



LAW INTENSIVE 1

4 & 5 JULY 2026 - THE TASMAN LUXURY HOTEL, HOBART, TASMANIA

Course Overview

Aim

The aim of this course is to give health care practitioners better understanding of the legal complexities that underpin clinical decisions and equip them with the basic knowledge of health law necessary to make sound clinical and management decisions consistent with good medical practice.

The Law Intensive 1 serves as a supplement and pre-requisite to the ACLM Law Intensive 2.

Learning Outcomes

1. Identify the legal framework that underpins the health care system in Australia.
2. Differentiate between the consent required for treatment (trespass) and informed consent (negligence).
3. Explain the legal medicine issues surrounding assisted reproductive technology and the doctrine of double effect in clinical practice.
4. Apply the principles of confidentiality and privacy to your clinical practice and record keeping system.
5. Recognise the legal issues and differences of voluntary assisted dying legislation in the Australian states.
6. Demonstrate an understanding of coronial law and how it is applied to investigate reportable deaths.

About the Course

The Law Intensive 1 begins with an introduction to the legal framework that supports the health system. Consent to medical treatment, clinical negligence, confidentiality and privacy are then discussed. The program also examines the issues in clinical practice that relate to the beginning and end of life. Specifically, the topics discussed are artificial reproductive technology (ART), the doctrine of double effect and voluntary assisted dying legislation. The day concludes with an overview of coronial law and how it is applied to investigate reportable deaths. Each presentation is followed by small group discussion of clinical case studies that relate to the subject material. The small groups each then report back to the whole group, identifying the legal issues that were involved in the clinical situation presented.

Fees

AUD \$990 ACLM members (inc. GST) | AUD \$1,190 Non-members (inc. GST)



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Pre-course Activities

A recommendation of time required is provided as a guide. CPD hours are allocated in accordance with these times.

Recommended Reading

- Health Law in Australia 4th edition, Ben White, Fiona McDonald, Lindy Willmott, Shih-Ning Then; Thomson Reuters 2023
- Ethics and Law for the Health Professions 4th edition, Ian Kerridge et al; Federation Press 2013
- Australian Medical Law 3rd edition, John Devereux; Routledge-Cavendish 2007

Pre-course Activity – 2 hours recommended

The pre-course activity should be returned via email 1 week prior to the course. If you choose not to complete the activity, your CPD hours will be adjusted accordingly on your certificate of completion.

Location

Location / Delivery Mode

The Tasman Luxury Hotel, Hobart, Tasmania - 12 Murray St, Hobart TAS 7000.
Attendance at this course is in person (face-to-face) only.

Travel & Accommodation

Information will be sent following registration. We recommend booking travel and accommodation which has flexible cancellation policies in case of illness impacting your ability to travel.





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Program

The following times are listed as local time at the venue (QLD, Australian Eastern Standard Time). Please note- exact timings may change closer to the date.

Time	Session	Speaker	Interactive
DAY 1 – SATURDAY			
8:00 am	<i>Attendee arrival</i>		
8:30 am	Welcome and course overview	Dr Donal Buchanan	
8:40 am	1. Legal Framework of the Australian Health System	Prof. Kurosh Parsi	
9:10 am	2. Introduction to Medical Negligence (with scenario)	Prof. Kurosh Parsi	Breakout group work
11:00 am	<i>Morning tea (20 mins)</i>		
11:20 am	3. Consent to Medical Treatment (with scenario)	Prof. Kurosh Parsi	Breakout group work
12:50 pm	<i>Lunch (45 mins)</i>		
1:35 pm	4. Assisted Reproductive Technology (with scenario)	Dr Donal Buchanan	Breakout group work
2:45 pm	<i>Afternoon tea (15 mins)</i>		
3:00 pm	5. Doctrine of Double Effect (with scenario)	Prof. John Devereux	Breakout group work
3:50 pm	Day 1 review		
4:00 pm	<i>Day 1 close</i>		
DAY 2 – SUNDAY			
8:30 am	<i>Attendee arrival</i>		
9:00 am	6. Confidentiality, Privacy and Medical Records (with scenario)	Prof. John Devereux	Breakout group work
10:30 am	<i>Morning tea (20 mins)</i>		
10:50 am	7. Voluntary Assisted Dying (with scenario)	Dr Donal Buchanan	Breakout group work
11:50 am	8. Coronial Medicine (with scenario)	Dr Donal Buchanan	
12:50 pm	Review and consolidation	Dr Donal Buchanan	
1:00 pm	<i>Lunch / Program close</i>		



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Continuing Professional Development

ACLM CPD Program recognition:

14 hours, Relevant to Legal or Forensic Medicine

CPD home submissions:

The following allocations are suggested by ACLM and will be shown on the attendance certificate. It is up to the attendee to check that the activity meets their own CPD home's requirements and to allocate the activity type according to their CPD home's guidelines.

