



Professional Indemnity Acknowledgement

I, _____, acknowledge that Ambition 24 Hours have made me aware of the limits of the indemnity available under the Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST), and I understand that the cover offered by the CNST is by no means sufficient to cover all the situations in which I might find myself. Ambition 24 Hours have advised me of the importance of taking out my own personal Professional Indemnity Insurance, but at this point in time I choose not to take any additional cover and I realise that without this insurance I could be liable for all costs relating to any claim made against me.

(signature)

(date)

Who is not covered?

NHS Indemnity does not apply to family health service practitioners working under contracts for services, eg GPs (including fund holders), general dental practitioners, family dentists, pharmacists or optometrists; other self employed health care professionals eg independent midwives; employees of FHS practices; employees of private hospitals; local education authorities; voluntary agencies. Exceptions to the normal cover arrangements are set out in the main document.

Circumstances covered

NHS Indemnity covers negligent harm caused to patients or healthy volunteers in the following circumstances: whenever they are receiving an established treatment, whether or not in accordance with an agreed guideline or protocol; whenever they are receiving a novel or unusual treatment which, in the judgment of the health care professional, is appropriate for that particular patient; whenever they are subjects as patients or healthy volunteers of clinical research aimed at benefiting patients now or in the future.

The above is an extract from the following document on the NHS Litigation Authority web site. For all the details please go to this link.

<http://www.nhs.uk/nhsliam/1CFE5864-05C3-4770-982C-7003294B8161/0/NHSIndemnity.rtf>

The following is an extract from the GMC Guidance “After Registration”

8. Insurance and Professional Indemnity

In the performance of all your professional duties, you should abide by the principles set out in Good Medical Practice. Even so, you could become the subject of a complaint or an allegation of negligence during the course of your professional employment. The protection that comes from employment in the NHS is by no means sufficient to cover all situations in which you may find yourself.

There are professional organisations which undertake to protect, support and safeguard the character and interests of registered medical and dental practitioners in the United Kingdom, and elsewhere. Members receive advice and assistance on legal, ethical and other problems arising from the practice of their profession, including problems that may arise with the GMC itself as the result of allegations of failure to abide by the principles set out in Good Medical Practice. Members may also receive indemnity for damages and costs arising from judicial decisions or settlements out of court and in medico-legal cases undertaken on their behalf, notably accusations of professional negligence.

Further information about the benefits of membership can be obtained direct from the organisations concerned.

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