

**PAPER TITLE:** Submission for Half Day Workshop: “Medico-Legal Report Writing”

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**Abstract:** This workshop will address the basics of medico-legal report writing in both civil and criminal jurisdictions by presenters with extensive experience advising Courts and assisting Tribunals in assessing clinical reports to inform legal decision making. The workshop will focus on report writing, not on giving evidence in Court.

Examples will be given highlighting the importance of understanding the purpose of a report prior to writing, to enable the author to provide meaningful information to the decision makers.

Content, limits of collateral gathering, report format, critical analysis, decision making, opinion formulation and bias will be covered as well as ethical considerations.