



# NRC MEDICAL EXPERTS

Unrivalled expertise from specialists  
in neurorehabilitation, neurodisabilities  
and neurological injuries

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I have used NRC for many years and have always been impressed with the knowledge and skill of the variety of Neurorehabilitation and other medical experts whom work with them. The administration at NRC is second to none and ensures the quality of reports is always at a high standard.

**PAUL BROWN, PARTNER, BURNETTS SOLICITORS LLP**



# THE NEUROREHABILITATION EXPERTS

Supporting solicitors, legal teams, case managers, GPs, clients and families, we specialise in providing expert witness reports and clinical oversight for serious neurological injuries and neurorehabilitation.

Leading expert Dr Edmund Bonikowski and Chair of Clinical Governance, Professor Mike Barnes, established NRC Medical Experts in 2015 as the UK's only Chambers run by Consultants specialising in neurological rehabilitation.

Every serious injury case is unique in the physical, neurological and psychological impacts on the individual and family at its centre. Although a long and often complex process, at NRC Medical Experts, we support you in finding the right expertise across a range of specialisms.

We join the dots across the medico-legal sector to help you build a successful case for the courts.

Hundreds of solicitors trust NRC Medical Experts to provide specialist court reports, expert witness testimony and clinical practice. We're the experts, so you're also choosing the best customer experience in the sector when you choose us.

Our specialists and head office team understand that building a legal case is a team effort – so we are committed to being a trusted member of your team every step of the way.



**Dr Edmund Bonikowski**  
Founder & Director



**Prof. Mike Barnes**  
Chair of Clinical Governance





# UNRIVALLED EXPERTISE FROM REHABILITATION SPECIALISTS

Neurorehabilitation, or neurological rehabilitation, refers to the medical and therapeutic process of improving an individual's overall skills, functions and wellbeing following a serious injury or neurological condition.

Following a brain or spinal injury, a neurological event such as a stroke, infection or brain tumour, or due to a degenerative condition like multiple sclerosis, an individual can experience enormous changes to their life – from physical and cognitive functioning to emotional and mental health.

At NRC Medical Experts, we specialise in a broad range of complex neurological disabilities and injuries, and the neurorehabilitation requirements associated with each area.

Our experts include Consultants in Rehabilitation Medicine, Neuropsychologists, Neuropsychiatrists, Neurologists and specialist neuro therapists.



# SPECIALTIES

## AMPUTATION

An amputee is taught with therapy and training on how to cope and resume their functional activities. The process aims at restoring independence to the individual to the highest possible level, allowing them to carry out as many normal activities as possible and improve their quality of life.



## BRAIN INJURY

A brain injury can be classed in several ways, ranging from mild and temporary to catastrophic and permanent. However, no matter how a traumatic or acquired brain injury is categorised, it is always likely to cause some level of impairment to an individual.



## BRACHIAL PLEXUS INJURY

With a brachial plexus injury, sensory and motor function of the arm may be completely or partially impaired and the patient often experiences severe neuropathic pain. Symptoms can range in severity and can vary from being mild numbness in the limb or electric shock-like sensations in the arm.



## CEREBRAL PALSY

Cerebral palsy is an umbrella term for a group of non-progressive and permanent neurological conditions. Legal teams and case managers supporting families and children living with cerebral palsy should be aware of the significant impact which affects multiple skills.



## COMPLEX NEUROLOGICAL DISABILITY

Complex neurological disabilities are associated with underlying chronic conditions such as multiple sclerosis, spina bifida, Guillain–Barré syndrome (GBS), Parkinson's diseases and motor neurone disease.



## GUILLAIN–BARRÉ SYNDROME

Guillain–Barré syndrome (GBS) is a medical condition where an individual experiences symptoms of muscle weakness that are rapid in onset and frequently severe.



## HYPOXIC BRAIN INJURY

Cerebral hypoxia or anoxia occurs when there is a break in the continuous supply of oxygen to the brain. This cut-off of oxygen leaves the brain unable to maintain its normal physiological functions that control almost all the processes going on inside the human body.



## MUSCULOSKELETAL INJURY

Musculoskeletal injuries can result in difficulty in movement and pain so rehabilitation programs are focused on improving the patient's ability to function, reduction in their symptoms, and raise their overall standards of health.



## SPINAL CORD INJURY

Recovery and rehabilitation following a spinal cord injury can be a long and difficult process. Solicitors representing clients with spinal cord injury should be guided by the experts throughout this complex series of therapeutic interventions.



## STROKE REHABILITATION

Following a stroke, many individuals require support to regain as much independence as possible and improve the quality of their life. The aim of neurorehabilitation following a stroke is for individuals to relearn the skills that were lost due to damage this causes.







