

Christopher Sykes

Christopher is a solicitor with many years experience in the health sector. He is a member of the Australian Sonographers Association and the Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine. From 2000 to 2010 he held a position on the Australian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine board of examiners and held the position as chairman of the Australasian Sonographer Accreditation Registry.

Christopher has been involved in policy development for radiology site accreditation, Medicare funding of radiology services and registration of health practitioners.

In 2009 Christopher graduated with a Juris Doctor from Monash University. He subsequently completed articles at Hall and Wilcox. During his study, Christopher completed clerkships at Arnold Boch Leibler, Allens Arthur Robinson and Russell Kennedy giving him a broad range of experience in a number of firms.

Christopher has an interest in medicolegal issues facing health professionals in their everyday practice. As a senior sonographer, Christopher has worked in the public and private sector and has an in-depth understanding of how medicolegal issues affect and concern all health professionals. Christopher enjoys conveying information to people, and because he remains in clinical practice as a sonographer, he is uniquely placed to put a clinical context to many legal concepts through case studies and personal experiences.

In his clinical practice, Christopher is required to “practice what he preaches” and he is constantly in touch with health professionals who grapple with medicolegal issues on a daily basis. This gives Christopher a valuable insight into the issues facing health professionals, their understanding of the law and the difficulties health professionals face when confronted with legal issues.

Christopher is a dynamic presenter and has given many talks including presentations on ethics and medicolegal matters. In all of his presentations, Christopher’s philosophy is to present clear information that can be readily applied to everyday clinical practice.

Areas of Expertise

Christopher has expertise in the following areas:

1. Workcover
2. Consent
3. Negligence
4. Personal injury

5. Coronial inquests
6. Taxation of charities
7. Commercial contracts
8. Commonwealth Medicare Benefits Schedule
9. Insurance
10. Freedom of information
11. Intellectual property
12. Retail leases

Qualifications

B.App.Sci.(Hons)(Medical Radiations)

Grad. Dip. (Medical Ultrasound)

Juris Doctor

Publications and presentations

“Ultrasound Establishes a Role in Achilles Tendon” Diagnostic Imaging, Asia Pacific, June 2001.

“Sonography of the Shoulder” CD-ROM. Released Chicago, November 2001.

“Sonographic Evaluation of Gluteus Medius and Minimus Tendinopathy” European Radiology (2003) 13:1339-1347.

“Ultrasound elbows MRI in joint examinations” Diagnostic Imaging Europe, June/July 2003.

“Sonography of the Elbow and Wrist” CD-ROM. Released Chicago, November 2003.

“Slim Line Probes Improve Hand and Wrist Scans” Diagnostic Imaging Asia-Pacific, September 2004.

“Adhesive Capsulitis: Sonographic Changes in the Rotator Cuff Interval with Arthroscopic Correlation” Skeletal Radiology, 2005 Sep;34(9):522-7.

Proffered Papers

“Comparison of Colour Doppler Imaging Techniques: In Vitro Assessment using a Clinically Modelled Doppler Flow Phantom”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, Annual Scientific Meeting, Melbourne, September 1998.

“Sonographic Evaluation of Gluteus Medius and Minimus Tendinopathy”, Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Sydney, May 2002.

“Echoenhanced Colour Doppler Sonography Establishes a Role in the Classification of Small Renal Tumours”, Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Sydney, May 2002.

“Adhesive Capsulitis of the Shoulder: Sonographic Appearances”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, Annual Scientific Meeting, Gold Coast, September 2002.

“Morton’s Neuroma – Anatomy, Sonography and Treatment”, Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Adelaide, May 2003.

“Adhesive Capsulitis of the Shoulder, Sonographic Appearances”, European Society of Skeletal Radiology, Annual Conference, Aarhus, Denmark, January 2003.

“Hernia – A Surgical Correlation”, Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Melbourne, May 2004.

“Musculoskeletal ultrasound – are we there yet?”, Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Brisbane, May 2005.

“Sonographic Evaluation of the Triangular Fibrocartilage Complex”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, Annual Scientific Meeting, Adelaide, September 2005.

“The Triangular Fibrocartilage Complex Revisited”, Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Canberra, May 2006.

Invited Lectures

“Ultrasound Physics”, Australian Sonographers Association, Melbourne, February 2001.

“Ultrasound Physics”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, Melbourne, February 2002.

