To many doctors who are sued or complained against, the event seems random. At the population level, however, there are patterns. Previous attempts to predict medico-legal risk at the clinician level have been unsuccessful. This talk will describe a study that is using a unique national dataset on patient complaints against Australian doctors to develop new methods for identifying doctors at high risk of incurring multiple medico-legal events in the future.

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