

# Presentation for Basic Program to Train CPQIH

## Medico Legal Case Management



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## MLC CASE MANAGEMENT

**Target Audience:** All Doctors, Nursing Staff  
Front Desk Staff or Admin Department,  
Security

**Frequency:** During every induction training or  
as per HCO policy

# Why to manage MLC

- ML Cases are just as Non MLC sick/injured patients and doctor is duty bound to treat as well as document the details.
- Crucial piece of evidence

Communication to law enforcing agencies is required under section 39 of CrPC and failure to do so will attract legal penalty  
Liable to be prosecuted under section 201 of IPC

# Receiving an MLC

## **A doctor can receive a medico-legal case–**

- Brought by the police for examination and reporting.
- Already registered MLC referred from other health care system for expert management/advice
- After history taking and thorough examination, if the doctor suspects that the circumstances/ findings of the case are such that registration of the case as an MLC is warranted
- Directive of court.

# Who?, Where?

## Any doctor who

- Possess permanent registration with MCI/SMC
- Some experience (preferable)

The doctor who has -First contact with patient should prepare an ML case report

In rape victims by the examination and preparation of MLC is done by female doctors.

No specified area is defined for ML case

Emergency Department is the area where majority of ML reports are prepared But sometimes may be in wards after detection of new findings

# When?

## **Some of the Pre-labeled MLC (as per BPRD)**

- RTA's, Rail accidents, factory accidents or any other unnatural mishap
- Suspected or evident homicides or suicides
- Suspected or evident poisoning
- Burn injuries due to any cause
- Injury cases where foul play is suspected
- Injury cases where there is likelihood of death in near future
- Sexual assault cases
- Suspected or evident criminal abortions
- Unconscious cases where cause of it is not clear
- Brought in dead cases where suspicion of foul play
- Cases referred from court

# DOCUMENTATION OF A MEDICOLEGAL CASE

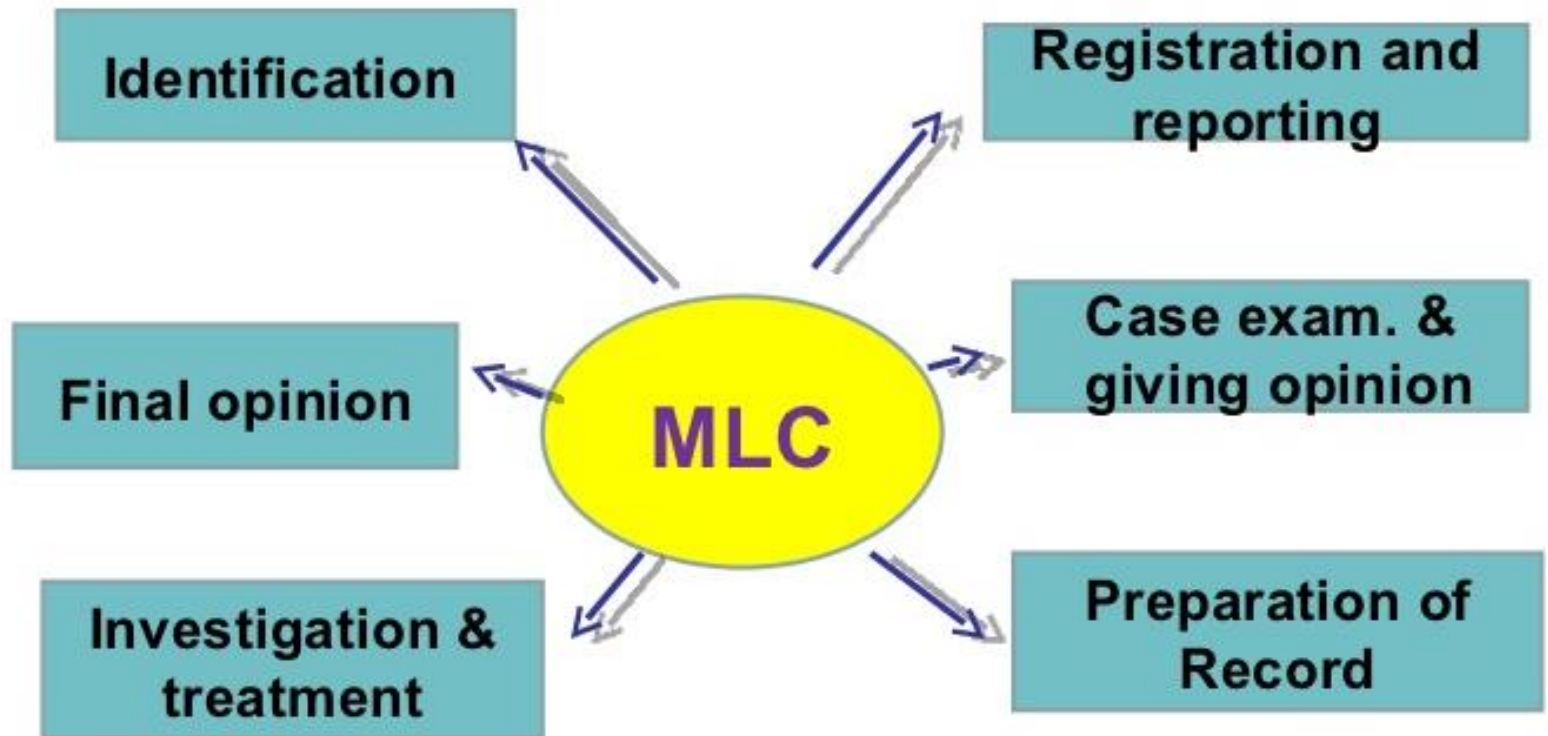
- Documentation is done in Triplicate in a set Performa as per hospital policy
- Separate performas may be available for medical examination, examination of drunkenness etc.
- All columns are filled up carefully and by the same doctor who had examined the patient
- Each MLC is given a fresh MLC number sequentially or parallel series as per hospital policy

