

OCCUPATIONAL FOCUS

MEDICO-LEGAL ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS

PROVIDING INDEPENDENT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXPERT WITNESS SERVICES TO:

Solicitors, Insurers and other interested parties who require independent expert opinion in a range of contexts including –

- Motor vehicle claims
- Public liability
- Workplace injury
- Professional negligence
- Medical negligence
- Disputed estates
- Family matters
- Criminal matters

By referring to **Occupational Focus** for a Medico-legal Assessment you will receive an assessment and report that meets your specific needs.

The **Occupational Focus** Medico-legal Assessment assists to determine the impact of an injury or illness on an individual's life and their functional abilities in a range of personal, domestic and community based tasks. The thorough occupational analysis involves:

- Identification of level of independence in daily activities
- Pre and post injury status
- Ability to perform specific tasks
- Capacity to fulfil pre-injury roles
- Care requirements
- Need for aids, equipment or environmental modifications

This is achieved through:

- Observation of specific functional activities
- Environmental assessment
- In-depth questioning of the individual and/or carer
- Review of available medical reports/opinion

The **Occupational Focus** Medico-legal Report will address the specific questions outlined in the instructions, analyse function in a range of areas of daily living and consider past and future care requirements where appropriate.

Recommendations made aim to address the functional barriers identified during the assessment process, with the goal of maximising functional independence and may include:

- Adaptive equipment and technology
- Environmental modifications
- Future services and care requirements
- Future treatment services

Occupational Focus Medico-legal Reports are prepared with attention to best practice within occupational therapy, sound methodology with clear rationale, clear understanding of area of expertise, and in accordance with the Expert Witness Code of Conduct and principles of evidence-based practice.

By referring to **Occupational Focus** you will benefit from:

- An assessment and report that meets your specific needs
- Expertise in a broad range of medical conditions, disabilities and injuries
- Extensive knowledge of current equipment and adaptive technology
- A strong commitment to delivery of a high quality service
- A recognition that the impact of an injury is individual and varies from person-to-person. Reports and recommendations will therefore be individualised enabling you to clearly identify what your client needs and how you are going to get it.

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