## Just Tell the Truth: Reports, Certificates, and Legal Evidence



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This recorded webinar will provide tips and strategies to ensure an understanding of all the requirements for your authorisation of documents and providing reports, your AHPRA code of conduct and the obligations on you by the courts. We will equip you with the requisite knowledge to best represent yourself if required to give evidence in your professional capacity.

As health practitioners you have the authority to sign off on various documents, such as insurance claim forms and certificates and treating practitioners and experts may be required to provide reports or assessments and even give evidence.

At any time any practitioner may be called upon to provide evidence in medical negligence or other personal injury litigation, a Coronial inquest or in a criminal or Family Law setting. In all cases where you go to print be prepared to give evidence in court. Being properly prepared and cognisant of all the issues is paramount for all witnesses.

Learning objectives:

- 1. Understand the significance of authorising certificates and writing reports
- 2. Identify the key requirements of providing legal evidence and consequences of not adhering to the courts
- 3. Implement strategies to effectively prepare as a witness

## **Presenters**

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