



## **CURRENT ISSUES IN CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE**

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- 9.30am:**      **COFFEE AND REGISTRATION**
- 10.00am:**    **INTRODUCTION**  
Michael Spencer Q.C.
- 10.20am:**    **CONSENT TO TREATMENT**  
Dennis Matthews will consider the issue of consent to medical treatment starting with the basics including what constitutes valid consent, going on to the circumstances in which express consent is not necessary or the absence of it can be circumvented and concluding with the House of Lords decision in *Chester v Afshar*
- 10.50am:**    **HOME OR AWAY: PRACTICAL LESSONS FROM SOWDEN V LODGE**  
Alex Antelme will explore the issues of home or residential care and local authority funding arising from the Court of Appeal's decision in *Sowden*. He will focus on the appropriate practical response for parties (both Claimants and Defendants).
- 11.20am:**    **BREAK**
- 11.40pm:**    **LOSS OF A CHANCE IN CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE**  
Richard Lynagh Q.C. will discuss the development of the doctrine of loss of a chance, its application to cases of clinical negligence and the implications of the decision of the House of Lords in *Gregg v Scott*.
- 12.10pm**    **LEGAL UPDATE**  
Charlotte Jones will give a legal update of recent case law of importance in the field of clinical negligence practice
- 12.40pm:**    **QUESTIONS TO THE PANEL**
- 13.00pm:**    **LUNCH**