



2026 Combined AOA/AMLC Medico Legal Annual Scientific Meeting Scientific Program

4-5 September 2026 | Sydney

Welcome

I look forward to welcoming you to the 2026 AOA/AMLC Combined Medico-Legal Meeting, scheduled to take place from Friday 4 September - Saturday 5 September 2026 at Sofitel Darling Harbour, Sydney.

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.

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 Sydney

Drew Dixon
Medico Legal Society President

Venue



Sofitel Darling Harbour - Sydney

Friday 4 September 2026

8.00am	Welcome	Drew Dixon
8.05am	Does this Barista need a barrister?	Drew Dixon
8.20am	Death in the Work Place	Eugene Gehr
8.40am	Snouts in the Trough	Paul Miniter
9.00am	Claims and Counter Claims	John Walsh
9.30am - 10.00am Art and Medical History		
9.30am	Edward Bradford's forgotten contribution to Art History	Randall Albury
9.45am	Medical Artistic Phenomenon and Pathology and Works in the Galleries	George Weisz
10.00am	Morning Tea	
10.30am	Life in the Balance	Henley Harrison/Bob Payten
11.00am	Neil Berry Oration	David Wilcox
11.30am	Gout/Hyperuricaemia -Mandatory Pre-Op Assessments	Alan Hopcroft
12.00pm	Lunch	
1.00pm	Surgical History	Philip Sharp
1.20pm	MRI reporting for unstable Grade 3 syndesmosis injuries ankle. How to avoid being bamboozled by the radiologists report	Martin Sullivan
1.40pm	Are we being silent on treatment issues that are being revealed during assessments?	Alan Hopcroft
2.00pm	The diagnosis and treatment of Motor Neurone Disease	Dominic Rowe
2.30pm	Sleep apnoea case study and assessment	David Frieberg
3.00pm	Lateral listhesis in the lumbar spine	Drew Dixon and Anthony Hibberson
3.20pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.40pm	Spinal fusion update	Geoffrey Rosenberg
4.10pm	Orthopaedic Outreach – a tribute to William Cummings	Geoffrey Rosenberg
4.30pm	Brachial plexus injury assessment and treatment	Michael Davies
5.00pm	Cauda equina injuries, causation assessment and management	Peter Papantoniou
5.30pm - 6.30pm Welcome Cocktail Party		

Saturday 5 September 2026

8.30am	Pain Management update and physio virtual treatment	David Manohar/ Anthony Raheb
9.10am	The dorsal root ganglion, newer concepts and treatment	Drew Dixon
9.30am	The Spine: Endoscopic Procedures in Spinal Surgery	Shanu Gambhir
9.50am	From Failed Back Surgery Syndrome to Persistent Post-Surgical Pain: Shifting to a Biopsychosocial Paradigm	Vini Khurana
10.10am	Discs and Fat: Navigating Annular and Adipose Pathology in Spinal Imaging	Vini Khurana
10.20am	Stereotactic Stimulation in Parkinson's Disease	Jacqueline McMaster
10.40am	Morning Tea	
11,10am	CRPS	David Gorman
11.30am	Traumatic Brain Injury - Classification, Diagnosis and Treatment	Ian Cameron (Virtual)
12.00pm	Through the Looking Glass	Leonard Bank
12.30pm	IME Pipeline - How AI Can Help? What Are the Pitfalls?	Peter Wilde
12.40pm	Two Books, One Assessment: Navigating AMA Guides and State Schemes to Avoid Errors in Whole Person Impairment Assessment.	Anthony Cadden
12.50pm	The WorkSafe Quality Assurance Program. Has it improved the quality of independent medical reports	Tony Dunin
1.00pm	Falls and How to Prevent	Eugene Gehr
1.10pm	Closure - Lunch	

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