

The Medico-Legal Society of Victoria

ABN 74 541 169 473

A General Meeting of the Society will be held on Friday 2nd September 2016

at The Melbourne Club, 36 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Drinks served 6.30 p.m. - Presentation 7 p.m. followed by Dinner - Dress: Lounge Suit

**"Foot & Ankle Surgery Disasters & Litigation- What lessons can be learnt?"
will be presented by: Dr Aneel Nihal**

Dr Aneel Nihal has worked in the field of Orthopaedic surgery for the last 25 years, both in the UK and Australia. Dr Nihal undertook his Orthopaedic registrar training at St George's Teaching Hospital, London and St James University Hospital, Leeds, Yorkshire.

Dr Nihal was appointed as a Consultant Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgeon in 2000 at one of Yorkshire's largest Teaching hospitals, the Hull & East Yorkshire NHS Hospital Trust where he worked as a consultant from 2000 until 2007. He moved to Australia in 2007 and has worked as a consultant Orthopaedic surgeon at Metro South Brisbane Health District and Gold Coast Hospitals. Dr Nihal was awarded the academic title of Associate Professor at the School of Medicine at the Gold Coast Campus Griffith University from 2009-2016.

Foot & Ankle surgery is also a rapidly evolving specialty and a more attractive & lucrative field for young orthopaedic surgeons, who see their peers increasingly prospering. This younger group of Orthopaedic surgeons with less experience in foot and ankle surgery along with the non-medically qualified (Non MBBS) podiatrists calling themselves "Doctors" who are operating independently, have led to increasing complaints and litigation cases across the globe.

As the number and complexity of foot and ankle surgeries increase (which here is driven by 3 specialities - general orthopaedic, foot and ankle orthopaedic and podiatric surgeries), the number of complaints, litigation and pay-out is also increasing.

Members may bring guests who need not be legal or medical practitioners.

Acceptances close Monday 29th August - No acceptances or refunds will be available after this date.

Members and their guests are reminded of the dress requirements. Mobile telephones may not be used inside the Melbourne Club. Urgent calls may be made to the Club (9650 4941) and a message will be conveyed by Club staff.

Host Member: Dr. Robert Nave.

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