Educational Activity: 11 hours (-2 hours if pre-course activity not submitted)
Reviewing Performance: 3 hours (-1 hour if post-course activity not submitted)
Total: 14 hours (adjusted as per above depending on pre/post-course activities)

Program Level Requirements met:

- Maintaining and developing professionalism
- Maintaining and developing ethical practice

Osler CPD home recognition:

This activity is an Osler Approved Activity for the Osler CPD Home.

ACLM does not upload activities to CPD homes on behalf of participants. You must self-submit to your CPD home to claim points.

Adjustments to allocated hours:

The pre- and post-course activities are optional for all attendees, however your Certificate of Completion will show adjusted CPD hours if you did not submit the activities.



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Cancellation Policy

A refund less \$150 administration fee will be provided for all cancellations received at least 30 days prior to the course start date. Any cancellations after this point will be non-refundable.

Please do not attend if you are sick with a contagious illness such as COVID-like symptoms. If you cannot attend due to illness we will issue a credit note to attend the next available course.

Contingency Planning

If a situation occurs which significantly affects the majority of participants' ability to attend in person, the course may either be postponed to a later date or held entirely online. Any such decision will be communicated to all as soon as possible if this circumstance arises. By registering, you agree to attend the course virtually on the same dates, should this circumstance arise.

Health & Safety

As part of our commitment to making this event safe you must comply with the following directions:

- Do not attend this event if you are unwell with a contagious illness such as COVID-like symptoms. Contact us for a credit note to attend the next available course.
- Wash and sanitize your hands frequently and follow hygienic practices when coughing or sneezing.
- It is your responsibility to check the latest border, travel and quarantine restrictions to ensure you are safe and able to travel to and from this event. This may include applying for a travel permit.



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Teaching Faculty

Dr Donal Buchanan – Neurologist & Professor

Don Buchanan has been a full time forensic medical officer in Queensland for over 30 years, during which time he was director of state government medical officer services for 7 years. He obtained his medical degree at the University of Queensland and is a Fellow of the Australian College of General Practitioners and a Fellow of the Australasian College of Biomedical Scientists. Don is a past President of the Australasian College of Legal Medicine, and is an Honorary Life Fellow, Council Member and current Honorary Treasurer. He obtained a Master of Public Health from the University of Queensland in 1996 and was awarded a Juris Doctor (a graduate law degree) from the University of Queensland in 2003. He was admitted as a legal practitioner in the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2004. He is a member of the Bar Association of Queensland and has completed a Master of Laws (Health Law) from the Queensland University of Technology. He has worked as the deputy coronial registrar and is currently an acting magistrate (coroner) in the Coroners Court of Queensland.



Professor John Devereux – Professor of Law, University of Queensland

John Devereux teaches and researches the law of torts at the UQ Law School. He has a special interest in medical law, most notably in the areas of competency to consent to medical treatment and in epilepsy and the law. A Rhodes Scholar, John has worked as a lawyer in a variety of contexts including as a Barrister, as a consultant to a multi-national law firm, a Law Reform Commissioner for Queensland, a legal member of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal and as a Defence Force Magistrate. John was formerly Lecturer in Law at Keble College, Oxford University and Assistant Dean of Magdalen College, Oxford University. He is a former Associate Vice Chancellor of A.C.U. John is an Honorary Fellow of the Australasian College of Legal Medicine and joint Head of Teaching Faculty.



Professor Kurosh Parsi – Dermatologist, Phlebologist and Vascular Anomalies Specialist

Kurosh Parsi is the Head of Department of Dermatology, St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, Australia and Program Head, Dermatology, Phlebology and Fluid Mechanics Research Laboratory, St. Vincent's Centre for Applied Medical Research. He sub-specializes in vascular anomalies and vascular dermatology. Kurosh is a conjoint Professor of Medicine at University of New South Wales (UNSW) and served as an Adjunct Professor of Fluid Mechanics at the University of Sydney, School of Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering. He is a medical graduate of the University of Sydney, obtained his Master of Science in Medicine followed by a PhD in thrombosis, haemostasis and fibrinolysis from the UNSW and a Master of International Law (LLM) from the University of Salford (Manchester, UK). Kurosh is currently completing a juris doctor degree with the University of Canberra. Kurosh served as President of the International Union of Phlebology (UIP) (2019-2023) and prior to that served as Vice President (2009-2013), Treasurer (2013-2017) and President-elect (2018-2019). Kurosh served the Australasian College of Phlebology (ACP) as President (2007-2017) and was the convener of the ACP annual Scientific Meetings (2007-2017) and the World Congress of Phlebology (Melbourne, Australia; 4-8 February 2018).

