

Medico-Legal Workshop for ICU Professionals: Enhancing Legal Awareness and Best Practices

Duration: six hours; 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs, 11 Oct 2025

Program

Session 1 09:00 to 11:30 hrs	Topic	Presenter and Panel	Learning Objectives
Introduction 09:00 to 09:15 15 minutes	Introduction	Prof Deepak Bhonagiri Jessica Dean Tapan Parikh Hemang Doshi	Welcome Acknowledgement of country A reminder of maintaining psychological safety and a blame-free environment. Introduce panellists Introduce the program
Lecture 1 09:15 to 09:45 20 minutes+ 10 minutes (Q&A)	Medico-legal Landscape	Mr Paul Tsaousidis Panel of experts	Percentage risk for ICU professionals Types of common claims in Intensive Care Practice Understanding of the legal landscape healthcare professionals find themselves in. The trilogy of coronial, complaint and civil laws
Lecture 2 09:45 to 10:15 20 minutes+ 10 minutes (Q&A)	“Know your Boundaries”- The Role of the Expert Witness vs the Witness of Fact.	Dr Eddie Stachowski Panel of experts	Expert witness, witness of fact, report writing for medicolegal matters Presentation at court
Lecture 3 10:15 to 10:45 20 minutes+ 10 minutes (Q&A)	“I am calling my Lawyer”	Prof Ian Seppelt Panel of experts	How to respond when family threatens ICU clinicians (futility, withdrawal of treatment, angry family, etc.)
Lecture 4 10:45 to 11:15 20 minutes+ 10 minutes (Q&A)	Family Veto in Organ Donation: Ethical and Legal Considerations.	A/Prof David Ernest Panel of experts	Understand the concept of family veto. Discuss common ethical dilemmas encountered when family members oppose donation despite the deceased’s documented consent. Recognise the roles and responsibilities of ICU staff in supporting ethical, lawful, and compassionate organ donation processes. The presentation will focus on the ethical concerns and address some legal approaches.
Open Feedback Session 11:15 to 11:30		Tapan Parikh	

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Break: Morning Tea: 11:30 to 11:50 (20 minutes)

Session 2 11:50 to 13:00 hrs	Topic	Presenter and Panel	Learning Objectives
	Demonstration of Coronial process	Paul Tsaousidis + Panel of experts	In addition to the processes, this session will focus on the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of the clinician and other stakeholders involved in the process.

Break: Lunch: 13:00 to 13:35 (35 minutes)

Session 3 13:35 to 15:00 hrs	Topic	Presenter and Panel	Learning Objectives
Tabletop Exercise 13:35 to 14:40 65 minutes	Divide into five groups /five cases Timeline 1. 5 mins- round table arrangement + Introduction of exercise 2. 10 mins- Each table is given a case to reflect on and discuss 3. 50 mins- Discussion	Jessica Dean Hemang Doshi Tapan Parikh Panel of Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to demonstrate when and how to seek help• Able to demonstrate understanding of how and when AHPRA, coroners, and indemnity are involved in various situations.• Able to describe the preparations, paperwork documentation, and engagement with various stakeholders during the process.● Able to discuss what not to do in this situation
Rapid Fire Quiz 14:40 to 14:55 15 minutes		Jessica Dean	
Closure 14:55 to 15:00		Hemang Doshi	