**Discussion Group Meeting – 2 March December 2022**

**Present:-**

John Bosanquet

Brett Courtenay

David Gorman

David Gronow

James Powell

Neville Rowden

Roger Rowe

Phil Sharp

Mike Shatwell

**Apologies:-**

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John Bentivoglio

Peter Gray

Ron Haig

Andrew Leicester

Paul Miniter

Richard Powell

Steve Quain

Paul Robinson

Phil Truskett

Jim Vote

Craig Waller

**Meeting Held:** Thursday 2 March 2022

Medicins Legale, 1 Barrack Street, Sydney

**Meeting Commenced: 5pm**

**Meeting Concluded: 8pm**

1. The minutes from the previous meeting were discussed with no other matters arising.
2. Brett Courtenay has volunteered to set up a website, which will be a resource for relevant material, articles, results of discussions and so on for members (password protected).

He has looked into naming and discarded many already used and has suggested Pundit Alliance.

John Bosanquet gave a dissertation on the history of the Pundits in India under the Raj during the period of the great game between the British and Russian Empires.

1. John Bosanquet’s case was discussed principally in respect to determining whether in lumbar (and cervical) conditions how radiculopathy is determined and assessed. There was wide discussion and largely agreement was reached that firm physical signs that can be assessed externally and by other observers provide a more sound basis for determining the presence of radiculopathy rather than symptoms (subjective complaints) alone.
2. Dr Powell’s case was discussed principally involving the difficulties of assessing the influence of specific events on a natural process. There will always be wide variation in interpretation of the influence of specific events and (others that might not have been mentioned by the patient or their treating doctors) on the natural history of an underlying disorder but in providing assessment evaluation of the various contributing components as far as can be done should be enumerated to provide support for the opinion finally given.
3. Case without notice. Dr Powell presented a case to look at how peripheral nerve entrapment disorders might arise in the presence of normal anatomy and how much work activities might influence such presentation. Dr Shatwell particularly provided his experience of assessment of such conditions particularly about the ulnar nerve through his work and his father’s work in Liverpool and with contact with Dr Osborne. Particularly for ulnar nerve involvement at the elbow (the main topic of discussion) Dr Gorman reviewed the various contributing components that assist in the evaluation and as outlined AMA Guides to Evaluation of Injury and Disease Causation (which also helps in evaluating influence at other anatomic sites).

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 1 June 2023

**Time:** 5pm

**Venue:** Medicins Legale, 1 Barrack Steet, Sydney