# EXPERT WITNESS REPORTS & TESTIMONY

NRC Medical Experts provide an extensive range of medico-legal reports, services and support for solicitors, barristers and legal teams.

We give claimant and defendant solicitors peace of mind that you'll get the right result with the right expertise.

Our reports are of exceptional quality, with clear and straightforward language required for the courts.

Our reports provide the detailed assessments and prognosis needed to ensure the settlement of a legal case, giving the courts professional insight into an individual's presentation, recovery potential and rehabilitation requirements – allowing solicitors and insurers to meet their obligations under the rehabilitation code.



Taking into account an individual's functional ability, such as their mobility and speech, our medical experts will gain an understanding of people's cognitive ability, mental health, coping abilities and any adaptations that are required for them to live comfortably.

NRC's Medical Experts will visit clients in their own homes, in hospital or in their specialist service, or, if an individual is vulnerable to Covid-19, via a virtual appointment to assess their presentation and symptoms.

NRC Medical Experts have experience of attending courts to provide expert witness testimony. In addition, our comprehensive training programme ensures every expert is a skilled and confident public speaker.

Our medical experts are also happy to attend required legal conferences – remotely and in-person, prior to any court attendance.



The service provided by NRC is excellent from initial approach to final report. The administration staff are always happy to assist and very responsive. The knowledge and breadth of expertise is very extensive. I would happily recommend the services of NRC.

**TIM KIRFIELD, ASSOCIATE, MOORE BARLOW LLP**





# NRC CLINICAL PRACTICE

**NRC's Consultants in Rehabilitation Medicine give Solicitors and Case Managers access to Specialist Consultants on a private basis for your client's rehabilitation.**

Consultants provide critical clinical input and leadership to the multi-disciplinary team of therapists and health care professionals, the legal team and case managers. They can support patients along the whole of their rehabilitation journey, both before a settlement is agreed upon and after the conclusion of their legal case.

The Consultant provides treatment and works alongside Case Managers to ensure the necessary clinical and other disciplines are engaged in each case.

This leadership and continuity in the rehabilitation and recovery of those clients most in need results in the best possible outcomes. It also ensures your client is not held back by delays and service gaps in NHS provision but quickly finds their way to the right private resources to complement what the NHS can offer.

Neurorehabilitation is a team effort, and it has long been known that early access to rehabilitation results in better outcomes for individuals challenged by complex life-changing injuries.

Our specialists understand their role in helping to plan a new, unexpected life, with an empathetic, holistic approach.



The Consultant carries out an expert clinical assessment, developing a Specialist Rehabilitation Prescription to provide a framework for the MDT.



Working with Case Managers and the MDT, the Consultant supports the client both before a settlement is agreed upon and after the conclusion of a legal case.



Consultants provide clinical oversight and ongoing supervision, reviews and expert MDT support, ultimately achieving better rehabilitation outcomes.



It has been a pleasure to work with NRC Medical Experts as they have been able to find highly skilled specialists to work with even when tight deadlines are in place. They provide a great wealth of resource and expertise, and this has been making all the difference to the health and wellbeing of clients.

**FRANCESCA BINGLEY, CASE MANAGER, AJ CASE MANAGEMENT**



# MEET OUR EXPERTS

## Consultants in Rehabilitation Medicine



Asafu-Adjaye,  
Klint – Dr



Abankwa,  
David – Dr



Anwar,  
Fahim – Dr



Bavikatte,  
Ganesh – Dr



Bradley,  
Lloyd – Dr



Graham,  
Angus – Dr



Harriss,  
Julian – Dr



Hai,  
Inamul – Dr



Khadjooi,  
Kayvan – Dr



Kodavali,  
Krishna – Dr



Landham,  
Lal – Dr



MacAden,  
Ashish – Dr



Mamo,  
Jonathan – Dr



Maté,  
Abhijit – Dr



Naing,  
Koko – Dr



Okirie,  
Eliezar – Dr



Osman,  
Aheed – Mr



Pinder,  
Colin – Dr



Sakel,  
Mohamed – Dr



Santullo,  
Piera – Dr



Shaw,  
Simon – Dr



Stephan,  
Talal – Dr



Thomas,  
Jenny – Dr

## Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologists



Bach,  
Laura – Dr



Farrant,  
Anette – Dr



Hunkin,  
Vikki – Dr



Poppleton,  
Rob – Mr



Skilbeck,  
Clive – Dr



## Consultant Neurologists



Cleland,  
Peter – Dr



Fathers,  
Edward – Dr



Merrison,  
Andria – Dr

## Consultant Neuropsychiatrists



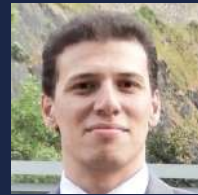
Con,  
Cullen – Dr



Faruqi,  
Rafeeq – Prof.