“Ultrasound Physics”, Australian Sonographers Association, Melbourne, June 2002.

“Musculoskeletal Ultrasound”, St Antonius Hospital, Nieuwegein, The Netherlands, January 2003.

“Sonography of the Shoulder”, Dutch Elbow and Shoulder Society, Annual Meeting, Utrecht, The Netherlands, January 2003.

“Ultrasound Physics”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Melbourne, June 2003.

“The Physics of Vascular Ultrasound”, Australian Sonographers Association, Melbourne, August 2004.

“Quality Assurance in Vascular Ultrasound”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, Multi-disciplinary Workshop, Melbourne, March 2005.

“Ethics and Medico-legal Issues in Ultrasound”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, Multi-disciplinary Workshop, Melbourne, March 2005.

“Sonography of the Elbow”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, Multi-disciplinary Workshop, Gold Coast, March 2006.

“Sonographic Assessment of Morton’s Neuroma”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, Multi-disciplinary Workshop, Gold Coast, March 2006.

Keynote Lecture, “New Perspectives in Shoulder Sonography”, Australian Sonographers Association, National Conference, Sydney, May 2007.

Keynote Lecture “Renal Artery Assessment”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, Western Australian Branch Meeting, Perth, June 2007.

Keynote Lecture “Shoulder Ultrasound”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, Western Australian Branch Meeting, Perth, June 2007.

“The Rotator Interval of the Shoulder”, Annual Special Interest Group Seminar of the Australian Sonographers Association, Melbourne, August 2007.

Keynote Lecture, “The posterior interosseous nerve – where have you been all my life”, Australian Sonographers Association, National Conference, Sydney, May 2007.

Keynote lecturer, “Musculoskeletal Ultrasound”, Ultrasound Society of the Philippines, Manila, October 2007.

“Sonography of the posterior interosseous nerve”, World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology, Sydney 2009.

“Sonographer Litigation – stats and situations”, Australian Sonographers Association, National Conference, Melbourne, May 2010.

“Ethics and medicolegal issues”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, Multi-disciplinary Workshop, Sydney, March 2011.

Workshops Presented

“Sonography of the Shoulder”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, Annual Scientific Meeting, Sydney, September 2001.

Lower Limb Venous Workshop, Cabrini Hospital, Melbourne, June 2001.

Lower Limb Venous Workshop, Cabrini Hospital, Melbourne, July 2002.

“Musculoskeletal Ultrasound”, Martini Hospital, Groningen, The Netherlands, January 2003.

“Sonography of the Adult Hip”, Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Adelaide, May 2003.

“Sonography of the Groin”, Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Adelaide, May 2003.

“Sonography of the Shoulder”, Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Melbourne, May 2004.

“A-Z Shoulder”, Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Brisbane, May 2005.

“Elbow”, Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Brisbane, May 2005.

“Shoulder”, Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Brisbane, May 2005.

“Sonography of the Shoulder”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine, Multi-disciplinary Workshop, Gold Coast, March 2006.

“The adult hip and groin”, Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Canberra, May 2006.

“Groins, hernias and hip”, Australian Sonographers Association, National Conference, Sydney, May 2007.

“Elbow”, Australian Sonographers Association, National Conference, Sydney, May 2007.

“Advanced Shoulder”, Australian Sonographers Association, National Conference, Sydney, May 2007.

“Hand and Wrist”, Australian Sonographers Association, National Conference, Sydney, May 2007.

“Wrist Ligaments”, Annual Special Interest Group Seminar of the Australian Sonographers Association, Melbourne, August 2007.

“Hernias”, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine Annual Scientific Conference, Cairns, September 2007.

“Musculoskeletal Workshop: Advanced Shoulder”, World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology, Sydney 2009.

“Sonography of the Rotator Interval”, Australian Sonographers Association, National Conference, Melbourne, May 2010.

“Sonography of the Shoulder”, Australian Sonographers Association Musculoskeletal Workshop, St Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne, October 2010.

Prizes

Radiologic Imaging Essay Prize, RMIT University 1995

Best Paper: Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Sydney, May 2002.

Best Original Work: Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Sydney, May 2002.

Best Clinical Paper: Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting, Canberra, May 2006.

Best Overall Paper: Australian Sonographers Association, Annual Scientific Meeting,
Canberra, May 2006.

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