

MEDICAL LAW CONFERENCE

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Dr Charlie Teo, Neurosurgeon, Director of the Centre for Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery



Delegates enjoying post-conference drinks

This year's medical law conference took place on 25 July 2008 at the Amora Hotel Jamison in Sydney. The event attracted nearly 100 attendees, with many saying that it was our best medical law event to date!

Some outstanding speakers delivered high-calibre papers, including neurosurgeon, Dr Charlie Teo; Professor Bruce Barraclough AO, Chair of the Clinical Excellence Commission; Emeritus Professor Judy Lumby from the University of Technology Sydney and Director of the Joanna Briggs Institute at the University of Adelaide; Professor Caroline Homer, Director of the Centre for Midwifery, Child and Family Health, Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery and Health at the University of Technology Sydney; Dr Matthew Orde, Staff Specialist (Consultant) Forensic Pathologist and Clinical Lecturer, Department of Forensic Medicine, at the University of Sydney; and Dr Anthony Landgren, Department of Anatomical Pathology at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

The afternoon included a look at pleadings, particulars and interrogatories in medical negligence cases, presented by barrister Richard Royle, and a case review of the top five recent medical law cases, presented by Bill Madden, NPGL Medical Negligence, Slater & Gordon.

Our thanks go to David Hirsch, National Chair of the Medical Law Special Interest Group, and Ngaire Watson, local Sydney barrister, for co-ordinating practical, relevant topics and securing high-quality speakers for this year's event.

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