Gul,  
Muhammad –  
Dr



Yousry,  
Hesham – Dr

## Specialist Neurotherapists



Cornforth,  
Ella – Ms

Brain Injury Case  
Manager



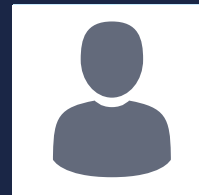
Kudhail,  
Michelle – Ms

Neuro  
physiotherapist,  
ABI/SCI specialist



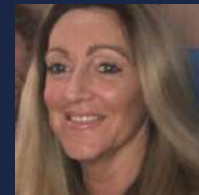
Matthews,  
Andrea – Ms

Consultant  
Occupational  
Therapist



Marsh,  
Graeme – Mr

Electronic  
Assistive Tech  
Specialist



Rowell,  
Laura – Ms

Clinical  
Neurological  
Physiotherapist



Saunders,  
Karen – Ms

Clinical Specialist  
Physiotherapist in  
Neurology



Wilson,  
Debbie – Ms

Speech  
& Language  
Therapist

I regularly instruct experts through NRC. They have a wide number of experts relevant to the work I undertake. They are able to provide recommendations and timescales for a number of experts in the relevant field. Their service is efficient, friendly and helpful.

**LISA GUNNER, REGIONAL PERSONAL INJURY MANAGER, THOMPSONS SOLICITORS**



# THE REHABILITATION PRESCRIPTION

In 2010, the NHS Clinical Advisory Group for Trauma recommended that every patient with major trauma should receive high-quality rehabilitation.

When being discharged, all patients who require rehabilitation should 'have their rehabilitation needs assessed and documented through a Rehabilitation Prescription.'

The Rehabilitation Prescription gives clients, and everyone involved in their care, a comprehensive overview of immediate and longer-term neuro-rehabilitation requirements.

It acts as a guide to navigating the complexity of neurological disability.

As part of the NRC Clinical Practice service, our expert Consultants provide a Specialist Rehabilitation Prescription for every client. We consider this a crucial blueprint to maximise recovery potential.

There are two types of Rehabilitation Prescription:

- The Standard Rehabilitation Prescription, designed for patients with lower-level rehabilitation requirements
- The Specialist Rehabilitation Prescription, for patients with complex needs.

The Specialist Rehabilitation Prescription applies to patients who initially require Level 1 & 2 inpatient rehabilitation with highly specialist multi-disciplinary input.

It can only be completed by a Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine and comes as standard with NRC Clinical Practice.

NRC Consultants ensure the Specialist Rehabilitation Prescription works as it should to deliver the promise of rehabilitation. This regular expert oversight ensures the actions detailed in the Specialist Rehabilitation Prescription have been implemented.



To have a Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine available on a private basis who is easily accessible for clinical advice and guidance, as well as to make referrals, is invaluable. It means that the client's clinical care and rehabilitation can be coordinated locally, and appropriate referrals made as needed.

**CAROLINE WILKINSON, SENIOR CASE MANAGER, ANGLIA CASE MANAGEMENT**

# MAKING AN ENQUIRY & NEXT STEPS

NRC Medical Experts come together with one common goal – excellence in neurorehabilitation.

We understand that building a legal case and managing ongoing clinical practice is a team effort – so we are committed to being a trusted member of your team.

Contact Business Development Manager Kelly Hodgson to learn more about how we can support you with medico-legal services.

Our team will identify the most appropriate Consultant to best meet your client's needs. We will send their CV and our Terms & Conditions for you to review.



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I have been extremely impressed by the service offered by NNRC. The organisation and administration around appointments has been excellent. I receive prompt and efficient replies to any enquiries I make. The experts themselves are leaders in their fields.

**RICHARD BIGGS, SENIOR ASSOCIATE SOLICITOR, IRWIN MITCHELL LLP**



# CHOOSE NRC

## MEDICAL EXPERTS



As part of our commitment to supporting our clients, we offer no-obligation, complimentary conversations with our leading experts prior to instruction.



NRC Medical Experts provide reports of exceptional quality, with clear and straightforward language. Most cases are settled outside of court.



Through NRC Clinical Practice, Consultants lead the team to deliver the joined-up care and therapeutic interventions, providing legal teams with regular reviews and updates.

## SERVICES

- ✓ **Causation Reports**
- ✓ **Life Expectancy Reports**
- ✓ **Condition & Prognosis Reports**
- ✓ **Expert Witness Testimony**
- ✓ **Specialist Rehabilitation Prescriptions**
- ✓ **Expert clinical oversight with NRC Clinical Practice**