

CURRICULUM VITAE

**MR RONALD PETER MIFSUD
MD FRCS (Ed) FRCS (Eng)**

PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME Ronald Peter Mifsud

DATE OF BIRTH 21 March 1945

BUSINESS ADDRESS 19 Greenfield Avenue
Stourbridge
West Midlands
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PLACE OF BIRTH Malta

MARITAL STATUS I am Married.
My wife is a Pharmacist and I have three children.

GENERAL EDUCATION Lyceum Grammar School, Malta.
10 GCE 'O' Levels
4 GCE 'A' Levels

INTERESTS Sporting Activities: Swimming
Recreational Activities: Music, Collecting Antiques

MEDICAL CAREER

Under-Graduate Education

Royal University of Malta Medical School.

Graduation

November 1969.

Honours Passes

Pathology, Surgery, Ophthalmology and Pharmacology.

Scholarships

In 1967 I obtained a three month Scholarship at the University of Rome where I studied Surgical Pathology.

Extra-Curricular Activities

In 1968 I was Secretary to the Malta Medical Students' Association. During the summer months of 1969 I organised a Summer School at the Medical School. Amongst our guest speakers were Professor St Clair Symmers of Charing Cross Hospital and Professor Rodgers of Queen's University, Belfast.

Degrees and Diplomas

MD (Malta) - November 1969.

FRCS (Ed) - May 1975.

FRCS (Eng) - May 1976.

REGISTRATION WITH GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL

Full Registration 31 December 1970.

Registration Number: 1489015.

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Pre-Registration

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| House Surgeon | St Luke's Hospital, Malta, Professorial Unit | <i>15 Sep 69 to 2 Jun 70</i> |
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| House Physician | St Luke's Hospital, Malta | <i>3 June 70 to 2 Dec 70</i> |
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Both house jobs gave a wide, basic experience in a busy general teaching hospital, including performing straight forward operations such as appendicectomy, under supervision.

Post-Registration

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| SHO in Orthopaedics & Trauma to
Mr I McFarlane, Bronglais General Hospital, Aberystwyth, Wales | <i>1 Jan 71 to 31 Aug 71</i> |
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I was involved in the primary care and sorting of patients in a busy Casualty Department and in the care of both minor fractures and multiple injuries. I performed operations such as nailing and plating of fractures of the neck of femur, under supervision.
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| SHO in Elective Orthopaedics
The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Northfield, Birmingham | <i>1 Sep 71 to 31 Jul 72</i> |
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As an SHO I worked for most of the Consultants at the Woodlands Hospital. I assisted at a great number of operations and also performed straight forward cold orthopaedic operations, under supervision, eg tibial osteotomy, menisectomy.
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| SHO in General Surgical Rotation Scheme
East Birmingham Hospital, Bordesley Green East, Birmingham | |
| a SHO in Thoracic Surgery to
Mr S MacHale and Mr Stevenson | <i>1 Aug 72 to 31 Jan 73</i> |
| <p>In this job I obtained experience in performing thoracotomies, inserting chest drains and in the post-operative care of patients who had undergone pulmonary and cardiac surgery.</p> | |
| b SHO in Trauma and Orthopaedics to
Mr Dwyer | <i>1 Feb 73 to 31 Jul 73</i> |
| <p>More experience was obtained in dealing with major trauma. Special experience was obtained in the management of club foot.</p> | |

SHO in General Surgical Rotation Scheme

East Birmingham Hospital, Bordesley Green East, Birmingham

c **SHO** to

Mr Michael Middleton and Mr Tudor

1 Aug 73 to 31 May 74

With more experience I was, allowed to perform operations such as herniorrhaphy, cholecystectomy and repair of perforated peptic ulcers without supervision. Experience was also obtained in vascular surgery.

Following success in my Primary FRCS, I was appointed Registrar in the Surgical Rotation Scheme at the United Birmingham Hospitals.

