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**Curriculum Vitae of Dr Martin Harris**  
*General Medical Practitioner & Honorary Consultant Surgeon*

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**EXPERTISE & QUALIFICATIONS:**

- (1) I am a general medical practitioner at the Temple Fortune Health Centre, North London, with 24 years experience in General Medical Practice.
- (2) I am also an Honorary Consultant Surgeon at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London.
- (3) I was formerly a lecturer in the Department of Primary Care and Population Sciences (Department of General Practice) at the Royal Free Hospital & University College Hospital Medical Schools, London (1981-2005). My interest in the department was disability in the elderly population, its identification and assessment.
- (4) My qualifications include Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours), London University (1971). I qualified in medicine in 1976 from The (Royal) London Hospital MB BS (London) LRCP (London) MRCS (England). I qualified in 1981 as a Member of the Royal College of General Practitioners MRCP. I was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine in 2002.
- (5) Memberships of professional bodies/associations include British Medical Association, Medical Defence Association, MDU and General Medical Council.
- (6) I have been a Clinical Assessor to the Independent Review Panel UK since 1996 and am an appointed External Professional Advisor (EPA) to the Office of the Health Service Commissioner (Ombudsman).
- (7) I have a particular interest in the preparation of medical reports for legal purposes, including on a 'Single Joint Expert' basis. Memberships of professional bodies/associations include the Expert Witness Institute (EWI), the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and the Association for the Victims of Medical Accidents (AVMA). I am listed in 'The Directory of Expert Witnesses' (Sweet & Maxwell Ltd) and the 'UK Register of Expert Witnesses' (JS Publications).
- (8) I have provided medico-legal reports for solicitors, Courts, insurance companies, employers and others - involving criminal, civil, family matters and clinical negligence. I currently write about 180 reports per year. Court attendance is rarely required (once in the last three years). In civil cases, approximate proportions are 60% claimant, 35% defence and 5% single joint expert. In criminal cases, prosecution and defence reports are approximately equal.

### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- (1) Personal injury, including
  - Road traffic accidents (RTA)
  - Whiplash injuries
  - soft tissue injury
  - back pain
  - falling, tripping & slipping
- (2) Medico-legal reports concerning all aspects of general medical practice.
- (3) Medical records.
- (4) Medical ethics.
- (5) Medical disputes.
- (6) Medical competence, accidents and negligence.
- (7) Prescribing and dispensing errors.
- (8) Therapeutic misadventure.
- (9) Drugs & Alcohol supervised testing & Chain of Custody
- (10) General medical reports in asylum, refugee and immigration cases.
- (11) Home & prison visits

### **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

GP Chair Locality 1995-1999

Primary Care Group PCG Vice Chair 1999-2001

Joint Prescribing Committee 1995-2001

GP to Board MIMS Monthly Index of Medical specialities -2002

Barnet Local Medical Committee LMC 1994-

Barnet LMC Executive 1995-

LMC/Health Authority Liaison Group-

LMC Annual Conference Representative 1996-

BMA ARM Annual Conference Representative 1996-

### **OUTSIDE INTERESTS**

My interests outside medicine include

- Family: one wife, two married children and six grandchildren;
- Community welfare
- travel including Eastern Europe.
- Cricket: I am a member of Middlesex CCC at Lords cricket ground; I have been on the waiting list since 1997 as an MCC-elect member and look forward patiently to being a full MCC member 1 January 2013!

