Programme

9.45 – 10am  REGISTRATION

10 – 10.30am  Welcome and introduction

10.30 – 11.15am  The role of the medical expert witness in court and the adversarial system
  – The taking of the oath/affirmation
  – The duties of the expert witness while under oath
  – How expert witnesses should direct their answers

11.15 – 11.30am  BREAK

11.30am – 1pm  Processes, procedures and preparation in giving evidence
  Exercise: preparation
  Seeing the pre-trial process as preparation for a court hearing, understanding the relevant legislation, processes and procedures. How to improve preparation for giving evidence by re-reading evidence, considering key issues and facts and becoming familiar with the practices and processes of giving evidence.

  Exercise: cross-examining lawyers’ techniques
  Considering lawyers’ techniques in cross-examination including specific issues for medical experts. Learn techniques for handling cross-examination and the dos and don’ts of giving evidence.

1 – 2pm  BREAK

2 – 3pm  Mock court: cross-examination role play
  Interactive session with attendees taking turns to be questioned. Illustrating a range of questioning techniques and how to effectively handle them. Delegates will receive supportive structured feedback based on objective Assessment Criteria for Giving Evidence.

3 – 3.15pm  BREAK

3.15 – 4.15pm  Cross-examination role play continued

4.15 – 4.30pm  Objectives and close

4.30pm  CLOSE