**ST3-AP-FELL-EPA13 – Medicolegal (civil) assessment**

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The following EPA will be entrusted when your supervisor is confident that you can be trusted to perform the activity described at the required standard without more than distant (reactive) supervision. Your supervisor feels confident that you know when to ask for additional help and that you can be trusted to appropriately seek assistance in a timely manner.

**Title**

Medicolegal (civil) assessment and report not connected with the relevant mental health act.

**Description**

Maximum 150 words

To conduct, either individually or in collaboration, an assessment in civil jurisdictions (eg. workers’ compensation, personal injuries, victims of crime, total and permanent disability) and to prepare a report setting out findings and addressing relevant questions.

**Fellowship competencies**

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**Knowledge, skills and attitude required**

The following lists are neither exhaustive nor prescriptive.

**Ability to apply an adequate knowledge base**

- Understand ethical considerations such as those relating to confidentiality.
- Understand the obligations of medical experts in fulfilling the requested function.

**Skills**

- Ability to determine the purpose of the assessment.
- Ability to evaluate the legal or administrative context of the assessment.
- Ability to conduct a comprehensive but focused assessment and mental state examination.
- Ability to review collateral information.
- Ability to prepare a report outlining findings in plain English, addressing any questions set by the requester.
• Ability to manage any follow-up requests for clarification or supplementary advice.
• Ability to appear as an expert witness as required.
• Undertake the role of expert witness with impartiality and accurate reporting of findings.

**Attitude**
• Professional approach to any requested assessments taking particular consideration of such issues as timeliness of response, any undue pressure from referring agencies, as well as managing any countertransferential responses towards the person being assessed.

### Assessment method
Progressively assessed during individual or clinical supervision, including three appropriate WBAs.

### Suggested assessment method details
(These include, but are not limited, WBAs)
• Case-based discussion.
• Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS).
• Review of written reports.

### References
COL, Collaborator; COM, Communicator; HA, Health Advocate; MAN, Manager; ME, Medical Expert; PROF, Professional; SCH, Scholar