

# **On Methods of Examination in Medico-Legal Cases: An Analysis**

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Medico Legal Cases are an integral part of medical practice, frequently encountered by Medical Officers. Medico Legal Cases are on the increase, both in the Civil as well as in the Armed Forces. Proper handling and accurate documentation are of prime importance to avoid legal complications for the next of kin to receive entitled benefits. Medical officers working in hospitals, fields, medical & non-medical units encounter medico legal issues should be handled in accordance with the law of the land and directives. Since law and order is a state subject, there are differences in the legal procedures being followed by different States. Medical Officers should acquaint themselves with medico legal procedures that are in vogue in the state in which they are serving. There has to be strict and vigilant environment in our hospital as far as medico legal examination is concerned. Every doctor has to fulfill certain legal requirements in service by compulsion or voluntarily as defined under the law. Medico-legal case examination and reporting is one of the legal responsibilities of all doctors working in a hospital.