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AGES ASM – Consent for new and innovative procedures	
Date	8 March, 2018
Time	7:00am – 7:45am
Topic	Consent for New and Innovative Procedures
Location	Crown Promenade Melbourne
Organisation	AGES
Panellist's title and bio	<p>Martin Botros Master of Laws (Health Law) Bachelor of Laws</p>  <p>Martin works as a Risk Advisor in Avant's member Risk Advisory Service. He is based in our Victorian office.</p> <p>Martin's role as a risk adviser at Avant draws on his several years of health experience as well as his Masters in Laws (Health Law) which he utilises to inform and guide doctors and their practices with a view to supporting safer practice and better patient outcomes.</p> <p>Prior to joining the Risk Advisory Service, Martin was a medico-legal adviser for Avant, offering on-the-spot medico-legal advice to members. Prior to commencing with Avant, Martin worked at the Coroners Court of Victoria, where he was responsible for assisting with the operational, education, and implementation changes of the then new legislation. He is also a member on various boards and quasi-judicial bodies, including Austin Health's Board of Directors, as well as the Performance and Professional Standards Panels for AHPRA.</p>
Overview	<p>The increase in medical knowledge and the solutions to medical problems provided by innovative technology is a challenge to any proceduralist. On the one hand practitioners want to offer their patient the best procedure available while on the other hand they do not want to create trouble for themselves by being an early adopter of a procedure that later becomes controversial and engender medico-legal risk. The recent controversies surrounding the use of mesh in pelvic floor procedures is a good example</p> <p>How then to select treatments and procedures in this climate? This is the question the speakers in the session will attempt to answer giving both a legal and medical perspective.</p>
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