Claudia Salmon

Expert Witness
Suffolk



Professional Experience

Claudia is a senior occupational therapist with over a decade of experience within the NHS. She brings specialist expertise in neurology, frailty, elderly care, emergency medicine, palliative care and hand therapy. Claudia has been involved in many equipment evaluations and provides oversight to ensure compliance with best practices and regulatory requirements. She also possesses knowledge of infection control, information governance, basic life support, safeguarding of vulnerable adults & children and manual handling training. Throughout her career, Claudia has completed holistic assessments and produced clinical reports outlining assessments, interventions and proposed plans. She is full trained in Civil Procedure Rules, including relevant revisions as they arise. Claudia diligently maintains her professional development, engaging in regular external training, recently including Accora Riser Recliner Chair Training, Wheelchair Prescribers' Course and Wound Assessment.

Specialisms

- Neurological Conditions
- Brain Injury
- Frailty
- Elderly Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Specialist Equipment

Qualifications

- BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
- Hand Therapy
- Respiratory Medicine
- Moving & Handling

Palliative Care

Home Adaptions

Career History

East Suffolk & North Essex NHS Foundation Trust Senior Occupational Therapist

2014 - Present

- Member of the Neurological Outpatients team, responsible for leading post Intensive Care Unit rehabilitation, discharge planning, complex interdisciplinary therapeutic interventions and providing education, advise and support regarding the management long-term chronic conditions in the home.
- Specialist equipment provision, guidance on moving & handling and conducting home visits to determine patients' needs and make minor adaptions.
- Worked on two patient inpatient wards specific to COVID and respiratory medicine.
- Established and managed a high-performing frailty service. This included triaging to outside agencies and community services and collaborating with various hospital-based services, including A&E.

Rotational Occupational Therapist

2011 - 2014

- Completed home visits to assess equipment needs of surgical and orthopaedic patients for discharge, including ramps.
- Assessed and ordered wheelchairs and attachments for amputee patients.
- Managed two busy elderly care wards with a total of 42 patients.



Memberships

- Royal College of Occupational Therapists
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section Independent Practice

Ages Covered

• Adults only