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- The details are completed then and there only, leaving no provisions as to be completed later on.
- After completion doctors sign and mention his/her name in full below it with designation
- Police constable on duty informed in each case.
- After registration of a case as MLC , thereafter all documents and requisition forms bear the same MLC number including the discharge slip.
- If the case brought is a referred case and is already registered as medico legal case **FRESH REPORT is NOT REQUIRED**



## The management of a MLC may be described in following heads



- Information is given only to I.O. or any person designated by I.O.
- If the I.O. gives requisition for any clarification regarding certain points mentioned in the report given, answer is given in writing.
- **DOCTORS MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY IN ALL MLC CASES**
- If the I.O. demands an original document/ photocopy of the same, of a MLC, it is given and a receipt obtained.
- If the court demands X-Ray films, P.M. report etc. they are deposited in the court and a receipt obtained.

# SUMMARY

- MLC REPORTS FILLED LEGIBALY
- AVOID SUPERLATIVES, ABBREVIATIONS, TECHNICAL JARGON
- ALL RELEVANT DETAILS NOTED
- SIGNATURE / NAME IN FULL CAPITAL LETTERS BELOW
- ALL RELATED FORMS ARE LEGAL DOCUMENTS FILLED IN DUPLICATE
- WITH MLC NUMBER AND DETAILS
- ALL COULUMS COMPLETED
- CONFIDENTIALITY MAINTAINED
- **NONJUDGEMENTAL ABOUT ANY CASE –DUTY IS TO EXAMINE THE PATIENT AND DOCUMENT THE FINDINGS AND PATIENT MANAGEMENT.**
- **THE ONUS OF FIXING RESPOSIBILITY OF GUILTY IS FOR THE COURT**

# Feedback & Suggestions

Criteria	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree
Material Provided were helpful			
Content was well organized			
Instructions well clear and understandable			
The Presenter/ Presentation was effective			
Module met my expectation			