BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of The Medical Report and Testimony

REFERENCE: Pearce, G. H., The Medical Report and Testimony, George Allen & Unwin, Beaconsfield, Canada, 1979, 104 pages.

This book is a short and elementary survey of the examination of patients following injury. It gives advice on the preparation of a medical report and on giving evidence in court.

Many of the pitfalls that face the junior doctor are outlined and at the end of the book there are short sections on medical terms and skeletal information of value to an attorney unused to handling medical cases. One section the young doctor may find of particular interest is that on the duration of total and partial disability that may follow injury.

This book is a guide outlining the general principles of the doctor's role in injury litigation and will be of particular value to young physicians when they are first faced with such problems.

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