

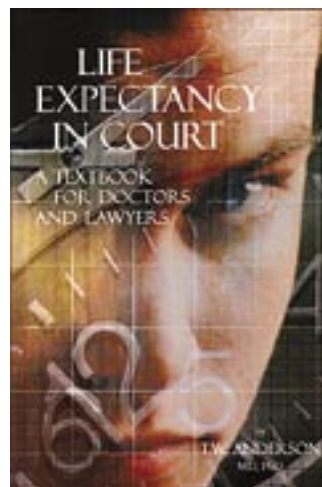
# Life Expectancy in Court

## A Textbook for Doctors and Lawyers

*Terry Anderson, MD, PhD*

*The estimation of life expectancy is perhaps the most difficult task the Courts face in cases of serious personal injury. An estimation that proves with time to be erroneous can have disastrous financial consequences. By its very nature, the expert evidence that is called to assist the Court always contains a large measure of speculation and arbitrariness. The task facing lawyers and the medical experts they call must be to remove as much of that speculation and arbitrariness as possible. Dr. Anderson's book will be of invaluable assistance both to the doctors who are asked to make such estimates and to the lawyers who must understand how they have been — or should have been — arrived at.*

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**L**ife expectancy is an important issue in cases of serious personal injury. This book explains how to calculate life expectancy, and how to avoid common mistakes and misunderstandings. Basic concepts are illustrated with data from studies involving a wide range of conditions, including alcoholism, cerebral palsy, colon cancer, diabetes, brain injury and spinal cord injury.

The chapters are user-friendly, with extensive use of graphs and tables. The subject of epidemiology is at the heart of the methods that are discussed.

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