
  - Witness Statements
  - Expert Witness Reports



# **BPS**

- Pre and Post Index Event
- Biological / Organic
- Psychological / Psychiatric
- Social



### Causation 1

- EW Reports
  - Alignment of Evidence
  - Orthopaedics
  - Surgery
  - Psychiatry / Psychology
- Pre-Index Accident
  - Pain Issues
  - Psychological / Psychiatric Issues
  - Other Health Issues
- Direct Causation
- Permanent Exacerbation
- Temporary Exacerbaton



### Causation 2

- Central Sensitisation amplifying residual Organic Pain
- Psychosocial factors amplifying residual organic pain
- Inconcious exaggeration
- Effects of Litigation
- Secondary gain
- Conscious Exageration



**CRPS** 

Fibromyalgia

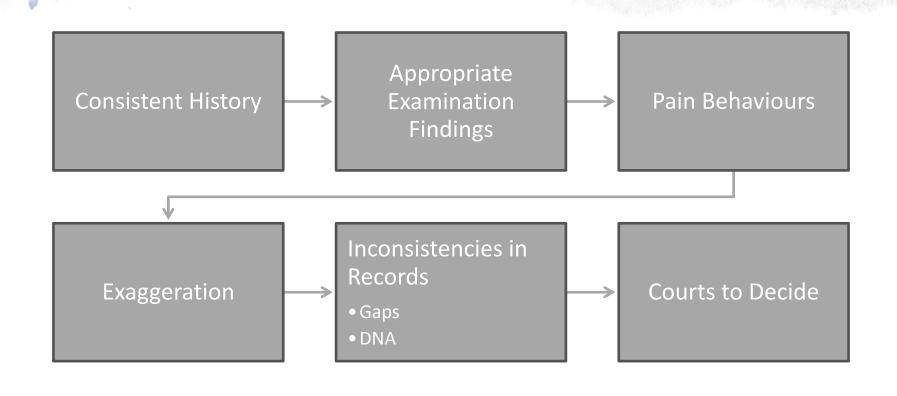
Psychiatric

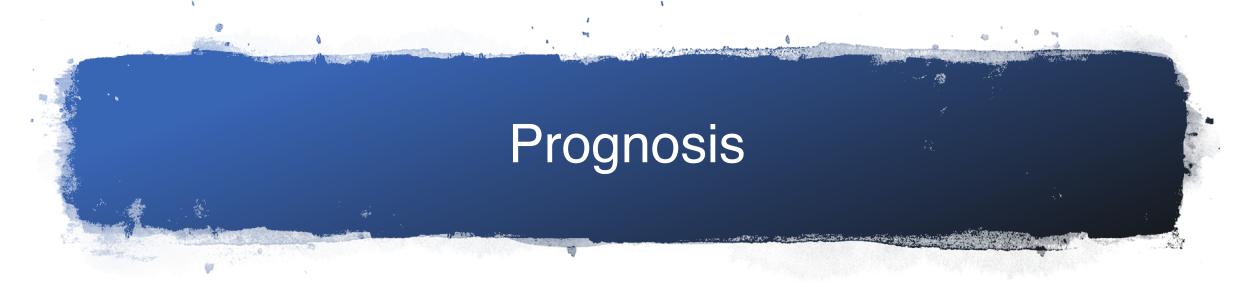
## Surveillance

• Surveillance Footage



# Reliability & Veracity











**DURATION** 



UNLIKELY TO SPONTANEOUSLY RESOLVE

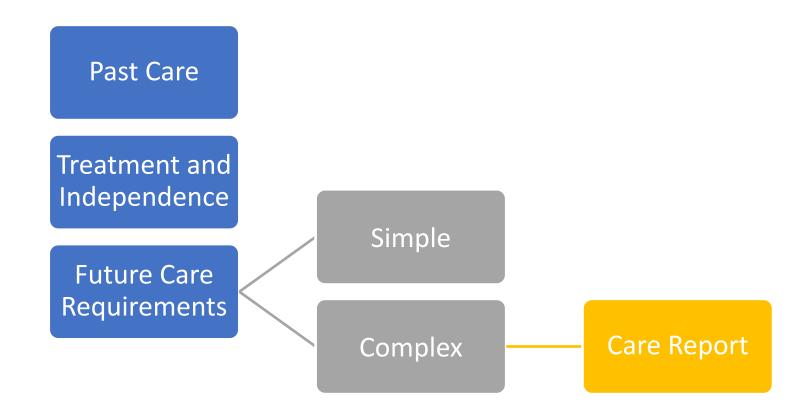


### **Future Treatment**

- Multidisciplinary
- Conclusion of Litigation
  - Analgesic medication
  - Physical rehabilitation
  - MIPM
  - Psychology
  - Surgery
  - Advanced
    - SCS



#### Care Needs







**Previous employment** 



**Time Off** 



Current employment situation



Aims of treatment

Continue

Modifications

Graded return

Part-time

Occupation Physician

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