

Peer Review of Medico Legal Reports

Report Writers

1. RACS Fellows can add this activity under Audit and can claim up to 10 hours per annum by submitting three medicolegal reports for peer review.
2. Reports must be submitted electronically with the name of the patient de-identified.
3. Report writers may elect to de-identify their name from the reports if preferred.
4. Reports can alternatively be submitted by individual Fellows to a surgeon in the same specialty, as an activity independent of the College, but that Fellow must identify the result to the Medico Legal Secretariat and keep documents for validation of CPD activities.

Reviewers

1. Each Fellow carrying out the peer review of reports can add this activity under Performance Review of Others and can claim 1 point per hour (maximum 15 points per annum). If Fellow prefers the CPD team to upload on their behalf, please advise the Medico Legal Secretariat of the hours spent on reviewing.
2. Each case should be examined under five criteria:
 - Structure
 - Examination and investigations
 - Answering of questions submitted by referring solicitor
 - Summary of Conclusions, including reasons for decision
 - Consistency with AMA 4, 5 or 6.

For further information on peer review, to submit reports for review, or to add your name to the list of reviewers, please contact the Medico Legal Secretariat:

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