4. **REGISTRAR in Surgical Rotation Scheme**

United Birmingham Hospitals

a **REGISTRAR in Trauma and Orthopaedics** to

Mr Batten, The General Hospital, Birmingham

1 Jun 74 to 31 Aug

I gained experience with the AO system of internal fixation. I performed several internal fixations with and without direct supervision.

b **REGISTRAR in General Surgery** to

Mr Rihan, Good Hope Hospital, Sutton Coldfield

1 Sep 74 to 28 Feb 75

I gained experience in general surgery performing routine surgical operations.

c **REGISTRAR in Paediatric Surgery** to

Mr Piggot, Mr Gourevitch, Mr Turner and Mr Baines

1 Mar 75 to 31 Aug 75

In this busy regional centre, I gained experience in Paediatric Surgery and especially in the pre and post-operative care of neonates. I also gained experience in Paediatric Urology, Neurosurgery (especially the care of spina bifida) and Paediatric Orthopaedics.

I obtained experience of acute paediatric surgical emergencies as a result of my "on call" duties as RSO.

d **REGISTRAR in General Surgery** to

Mr Sokhi and Mr Currie, East Birmingham Hospital

1 Sep 75 to 29 Feb 76

At the East Birmingham and Good Hope Hospitals I was allowed to perform more complex operations such as mastectomy, cholecystectomy, vagotomy, pyloroplasty and thyroidectomy.

e **REGISTRAR in Trauma and Orthopaedics** to

Mr Batten, The General Hospital, Birmingham

1 Mar 76 to 31 Aug 76

Further experience was obtained in the use of the AO system of internal fixation.

5. **REGISTRAR in Orthopaedics**
The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham

FIRMS:

a. **Mr Rodney Sneath, FRCS** *1 Sep 76 to 31 Dec 76*

Working for Mr Sneath, I obtained experience in the surgery of tumours and in the use of special custom built prostheses after major bone resections. I was also responsible for organising cyto-toxic regimes, for patients with tumours, in conjunction with the Radiotherapy Department at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

b. **Mr H Piggott, FRCS** *1 Jan 77 to 31 Jun 77*

In this period I was involved in the pre- and post-operative care of patients with scoliosis. I assisted at a great number of operations of posterior spinal fusion with Harrington Rods.

c. **Mr J R Pearson, FRCS** *1 Jul 77 to 31 Dec 77*

Special experience was gained in the surgery of rheumatoid arthritis and in joint replacements. I performed total hip replacements under direct supervision, but mostly solo, whilst working for Mr Pearson on this occasion.

d. **Mr Rodney Sneath, FRCS** *1 Jan 78 to 31 Jun 78*
Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham

I spent 6 months' at the Selly Oak Hospital as Trauma Registrar. I performed pin and plate operations and insertions of Thompson Prosthesis without supervision.

e. **Mr M Harrison, FRCS** *1 Jul 78 to 31 Dec 78*

Working with Mr Harrison, I gained special experience in the treatment of Perthes' Disease and in the use of the Birmingham Splint.

f. **Mr P J Mulligan, FRCS** *1 Jan 79 to 31 Jun 79*

Much experience was gained in hand surgery.

g. **Mr R James, FRCS** *1 Jul 79 to 31 Dec 79*
Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, Coventry

This is a very busy Trauma and Orthopaedic Centre. There is a busy Hand Clinic which helped me to gain further experience in hand surgery. During this part of the rotation I also developed

an interest in Cast Bracing of fractures. I conducted a Cast Bracing Session most Friday afternoons.

