

2023 COMBINED AOA/AMLC MEDICO-LEGAL MEETING

22-23 September 2023

Sofitel Brisbane Central, QLD

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2023 Combined Meeting of the Australian Orthopaedic Association, Medico-Legal Society and the Australian Medico-Legal College.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Our international guest speaker for the conference is **Mohammed I. Ranavaya**

from West Virginia, United States.

Mohammed I. Ranavaya is Associate Dean and Professor of Occupational Medicine at the Marshall University School of Medicine in West Virginia. He currently serves as Director of the Appalachian Institute of Occupational & Environmental Medicine in West Virginia. He is a consulting physician & American board certified in Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Prof. Ranavaya is the section editor and primary author of several chapters of the American Medical Association's Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment (AMA Guides 6th ed). Prof. Ranavaya has performed several thousand independent medical evaluations and is an internationally recognized expert on the AMA Guides.



Our local guest speaker for the conference is **Raj Sundaraj** from New South Wales.

Associate Professor S Raj Sundaraj; Sydney University, Nepean Campus. Director Nepean Pain Management, Sydney NSW. Raj established multidisciplinary pain centre Nepean Public hospital 30 years ago. Recently retired as Director MDPC Nepean Public Hospital. Mentored and trained several Pain Specialists in Australia, NZ and Internationally. Examiner Pain Fellowship domestic and international. Currently retired from active clinical practise and commenced as medico-legal advisor. Member Medlaw Society. Pain advise committee member RACS.



FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2023 (Lyon Rooms)

- 8:00am Welcome. **Drew Dixon** **Moderator: Drew Dixon**
- 8:05am Medicolegal Case Studies – AMA 4, 5 and 6th Editions. **Mohammed Ranavaya**
- 10:05am **MORNING TEA**
- 10:30am Polytrauma with Eventual Amputation. **Leon Kleinman**
- 10:50am Upper GIT Dysfunction, Case Analysis. **Sikander Khan**
- 11:10am Artificial Intelligence. **Eugene Gehr**
- 11.30am Latent Medical Conditions and how the Law deals with them. **Damien Atkinson**
- 12:00pm **LUNCH**
- Moderator: Sikander Khan**
- 1:00pm Medicolegal Skills – The Expert Witness. **Mohammed Ranavaya**
- 3:00pm **AFTERNOON TEA**
- 3:15pm Medical Litigation – Our Achilles Heel – not to be missed. **Drew Dixon**
- 3:35pm Transition into the Medical Negligence World ... after a whole life on another planet. **Ron Sekel**
- 3:55pm Medical Negligence. **Elizabeth Quinn, Senior Associate, AVANT.**
- 4:15pm Ethical Considerations of Hardware Removal. **Saumya Chanana**
- 4.35pm Facial Pain. **Raj Sundaraj**
- 4.55pm Occipital Headaches. **Raj Sundaraj**
- 5.15pm Spinal Neuromodulation Implants. **Raj Sundaraj**
- 5.35pm Revision ACL Repairs. **Keran Sundaraj**
- 5:50pm The Medici Syndrome: DISH. **George Weisz**
- 6:10pm-7:30pm **COCKTAIL PARTY, Sofitel Brisbane**

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2023 (Lyon Rooms)

- Moderator: Drew Dixon**
- 8:00am Report Writing Workshop. **Mohammed Ranavaya**
- 10:00am **MORNING TEA**
- 10:30am Aiding Lawyers to Understand Medical Causation in Compensable Injuries. **Richard Sekel**
- 10:50am Reasonable and Necessary. **Todd Gothelf**
- 11:10am Civilian Surgery vs Military Surgery. **Gregor Bruce**
- 11:30am Enhanced Bone Healing and Immunomodulation. **George Weisz**
- 11:50am **Discussion**
- 12:00pm Invasive Strep A Disease Management. **Drew Dixon**
- 12:20pm Integrity in Compensation Medicine. **David Wilcox**
- 12:40pm PRESENTATION OF AWARDS. **Drew Dixon**
- 12:50pm Farewell Finale – Kaleidoscope of Human Behaviour. **Richard Sekel**
- 1:00pm **LUNCH AND CLOSE**



ABIME PROGRAM INFORMATION, Concorde Room, Sofitel Brisbane
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Thursday 21 Sept: 8:00am-5:00pm. AMA Guides 5th Edition Training
Saturday 23 Sept: 2:00pm-6:00pm. Return to Work and Causation
Sunday 24 Sept: 8:00am-12:00pm. Advanced AMA5 Case Studies workshop
Sunday 24 Sept: 1:00pm-5:00pm. ABIME Certification Exam

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