



**Dr Abdul Basith -v- Nicole Parker - Causation of schizophrenia following mild to moderate RTA.**

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## INTRODUCTION

GP Claimant (50 at date of settlement) involved in minor to moderate RTA with superficial soft tissue injury involving neck, right upper limb and lower back.

## LIABILITY

Liability admitted.

## INJURIES

Continued working for three months. Underwent surgery to right shoulder, developed phobia of needles and more significantly, schizophrenia with an adjustment disorder and reactive depression.

## PROGNOSIS

Schizophrenia resulted in removal from GMC registration and termination of what had been a highly successful career. Defence argued that genetic background was the cause of schizophrenia and unrelated to RTA.

## MEDICAL EVIDENCE

Claimant obtained report from leading expert on schizophrenia, Professor Ann Mortimer, who said accident was the sole cause of schizophrenia. Defendants hypothesised that it was genetic/idiopathic in origin but failed to prove its case by detailed argument and reference to peer reviewed articles and textbooks.

## LIFE EXPECTANCY

Life expectancy became a critical issue based on Claimant's ethnicity, type II diabetes, hypertension and hypercholesterolaemia. Claimant accepted life shortening of 7 years (Defendant contended for 16).

## DAMAGES

Case settled at JSM for £1.2 million on 11.11.20

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