REGISTRAR in Orthopaedics

The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham

FIRMS:

h. **Neurosurgical Attachment to**

Mr W Whatmore and Mr A E Booth, Coventry and Warwickshire *1 Jan 80 to 31 Mar 80*
Rotation

Registrars working in Trauma and Orthopaedics at Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital get the opportunity to spend three months working at the Neurosurgical Unit at Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry. In this busy unit I gained experience in performing laminectomies, fenestrations for prolapsed intervertebral discs and also in performing craniectomies and craniotomies. Experience was also obtained in looking after patients on respirators. At the end of three months I returned to Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital to continue Trauma and Orthopaedics.

i. **Mr J Clegg, FRCS**

1 Apr 80 to 30 Jun 80

Whilst working for Mr Clegg more experience was gained in treating fractures with internal fixation. Further experience was gained in Paediatric Orthopaedics.

j. **Mr C P Cotterill, FRCS**

1 Jul 80 to 31 Aug 80

Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham

During this period experience was obtained in the treatment of talipes equino varus and other problems of the foot.

6. **SENIOR REGISTRAR IN ORTHOPAEDICS**

Birmingham Orthopaedic Training Programme

- a. **Mr J R Pearson, FRCS, Mr MHM Harrison, FRCS, Mr H Piggott, FRCS**
Birmingham General Hospital and Birmingham Children's Hospital *1 Sep 80 to 30 Jun 81*

At the General Hospital, Birmingham, I was responsible for the admission and further care of casualties as well as the day to day running of the Orthopaedic Wards. Much experience was obtained in the treatment of fractures, both by internal fixation and functional bracing. I ran a functional bracing session every Friday afternoon. Over this period of time we collected a series of over 120 fractures of long bones treated by bracing and early mobilisation. Experience was also obtained in sports injuries and arthroscopy of the knee.

At the Children's Hospital I worked for Mr Piggott. I personally performed several Paediatric Orthopaedic Operations without supervision. Much experience was also obtained in the management of scoliosis in spina bifida children. I also actively participated in the running of a very busy, weekly outpatient clinic. The Senior Registrar at the Children's Hospital covers the Maternity Hospital and is responsible for the initial management of neonates with talipes equino varus and congenital dislocation of the hip.

- b. **Professor Claude Verdan, Professor Naraka**
Clinique de Longeraie, Lausanne, Switzerland *1Feb 81 to 30 Jun 81*

Whilst working at the General Hospital I obtained a Swiss AO Scholarship which enabled me to work with Professor Claude Verdan and Professor Narakas at Lausanne in Switzerland. During these three months I obtained a great deal of experience in all the various aspects of hand and brachial plexus surgery. Special experience was obtained in tendon injuries and repair. I performed a number of hand operations with and without supervision. I assisted Professor Narakas in 18 cases of exploration of the brachial plexus. I was allowed to perform some of the dissections and "cable grating" myself with and without direct supervision. I participated actively in the Out Patient Clinics where new and operated patients with brachial plexus injuries were seen.

During my stay at Lausanne, I had the opportunity to see microvascular work at first hand. I participated in a great number of microvascular operations, including two cases of re-implantation of amputated thumbs and two cases of transfer of toes to congenitally deformed hands. I also assisted at a number of operations involving the use of free-flap grafts. Furthermore, I was given active tuition in the various microvascular techniques. I was also allowed the daily use of the animal house of the Clinique de Longeraie where I practised microvascular techniques with the other residents. Whilst working at Lausanne, I also had the opportunity to see a lot of Rheumatoid patients. These patients come to the Clinic because of problems with their hands and also with other joints afflicted by Rheumatoid.

- c. **Mr J R Pearson, FRCS, Mr P J Mulligan, FRCS**
The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham

1 Jul 81 to 30 Jun 82

I obtained a great deal of experience in prosthetic surgery during this period of time, especially total hip and knee replacements. As well as the Charnley type of hip replacements we performed Wagner resurfacing replacements in which I am greatly interested. This year at the Woodlands was dedicated almost entirely to elective orthopaedics and I was exposed to practically all aspects of reconstructive surgery, spinal surgery and especially the surgery of Rheumatoid disease. Whilst working with Mr Pearson both at the General Hospital, Birmingham and at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, I saw a lot of the problems of Rheumatoid disease. I performed several operations on Rheumatoid patients and took an active part in running a Rheumatoid Clinic in conjunction with Mr Pearson. The surgery of Rheumatoid Arthritis is one of my main interests.

