



Guidelines on providing expert advice

Fellows should take particular care when providing opinions which address issues as to the standard of care, professionalism or level of competence provided by a colleague.

Such opinions should be:

- Accurate and concise
- Relevant to the issue in dispute
- Fair and impartial
- Free of conflict of interest
- Represent standard and current orthopaedic practice
- Provided by a Surgeon knowledgeable in the relevant "Sphere of Practice"

When recommending expert advisors to the third parties (i.e. Courts, MCNZ, HDC, ACC) the NZOA requires advisors to be:

- Vocationally registered Orthopaedic Surgeons with a minimum of ten years post fellowship experience
- Currently active in a surgical practice
- Participating and complying with requirements of the NZOA Continuing Professional Development Programme

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