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Expert Witness Services in Wound Care & Nursing

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Expert Witness Experience January 2011 to Present

Cases instructed by solicitors on behalf of claimants (full reports not inc. screening reports)	939 full reports + over 600 screening reports
Cases instructed by solicitors on behalf of defendants	7
Cases instructed jointly by solicitors acting for the claimant and defendant	3
Cases instructed by Coroners/ Police	10
Nursing & Midwifery Council – Fitness to Practice	1
Court Appearances	1 (Crown Court); 8 (Coroners Court)

Bond Solon courses completed and accredited by Cardiff University Law School

– Excellence in Report Writing;
– Witness Familiarisation;
– Cross Examination;
– Civil Law and Procedure 1 & 2
Expert Witness Updates: 2019-2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025

Professional / Specialist and Academic Details

2012 Expert Advisor to NICE for wound care related medical devices 2012
2011 Expert advisor for the Department of Health (AQP Leg Ulcer Services, 2011)
2011 Co-Developer of Foundation Degree Modules in Tissue Viability and Prevention & Management of Pressure injuries

2012 Expert Witness Certificate issued by Cardiff University Law School
2010 MSc in Integrated Governance in Health Care, University of Westminster, London
1996 D32 & D33 NVQ Assessors Award
1994 Advanced Management for Care Certificate (C&G)
1993 DipN Nursing Studies, incorporating Orthopaedic Nursing Certificate, Brunel University
1992 RGN, Harefield, Hillingdon & Mount Vernon School of Nursing

Career History and Experience

2011 – Present NurseExpertWitness Ltd

Co-Founder, Director & Head of Expert Witness Services
Producing Causation & Liability and Condition & Prognosis Reports.

Areas of expertise that can be reported on include but are not restricted to:

- Nursing Standards
- Pressure Ulcers
- Wound Care
- Orthopaedic Nursing
- Elderly Care
- Nursing/Care Homes, Hospital & Community Care

2014 – Present WoundConsultancy Ltd

Co-Founder, Director & Head of Nursing Services

Providing Clinical, Educational, Training, Audits, Research, Presentations and Consultancy services in Wound Care & Nursing

Services provided include but are not restricted to:

- Wound care & nursing consultancy
- Wound care & nursing treatment & clinical services
- Wound care & nursing training & education
- Wound care & nursing presentations
- Wound care & nursing audits
- Wound care research limited to Case Studies & Product Evaluation of CE marked products

2006 – May 2014 National Wound Healing Centres / Healogics

2013 – 2014	Freelance Consultant providing Clinical Support and Advising on Governance, Quality and Safeguarding
2007 – 2013	Tissue Viability Consultant (Pressure Area Care) & Head of Governance & Quality
2006 – 2007	Research Nurse (Tissue Viability) (Part Time)

Initially part time Research Nurse in Tissue Viability at TVCS (subsequently National Wound Healing Centres and now Healogics), Eastbourne. Later becoming full time and taking on a wider and more senior role within the company incorporating all aspects of Tissue Viability including research, clinical care and training and advisory service for local care homes.

As a member of the Core Management Team and Head of Governance & Quality, my responsibility included Auditing within the organisation and developing and maintaining compliance tools, whilst also carrying out external audits of facilities for organisations such as Care Homes and hospitals in respect of Pressure Area Care provisions. I have also been involved with the Competency Training Programme which has been provided throughout several PCTs.

My role also involved the preparation of chronologies and reports for Expert Witness and presentation of evidence (Coroner's Court) in cases revolving around issues of Tissue Viability, with a particular emphasis on the Prevention & Management of Pressure Injuries. This is now done through NurseExpertWitness. Healogics no longer provide an expert witness service.

Commissioned as consultants by a London teaching hospital to redesign their tissue viability provisions.

2006 - 2007 Brighton General Hospital (now under the remit of Southdowns Health PCT)

Senior Staff Nurse, Discharge Planning Nurse and Tissue Viability Link for the Elderly Rehabilitation Ward.

