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**Curatelle Applications – Medical Information**

1. The Curatelle Rules, 1989, specify in Form 2 the affidavit to be provided by the Patient's medical practitioner.
2. In addition to the diagnosis of the Patient's medical condition, the Royal Court requires succinct information on the symptoms which have led the medical practitioner to conclude that the Patient was unable to manage his affairs to such an extent that the Patient required a Guardian to be appointed for him.
3. For example, the medical condition may be "dementia". The affidavit should then also set out the relevant disabling symptoms, such as "short term memory loss", "loss of numeracy skills, especially in relation to money", "confusion as to time/space/identifying carers or relations" etc. This list is not exhaustive, but indicates the form of detail which the medical affidavit should contain.

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