



OT AUSTRALIA NSW

Australian Association of Occupational Therapists - New South Wales

Medico-legal Assessments as Occupational Therapists Preparation for the Context and Practice

15th & 16th September 2010 (2 day workshop)

Sydney

SMC Conference & Function Centre
66 Goulburn Street Sydney NSW 2000

Day 1: 8:30—5:00pm Day 2: 8:30—4:30pm

COST \$1,200 (inc GST) for the 2 day workshop

Include comprehensive notes, as well as morning tea, lunch and afternoon teas.

MEMBERS Receive a 50% Discount . Member rate : **\$600** (inc GST)

Course outline

This workshop provides participants with:

Understand the medico legal context including

- the personal injury claim framework, jurisdictions, relevant court and legal terminology
- the roles of parties within common law matters
- the components and the process of a personal injury claim under various jurisdictions

Describe the role of a “qualified” expert witness (and variations in the type of expert witness at court), expert witness duties to the court, broadly the rules of evidence, key legal precedents.

Be familiar with the expert witness code of conduct and the implications for assessments and reports

Understand the process of instruction to an expert, the process of engagement and current issues with expert witnesses

Discuss the courts understanding of Occupational Therapy

Have completed a visit to a court, be familiar with court protocol and if possible observed a witness giving evidence

Have completed report writing exercises to develop an understanding of minimum requirements for reports.

Specific outcomes for participants to:

Be broadly prepared for a medico-legal assessments as an occupational therapist

Gain knowledge and understanding of minimum preparation tasks.

Have developed a report outline

Have critiqued report extracts

About the Presenter: Sue Lukersmith

Sue Lukersmith: M.Ergonomics, B.App.Sc(OT), AccOT, MHFESA Lukersmith & Associates Pty Ltd
Sue has extensive clinical experience, working with people with disabilities in a range of sectors providing clinic and community based treatment, community based rehabilitation and work injury rehabilitation. Her work as an occupational therapist and case manager has been combined with work as a lecturer, rehabilitation consultant and managing director of her own multi-disciplinary rehabilitation practice. She has conducted medico legal assessments for 20 years as well as mentored other occupational therapists. Over the past 8 years Sue has been working part time as a clinician but more recently in evidence based health care and rehabilitation on a range of research projects, clinical guidelines, and special reports.

Course Pre-requisites Participants **MUST** have at least 5 years clinical experience to register.

Registration forms must be accompanied with a 1 page **summary of your CV demonstrating you have 5 years clinical experience** in the an area you would need to write medico legal reports (Fax: 02 9737 0023).

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Workshop Timetable

Day 1

Time	Content
9.00 am	Introduction Common law framework Components and the process of a personal injury claim The court, terminology and the roles of parties Court jurisdictions
11 – 11.20 am	Break
11.20 am	Expert witness – roles and terminology Expert witness code of conduct The process of being engaged as an expert
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm	Courts understanding of occupational therapy OTs as expert witness – the difference Legal precedents relevant to OT Judgments citing OTs Preparation for court
5 pm	Finish

Day 2

Time	Content
8.30 am	Assessment protocol Report writing and writing style
10-10.20 am	Break
10.20 am	Court visit – Supreme or district court
12.00 pm	Lunch
12.45 pm	Development of a report format - structure/headings - evidence and references
3 pm	Issues on reports and being an expert
3.45 pm	Discussion and workshop evaluation
4 pm	Finish

To secure a place for this CPD event complete the following CPD Registration form and fax **together with your CV** to OT Australia NSW Fax 02 9737 0023

NB: ONLY THE CURRENT OT AUSTRALIA NSW CPD REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED

Available from : http://www.otnsw.com.au/download/2010_CPD_Form.pdf or telephone 02 9648 3225 for a copy.

Registration closes 15 August 2010 Places for CPD events are limited

A minimum number of participants required for the course to proceed. Confirmation of the course will be provided once minimum numbers are reached.