

Claim assessment

Role of the medical board doctor vs clinician

The role of the medical board doctor differs from the more traditional role of the GP or hospital doctor where the objective is to reach a diagnosis and arrange treatment. The medical board doctor's role is to make an assessment of the effects of the condition and apply this to making an assessment of loss of faculty in the case of LTIA or advice to the Decision Maker in accordance with the relevant legislation.

	Clinician	Medical Board doctor
Acts as	Patient advocate	Department's assessor
Role	Diagnosis and treatment	Assesses loss of faculty/disability
How	History Examination	History Examination Informal observation
Specific skills	Diagnostic techniques Treatments	Loss of faculty assessment Objective advice within legal framework