2005 – 2006 Princess Royal Hospital, West Sussex - Discharge Planning Nurse

2003 - 2005 Brighton General Hospital

Senior Staff Nurse & Tissue Viability Link on the Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Unit

1999 – 2002 Specialist Herbal Supplies, Brighton, East Sussex

Operations Manager and Senior Health Advisor

1993 - 1999 Havelock House Nursing Home, Polegate, East Sussex

Manager with overall responsibility for 27 elderly and infirm residents.

Working closely with the Tissue Viability Nurse at the local General Hospital (Sylvie Hampton) to manage seamless pressure area care and wound care in patients discharged from the DGH into the Care Homes. Work was carried out in collaboration with Mrs Hampton, the Local Registered Care Homes Association and the Health Authority Nursing Homes Inspectorate.

1992 - 1993 Mount Vernon Hospital

Staff Nurse, Tissue Viability Link and member of the Mount Vernon Hospital Surgical Nursing Advisory Group with a specific input in respect of Pressure Area Care.

Articles, Posters and Publications

Hampton S, Kerr A, Bree-Aslan C	(2007). An Observational Study on the Use of a Honey-Impregnated Dressing (MelMax®) in the Treatment of Wounds Poster Presentation, Wounds UK Wound Care Conference Harrogate (2008)
Hampton S, Kerr A, Bree-Aslan C	(2007) An Evaluation of a Matrix Replacement Treatment in Intractable Wounds. (Poster) European Wound Management Association Conference, Glasgow
Hampton S, Kerr A, Bree-Aslan C	(2008) An Evaluation of the Performance of Sorbact Dressing in 20 Patients With Intractable Wounds. Wounds UK Wound Care Conference Harrogate (2008)
Hampton S, Bree-Aslan C	(2008) Extending the Life of a Sacral Dressing Poster Presentation Wounds UK Wound Care Conference Harrogate (2008)
Hampton S; Bree-Aslan C	(2008) Pressure Care (part 2) The Importance of Assessment. Nursing & Residential Care 11(1) Pp 12 - 17
Hampton S, Kerr A, Bree-Aslan C	(2008) Oxyzyme: An Oxygen Releasing Dressing. Journal of Community Nursing Vol: 22 Issue 10 Pp 42 - 44
Hampton S, Kerr A, Bree-Aslan C	(2008) Parafricta in Prevention of Shear & Friction in 'At Risk' Patients APA Parafricta Ltd
Kingsley A, Kerr A, Bree-Aslan C, Coulborn A, Tadej M	(2009) Suprasorb X + PHMB: Antimicrobail & Hydrobalance Action in a New Wound Dressing. Wounds UK Vol:5 No: 1 Pp 72 - 77

Hampton S, Young S, Bree-Aslan C, Coulborn A	(2009) Parafricta Material: can it reduce the Potential for Pressure Damage. Journal of Community Nursing, Vol:23 Issue 4 Pp 28 – 3
Bree-Aslan C & Coulborn A	The collaboration of private and public sector services to benefit a community patient with a pressure ulcer For Mayflower Medical http://www.firsttechnicare.com/5.support/documents/PBcasestudy.pdf
Hampton S & Bree-Aslan C	Episil Absorbent: Treating a painful traumatic wound http://www.ampleresources.co.za/AmpleRx/attachments/article/115/Cathie%20Bree-Aslan%20and%20Sylvie%20Hampton%20(Episil%20Absorbent).pdf
Hampton S, Coulborn A, Tadej M, Bree-Aslan C	(2011) Using a superabsorbent dressing and antimicrobial for a venous ulcer *British Journal of Nursing* (Tissue Viability Supplement) Vol 20(15) pp S20, S22 - 25
Hampton S, Bree-Aslan C & Verrall D	(2011) Experience of Silhouette, a new wound management and information management system in clinical practice file:///C:/Users/Personal/Downloads/Silhouette_Experience_Download.pdf
Hampton S, Bree-Aslan C, Young S, Tadej M	(2012) Aderma Heel pads in the prevention of pressure ulcers in Nursing Homes, Wounds UK 8(4)
Bree-Aslan C Tadej M Hampton S, Knowles A	(2013) Evaluation of a superabsorbent pro-ionic copolymer gel (Poster presentation, EWMA 2013, Copenhagen)
Tadej M, Bree-Aslan C Hampton S & Knowles A	(2013) The irresistible force of long fibre activated carbon cloth on colonised wound outcomes (Poster presentation, EWMA 2013, Copenhagen)
Tadej M Bree-Aslan C Hampton S & Kowles A	(2013) Management of high exudate wounds: selecting a superabsorbent dressing (Poster presentation, EWMA 2013, Copenhagen)
Bree-Aslan C, Tadej M	(2013) Kerrafibre Super-Alginate – a new integrated dressing (Poster presentation, Wounds UK, Harrogate (Nov. 2013), UK)
Bree-Aslan C	(2015) The quality and efficiency of care *Expert Witness Journal* **1**(10): 70-74
White R, Bennett D, Bree-Aslan C & Downie F	(2015) Pressure Ulcers, Negligence and Litigation – The Debate Wounds UK **11**(1):8-14
Bree-Aslan C	(2017) The significance of Category 2 pressure ulcers and their resultant consequences *Expert Witness Journal* (London & South East Focus) **1**(21): 21-23
Goddard E & Bree-Aslan C	(2023) Stop the pressure: the problem of pressure ulcers and how to treat them (on behalf of Stewarts Law via website: https://www.stewartslaw.com/news/the-problem-of-pressure-ulcers-and-how-to-treat-them/

