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Expert Medical Witness Services & Fee Schedule

Scope of Services

- **Affidavit of Merit / Certificate of Merit** – Evaluation of claims to determine whether medical negligence may have occurred.
- **Standard of Care Reviews** – Comprehensive record review to assess adherence to accepted medical guidelines and practices.
- **Rebuttal Reports** – Critical review and written response to opposing expert opinions and Independent Medical Examinations (IMEs).
- **Deposition & Trial Testimony** – Clear, defensible medical opinions presented in plain language.
- **Failure to Diagnose / Delay in Diagnosis** – Analysis of cases involving conditions such as myocardial infarction, pulmonary embolism, pneumonia, congestive heart failure, cellulitis, diverticulitis, pancreatitis, cholecystitis and gastrointestinal bleeding.
- **Medication Management Reviews** – Evaluation of prescribing practices, drug interactions, and appropriateness of therapy.
- **Outpatient Procedures & Procedural Safety** – Review of office-based and urgent care procedures for adherence to accepted clinical standards, informed consent practices, documentation, and complication management.
- **Cause of Injury or Death** – Medical review to assess whether an injury, condition, or death was caused or materially contributed to by specific delays, omissions, or departures from accepted standards of care, based on review of the clinical record and established medical principles. *Excludes forensic autopsy interpretation or toxicology determinations, which are outside the scope of this practice.*
- **Personal Injury Record Reviews** – Assessment of medical records related to motor vehicle accidents, premises liability, workplace injuries, and other personal injury claims involving evaluation or treatment in a primary care or urgent care setting. Focus on correlating the mechanism of injury with documented findings and treatment necessity - *without performing IMEs.*
- **Workers' Compensation & Occupational Medicine Reviews** – Analysis of medical records to assess work-relatedness, restrictions, and appropriateness of return-to-work decisions, including review of Department of Transportation (DOT) physicals.
- **Utilization & Peer Review Reports** – Evaluation of medical necessity, documentation quality, communication, clinical appropriateness, and adherence to accepted care standards.

Fee Schedule

- **Medical Record Review & Analysis - \$600/hr**
Includes comprehensive review of medical records and case materials, literature review, and analysis of key issues such as standard of care, causation, and opposing expert opinions.
- **Case Preparation & Strategy Support - \$600/hr**
Includes emails, phone, virtual, or in-person meetings with counsel regarding findings, theories, medical plausibility, and differential diagnoses. May include assistance with drafting interrogatories or deposition questions and preparation of initial opinion summaries (verbal or written).
- **Affidavit of Merit / Certificate of Merit – \$3,500 flat fee**
Includes expert review, preparation, notarization, and delivery of an Affidavit of Merit, or expert's support for retaining counsel in the preparation of a Certificate of Merit.
- **Narrative Reports (Causation, Standard of Care, Medication Management, Failure to Diagnose/Delay in Diagnosis, Rebuttal) – \$600/hr**
Typical range: 5–20 hours per report depending on case complexity and volume of records.
- **Testimony Preparation - \$600/hr**
Includes pre-deposition and/or pre-trial testimony preparation with counsel (review of reports, exhibits, anticipated challenges, and mock Q&A) and independent preparation (reviewing transcripts, literature, discovery materials, and organizing documents).
- **Subpoena & Document Response - \$600/hr**
Includes time spent locating, redacting, reviewing, and producing prior reports, CVs, or invoices, as well as coordination with counsel regarding objections or protective orders.
- **Deposition Transcript Review & Signature – \$600/hr**
Includes review, correction, and execution of deposition transcripts, including preparation of any errata sheet.
- **Settlement Support & Mediation Preparation - \$600/hr**
Includes review of mediation briefs, preparation of executive summaries for defense or retaining counsel, and attendance at mediation (virtual or in-person) to explain medical issues.
- **Deposition Testimony – \$700/hr**
3-hour minimum (\$2100), prepaid 7 days in advance.
- **Trial Testimony**
 - Half-Day: \$2,800 (prepaid 14 days in advance)**
Up to 4 hours, including waiting time, travel delays and/or court recess.
 - Full Day: \$5,600 (prepaid 14 days in advance)**
Over 4 hours and up to 8 hours, including waiting time, travel delays and/or court recess.
Time exceeding 8 hours in one day billed at \$700/hr for the remainder of that day.
- **Travel – \$300/hr (portal-to-portal), plus reasonable expenses**
- **Retainer – \$5,000**
Replenished when balance falls below \$1,500; non-replenishable cases handled as outlined in the engagement letter.