

The Seven Pillars

A disciplined sequence for reading complex medical records. Each pillar builds on what the previous one has established.

- 01 Record Integrity**
Can the available record reliably establish what happened?
Identify missing sources, conflicting entries, and limits of the evidence.

- 02 Baseline Profiling**
Who was the patient before the event?
Understand prior illness, function, and likely clinical trajectory.

- 03 Imaging Analysis**
What do the objective studies show?
Place imaging findings alongside the written record and the timing of change.

- 04 Timeline Reconstruction**
What happened, and when did intervention become possible?
Reconstruct turning points and opportunities from dated source material.

- 05 Standard of Care Review**
What should reasonably have happened with what was known then?
Identify care questions for appropriate expert review, without hindsight.

- 06 Regulatory and Compliance Overlay**
Did system, policy, or regulatory obligations affect the journey?
Separate material organizational issues from background context.

- 07 Causation Mapping**
Did the difference in care probably change the outcome?
Test the potential effect against competing causes and uncertainty.

The result, not an eighth pillar

Litigation-Ready Output brings the seven analyses together. In the Attorney Case Brief™, the initial screening identifies what the available records support, where questions remain, and a recommended next action. The Brief is preliminary; it is not a legal conclusion or a substitute for comprehensive expert review.