Member of the Pan-Sussex Safeguarding Adults at Risk development team (2010)

Member of Any Qualified Provider (Leg Ulcer Management) Advisory Panel to the Department of Health 2011-2013

Eliminating Avoidable Pressure Ulcers Conference, October 2013
Guest Speaker: Clinical Dilemmas in the Selection of Pressure Relieving Mattresses

Registered Care Homes Association (East Sussex) Annual Conferences: 2011 & 2013:
Guest Speaker: Prevention & Management of Pressure Injuries (2011); Clinical Governance – Clinical Negligence (2013)

Development of Foundation Degree Modules (accredited by University of Brighton):
Prevention and Management of Pressure Injuries
Tissue Viability & Complex Wound Management

AvMA Webinar presentation: Prevention and Management of Pressure Injuries (2013)

Guest Speaker: *Significance of seating in pressure related injuries*, Stewarts Law, London October 2014

Guest Speaker: *Clinical Governance, Accountability and the Importance of Nursing Documentation*, St Margaret's Hospice Tissue Viability Conference, Yeovil, Somerset, October 2014

Contributor to NICE Guideline MTG17 The Debrisoft Monofilament Debridement Pad for use in acute and chronic wounds: guidance (March 2014)

Contributor to development team of TELER Wound Care online wound management and documentation system (2012 – present)

Peer Reviewer for Journal of Wound Care

Guest Speaker: *Tissue Viability Training Day – Preventing Litigation for Pressure Injuries***,** WoundConsultancy ltd & Wound Care Consultants Ltd, Chasely Trust, Eastbourne, East Sussex October 2016

Guest Speaker: *Clinical Manifestations of Friction-Related Injury*, Wound Care from Innovations to Clinical Trials Conference, Manchester, UK 20-21 June 2017

Guest Speaker: *The Use of a Combination of Technologies to Establish Skin Tolerance to Direct Pressure Area Care and Mitigate Risk of Pressure Injuries.* Wounds UK 2020, 11 November 2020
Shortlisted for the Wounds UK Award of Excellence 2020

Guest Speaker: *The Impact of Pressure Ulcers on the Spinal Injured Patient.* APIL Advanced Spinal Injury Conference 24 June 2021 (Virtual Conference)

Guest Speaker: *To Travel Is To Live – a Case Study of a complex SCI client*. CCMS & ABI Solutions "Predicting The Unpredictable" Conference, 30 November 2023. London.

Guest Speaker: Durham & Darlington Coroners – invited to present to Coroners on: "Prevention and Management of pressure Ulcers", 19 April 2024

Guest Speaker: *Never Say Never Events – prevention and management of pressure ulcers* - Stewarts Law (Leeds) Conference – "Supporting People With Spinal Cord Injury Beyond The Specialist Units", 26 February 2025.