Lakshay Chanana

Consultant Emergency Medicine Physician



Types of Reports Undertaken: Liability Breach of duty & Screening Reports
Locations Covered: Desktop reports only
Client Age Categories: Adult

Specialisms:

- Emergency Medicine
- Urgent Care
- Urgent Treatment Centre / Walk-in Centre
- Minor Injuries
- Major Trauma

Profile:

I am a Consultant in Emergency Medicine with 15 years' experience in Emergency Medicine, including more than 4 years at consultant level. I have been on the GMC Specialist Register for Emergency Medicine since 2022 and a senior decision-maker in UK Emergency Departments since 2018. My training and practice span England, Scotland and India, in District General Hospitals, a paediatric Emergency Department and a Major Trauma Centre (Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh), where I was Emergency Physician in Charge on night shifts for two years.

I am currently a Consultant in Emergency Medicine at Watford General Hospital (West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust), where I am Clinical Governance Lead and Co-Lead for Clinical Teaching. I am also an Urgent Care Consultant at Cromwell Hospital, London. My daily work covers the full range of emergency presentations, resuscitation and trauma, under the real operational pressures of a busy NHS department.

As Clinical Governance Lead, I review care against the expected standard every week. I quality-assure coroners' statements prepared by resident doctors, review morbidity, mortality and patient safety events, and draft responses to complex complaints, including missed injuries, diagnostic delay and system failures. This work requires me to separate individual failings from system pressures, and to judge care on what was known at the time.

I have completed formal expert witness training with Bond Solon (Excellence in Report Writing, October 2026) and Maggie Sargent & Associates (Expert Witness Essentials, October–November 2026), and I understand my overriding duty to the court under CPR Part 35. I accept instructions from both Claimant and Defendant solicitors in clinical negligence matters relating to Emergency Medicine and Urgent Care. I am at the start of my formal expert witness practice. I am indemnified through the Medical Protection Society and registered with the ICO, and I am available for experts' meetings, conferences with counsel and video hearings.

My Specialist Skills Include:

- Assessment and management of undifferentiated adult emergency presentations, including the conditions that most often give rise to Emergency Department claims:
    - Sepsis and the deteriorating patient
    - Chest pain and acute coronary syndromes
    - Stroke, subarachnoid haemorrhage and head injury
    - Pulmonary embolism and aortic dissection
    - Cauda equina syndrome
    - Missed fractures, including scaphoid, hip and cervical spine
    - Hand injuries: tendon and nerve damage, retained foreign bodies
    - Compartment syndrome and limb ischaemia
    - The acute abdomen, including ectopic pregnancy and testicular torsion
- Resuscitation, major trauma and critical care in the Emergency Department
- Senior decision-making and department leadership under crowding and operational pressure
- Clinical governance: structured case review, serious incident and patient safety investigation, coroners' statements and complaint responses
- Urgent care practice in the private sector (Cromwell Hospital)
- Clinical education: ATLS Instructor (Royal College of Surgeons of England) and Co-Lead for Clinical Teaching; founder of EMDidactic, an open-access EM education platform with around 500,000 views from over 45 countries
- Quality improvement: led a 12-month project creating an ED pathway to expedite oral anticoagulation in atrial fibrillation

Qualifications and Memberships:

- Oct-Nov 2026 Expert Witness Essentials (2 days), Maggie Sargent & Associates
- Oct 2026 Excellence in Report Writing, Bond Solon
- Jun 2023 ATLS Instructor, Royal College of Surgeons of England
- 2022 GMC Specialist Register, Emergency Medicine (GMC 7550612)
- Jan 2022 DCH, Diploma in Child Health, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
- Aug 2021 FRCEM, Fellowship of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine
- Oct 2015 FACEE, Fellow of the Academic College of Emergency Experts, India
- Jun 2014 MRCEM, Membership of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine
- Apr 2013 FAEM, Fellowship in Accident and Emergency Medicine, Christian Medical College, Vellore, India
- Mar 2010 MBBS, Aarupadai Veedu Medical College, Pondicherry, India (Gold Medal, Paediatrics; Silver Medal, ENT)
- Member, Medical Protection Society

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