Healthcare

Our Team
Our specialist healthcare lawyers offer sound practical legal advice and assistance to a variety of clients across the sector. We have advised healthcare clients for decades and our team understands the complex and diverse requirements that healthcare law creates for the sector.

We advise established public and private Hospitals and those developing and building new centres on all of the legal health issues that affect them, including corporate structuring and clinical governance, risk management strategies, regulatory compliance and accreditation, professional discipline, medico-legal advice, data privacy, employment law, construction, property transactions and technology agreements.

Our contentious practice is unrivalled and we have been involved in many of the leading Irish medical negligence cases instructed by public and private insurers or directly by institutions themselves.

Drawing from specialist expertise across the firm, we also advise a wide range of businesses who provide services to the healthcare sector, including pharmaceutical and MedTech companies.

Our Services
Governance and regulation:
• Accreditation and Licensing
• Professional Regulation
• Clinical Audit

Medico-legal advice:
• Medical law & ethics, including consent and confidentiality
• Drafting risk management policies & procedures
• Human assisted reproduction
• Mental Health Law
• Child Protection issues
• Wardship
• Interaction between healthcare professionals and industry - gifts/entertainment
• Clinical trials
• Privacy & Data Security, including FOI
• Health and Safety

Representation:
• Clinical Negligence and professional indemnity
• Coroners inquests
• Disciplinary hearings/Fitness to practice inquiries
• Statutory Investigations and Inquiries
• Judicial review and statutory appeals
• Product Liability

Dublin, London & New York
Medical Law & Medical Malpractice
Acting on behalf of both public and private hospitals, we have vast experience of advising our clients on a wide range of medicolegal issues including:
• Consent to treatment
• Patient confidentiality
• Legal capacity
• Coroners’ Inquests
• Fitness to Practice Inquiries
• Records retention
• Clinical trials
• Mental Health Law
• The regulation and operation of nursing homes

We also have a widely respected practice representing the interests of hospitals and doctors nationally in the defence of malpractice actions in all areas of medical specialty including:
• Obstetrics
• Orthopaedics
• Accident and Emergency
• General Medicine
• Surgery
• Paediatrics
• ENT
• Psychiatry

Clinical Governance
We advise on the adoption of best practice in clinical governance. We have particular strengths in clinical risk management, clinical governance and corporate governance, which enable our healthcare clients to both sharpen their strategic focus and improve the running of their healthcare facilities. We have specialist expertise in advising healthcare clients on devising clinical governance strategies and setting up risk management programmes to include:
• Clinical governance strategies
• On-site investigation and advising on serious adverse clinical events
• Reviewing and revising hospital guidelines, policies and protocols

We provide advisory services on all medicolegal and ethical issues relating to healthcare including the implications of executing professional practices guidelines and advising on consent to treatment of adults, children and those lacking capacity. Our lawyers also serve on hospital ethics committees.

What Others Say About Us...
…thorough with a robust approach to cases, and is very practical and straight-talking.
Chambers & Partners Europe, 2015

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