

# **Summary of VIN Services and Fees**

## Forensic/Expert Fee Agreement

This would be the best option for a patient with an active legal case following an incident, when the attorney would like Dr. Ross to be an independent medical examiner who has evaluated the patient in person and can testify regarding a patient's history, symptomatology, mental status, physical status, functional status, diagnoses, and recommendations for treatment/care. Dr. Ross is board-certified in neuropsychiatry, general psychiatry, and brain injury medicine and holds medical licenses in Virginia and Florida. Dr. Ross would **not** be the patient's treating physician.

If the patient is accepted, Dr. Ross and Erin Seals-Truitt, M.S., would conduct a day-long evaluation at VIN of the patient with a close friend or family member who knows the patient well. Either the day before or the day after, the patient will also undergo a 30–45-minute proctored cognitive exam. After the evaluation, Dr. Ross would write and publish a report with the findings to the attorney.

An initial retainer of \$13,000.00 is required, to be applied toward total costs, which includes record review, face-to-face examination, and published report. Any additional costs may vary depending on a number of different variables, including deposition or trial preparation, which has a higher billing rate. Please also take notice of potential rush rates for work with a deadline of less than 3 weeks. Typically, with advance notice, we can meet the deadline of a published report within 2 days after the initial evaluation.

Please note that the scope of work and initial retainer may be adjusted in special circumstances, such as when Dr. Ross is performing forensic work but has not evaluated the patient in person, preparing for testimony, or providing his expert medical opinion and interpretation of an Individual's NeuroQuant and NeuroGage results. The modified initial retainer would depend on the estimated billable time for the appropriate VIN staff member(s).

# Clinical Fee Agreement

This would be the best option for a patient who would like Dr. Ross to be their treating physician. Dr. Ross is board-certified in neuropsychiatry, general psychiatry, and brain injury medicine and holds medical licenses in Virginia and Florida. In some cases, a Forensic patient might request to be a Clinical patient following an IME, in which case Dr. Ross would serve both as Forensic expert and Clinical treating physician, who could discuss his diagnoses and recommendations with the patient. A patient may have had a legal case concluded and now requests Dr. Ross become their treating physician. Or a patient has symptomology that Dr. Ross is uniquely qualified to diagnose and treat, independent of a legal case or specific incident.



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With a medical records review prior to the evaluation, an initial deposit of \$3,800.00 is required, to be applied toward total costs, which includes record review, face-to-face examination, and summary report. Without a medical records review prior to the evaluation, an initial deposit of \$1,900.00 is required, to be applied toward total costs, which includes face-to-face examination and summary report. Any additional costs may vary depending on several different variables and will be billed once the report has been issued. **Note that VIN is <u>not</u> a participating facility with any insurance carriers.** Please also take notice of potential rush rates for work with a deadline of less than 3 weeks.

With Clinical care a patient will have routine follow-up appointments, either inperson or virtually, when needed. They may be a half day follow up appointment, a brief medication or case management appointment, or coaching appointment. Costs of these other appointments vary depending on the preparation for and duration of the appointment at the billable rate of the appropriate VIN staff.

#### NeuroQuant® and NeuroGage® Radar Fee Agreement

This would be the best option if a patient needs their brain MRI(s) analyzed with volumetric software NQ and NG to measure brain volume and compare abnormal findings to peer-reviewed literature for specific diagnoses, make abnormal brain volume age comparisons, and measure longitudinal changes compared to normal control data, to be interpreted by the ordering physician.

A Cross Sectional (one time point) Radar analysis is a flat fee of \$600.00. A Longitudinal (changes between two timepoints) Radar analysis is a flat fee of \$700.00. Radar Plus options are available for a flat fee of \$100.00 <u>each</u> for quality control and segmentation review, inclusion of the TBI Biomarker test, used to predict whether a given participant is a healthy normal control or a patient with chronic mild or moderate traumatic brain injury (TBI), and two (2) additional Age Comparison Graphs. VIN can also check a previous MRI to see whether the correct protocol was followed to allow NQ/NG analyses for a flat fee of \$50.00.

This fee agreement does <u>not</u> constitute a doctor-patient relationship, so unless the patient is under Dr. Ross' clinical care, the Radar reports can only be published to an attending physician or attorney. Verbal consultations or Dr. Ross' written interpretation regarding the Radar results are not included in this fee agreement, as they are subject



to the terms of the Forensic, Clinical, or Consultation fee agreements and billed at the appropriate rates.

## **Consultation Fee Agreement**

This is a "catch-all" option for Clients (e.g., patients, clinicians, professionals, attorneys) with needs not otherwise outlined in the above fee agreements. This includes but is not limited to imaging consulting services (e.g., verbal interpretation of brain imaging or NQ/NG or education/training regarding NQ/NG), educational or collaborative consultations with other clinicians or professionals, assistance with patient disability paperwork, and independent record review and summary.

The initial deposit amount depends on the estimated time to complete the work requested at the billing rate for the appropriate VIN staff member. Any additional costs may vary depending on several different variables and will be billed once the work has been completed. Please also take notice of potential rush rates for work with a deadline of less than 3 weeks.

# **Deposition Fee Agreement**

This is specific for request of deposition of Dr. Ross. The \$2,320.00 deposition fee is nonrefundable and applies to 4 hours of Dr. Ross's time in deposition. Preparation for deposition is covered separately in the Forensic fee agreement. Please also take notice of potential rush rates for work with a deadline of less than 3 weeks or scheduled after hours or on weekends.

# **Discounts**

Discounts may be available under special circumstances. Inquire for more details if you have a lower budget legal case or need financial assistance.