



2025
Combined
AOA/AMLC/ABIME
Medico Legal
Annual Scientific Meeting
Scientific Program

6-10 August 2025 | Fiji

Welcome

I look forward to welcoming you to the 2025 AOA/AMLC Combined Medico-Legal Meeting, scheduled to take place from August 6 to 10, 2025, at the InterContinental Resort in Fiji.

This event represents a collaborative effort between the Australian Medico Legal Society and the Australian Medico-Legal College (AMLC), aiming to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and professional development in the medico-legal field.

In conjunction with this meeting, the American Board of Independent Medical Examiners (ABIME) will be conducting the AMA Guides Fifth Edition Training and Certification Program at the same venue. This program offers a comprehensive curriculum designed to enhance proficiency in the application of the AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, Fifth Edition. Participants will have the opportunity to pursue certification, thereby demonstrating their expertise in this critical area.

For detailed information about the ABIME training program, including registration details and agenda, please refer to the conference website.

We encourage all professionals engaged in medico-legal practice to attend these events to enhance their knowledge, network with peers, and stay abreast of developments in the field.

See you in Fiji

Drew Dixon
Medico Legal Society President

Venue



InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa

ABIME

We are pleased to announce the educational collaboration between ABIME and The Australian Orthopedic Association Medico-Legal Society (AOA) through this International Inter-societal Conference on Medicolegal and Impairment/disability Assessment Sciences which is open to all of the members of our organizations.

Please accept our invitation to attend a comprehensive training program for the American Medical Association Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment (AMA Guides) 5th ed. with Advance Case Studies & Comcare Guides, Aug 6 & 7, 2025.

In addition to the ABIME's usual high quality AMA Guides training, at this Combined Meeting of AOA/RACS in Fiji, ABIME is also offering a workshop on NEW Comcare Guide to the Assessment of Permanent Impairment—Ed. 3.0. The AMA Guides 5th edition training on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, is specifically designed for doctors of all specialties, as well as Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Internal medicine, Physiotherapist, Occupational therapist, Lawyers and others who need to learn the Methodology and Practical Use of the AMA5.

The Thursday, August 7, AMA5 Case Studies Workshop is very useful for learning the Practical Use of AMA5 and would build upon previous days learning of AMA5 taking it to the next advanced level. This 4 hour (8am to Noon) workshop will rapidly review the AMA5 methodology and then cover 10 case studies including MSK, Psych and Internal medicine cases that would enhance the skills beyond the initial training in the AMA5.

Anyone who has attended a one- or two-day AMA5 training previously should consider attending this new and Advanced Complex Cases Studies Workshop as it would help them advance their skills in the use of AMA5.

Whether you are a beginner or experienced user of the AMA Guides, you will find this 2-day training very useful in enhancing your skills to perform a high quality, valid impairment rating using the AMA guides 5th Ed. We look forward to seeing you there.

View more on the program and register visit the conference website.

Mohammed Ranavaya,
President, ABIME

Program Outline



Wednesday 6 August 2025

ABIME Course - 8am - 5pm



Thursday 7 August 2025

ABIME Course - 8am - 5pm



Friday 8 August 2025

Medico Legal Scientific Sessions - 8am - 5pm



Saturday 9 August 2025

Medico Legal Scientific Sessions - 8am - 5pm



Sunday 10 August 2025

AMA5 ABIME certification Exam - 9am - 1pm

Wednesday 6 August 2025

8.00am - 5.00pm ABIME Course

Thursday 7 August 2025

8.00am - 5.00pm ABIME Course

7.00pm - 9.00pm Faculty Dinner (Invite Only)

Friday 8 August 2025

8.00am	Upper Limb and Lower Limb comparing AMA V with AMA IV	Mohammed Ranavaya
10.00am	Morning Tea	
10.30am	Shoulder Surgery and Return to Work, contralateral MRI findings and implications	Todd Gothelf
11.00am	Stability of cruciate repair: New Dynamic Assessment	Eugene Gehr
11.30am	Microbes and Man	Michael Shatwell
12.00pm	Lunch	
1.00 pm	Spine and Neurology	Mohammed Ranavaya
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea	
4.00pm	Fractured Odontoids Classification WPI assessment	Drew Dixon
4.30pm	Workers Compensation – old expert opinion versus evidence arguments may lead to high cost, low value treatment.	
	Spinal Surgery Indemnity outcomes and premium costs	Robert Kuru
5.10pm	Alexander the Great and open chest wounds	Greg Bruce
5.30pm	Welcome Cocktail Party (Concluding 7.00pm)	

Saturday 9 August 2025

8.00am	Doctor in Court - Malingering The claimant exaggeration/falsification	Mohammed Ranavaya
10.30am	Morning Tea	
11.00am	Conclaves: It is not just for Popes only	Alan Hopcroft
11.30am	AI in Medico Legal Practice	Anthony Cadden Peter Steadman
12.00pm	Pain: Bioethics in opioid prescribing	Drew Dixon
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	Causation - Debate of believers and disbelievers	Peter Steadman, Brett Halliday, Simon Journeaux
2.30pm	The relationship between knee arthritis and occupation - what does the literature say	Robin Diebold
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.30pm	Medico Legal dilemma's	Richard Sekel
4.30pm	Guest Speaker - The Robotic Leg – Indications and Techniques – Applications in Limb Salvage and in CRPS case	Munjed Al Muderis
5.00pm	Informed or Misinformed Consent	Ron Sekel
5.15pm	Haematoma Revisited	Ron Sekel
5.30pm	Orthopaedic treatment in Nepal over 25 Years	John Bosanquet
5.50pm	Finale - Laughter is the best medicine	Richard Sekel
6.00pm	Finish	

Sunday 10 August 2025

9am - 1pm AMA5 ABIME certification Exam

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