



## The role of the forensic pharmacologist as an expert witness

Forensic pharmacology is a fascinating discipline internationally, covering everything from drink driving to the influence of drugs and alcohol in rapes and murders. Scotland is in the unenviable position of being the worst country in Europe for illicit drug-related deaths. The scope of my interest is from medical negligence to drugs of abuse such as new psychoactive substances. I take a particular interest in drugs of abuse and further to that the impact scientific expert evidence has in determining the outcome of cases and how this may be subverted by the judicial process. I will be sharing specific case studies regarding the

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