- d. **Mr J E M Smith, FRCS, Mr P Bewes, FRCS,**
Mr R Evans, FRCS, Mr K Alpar, FRCS
Birmingham Accident Hospital

1 Jul 82 to 14 Oct 83

At the Birmingham Accident Hospital I was involved in the initial and subsequent management of multiple injuries in the Major Injuries Unit. I was exposed to the treatment of fractures of long bones by conservative methods, especially by Perkins Traction and subsequent functional bracing. Whilst working for Mr Alpar, I also gained experience in the management of fractures of the cervical spine. I also performed a large number of operations involving AO internal fixation techniques.

7. **CONSULTANT ORTHOPAEDIC AND TRAUMA SURGEON**
Dudley Hospital NHS Trust

15 Oct 83 to 31 Dec 10

I am a General Orthopaedic Surgeon. During my years as a Consultant Surgeon I have gained wide experience in all aspects of trauma in general.

I have a special interest in the surgery of arthritis and also in whiplash trauma. For 2 years I ran a Whiplash Injury Clinic.

8. **MEDICO-LEGAL REPORTING
CURRENT PRACTICE**

January 1990 to date

My practice currently is all medico legal.

MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

I have been engaged in performing Medico-Legal work for the past 25 years. However, over the past 5 years I have taken on more Medico-Legal work. My mixture of Medico-Legal work is 50% Plaintiff and 50% Defendant.

Over the past 5 years I have prepared, on average, over 500 medical reports per annum.

I have experience in giving evidence in court as an Expert Witness. On an average I attend court 3 – 4 times per year.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Arms, disorders and injuries.

Bone injuries.

Functional bracing of long bone fractures.

Hand injury, fracture, repetitive strain and peripheral nerve surgery.

Hips, arthritis of, post traumatic.

Joints, injury to

Knees, arthritis of, post traumatic.

Limb injuries, bone and soft tissue.

Musculoskeletal injuries.

Orthopaedics, injuries in.

Rheumatoid arthritis.

Road traffic accidents.

Shoulders, disorders of, injury to

Soft tissue disorders and injury.

Trauma.

Whiplash, cervical, low velocity.

SOCIETIES

I am a member of the British Orthopaedic Association (BOA) and regularly attend their meetings.

I am a member of the Independent Doctors Federation (IDF).

I am also a member of the British Medical Association (BMA).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Both at Registrar and Senior Registrar level I have been involved in the teaching of Undergraduates and Post-graduates. I was elected as Honorary Clinical Tutor in Orthopaedics at the University of Birmingham in May 1981. As a Consultant I teach Graduates and Undergraduates.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

I was Mess President at Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital between July 1978 and March 1980.

Between August 1981 and January 1982, I was actively involved in the organisation of the Post-gradual Training Programme in conjunction with the Director of Studies.

I also organised the weekly rota for the Junior Medical Staff at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital.

As a Consultant I was Clinical Director of my Unit from 1991 – 1992 and from 1997 to 1998.

EXPERIENCE ABROAD

I spent six months at Professor Verdan's Clinique de Longeraie Lausanne Switzerland Specialist Centre in Upper Limb & Brachial Plexus Surgery doing Hand Surgery (see above).

I visited Professor Paul Maquett at Liege in Belgium where I gained experience in the conservative management of osteoarthritis of the hip and knee. I saw a number of valgus and varus osteotomies around the hip joint as well as upper tibial and supracondylar osteotomies around the knee joint.

I spent a week in Davos in the summer of 1981 when I assisted in a number of operations involving internal fixation using AO equipment and techniques.

I organised a trip to Heinola in Finland to gain further experience in the running of a Rheumatoid service.

COURSES AND LECTURES ATTENDED

Biomechanics Course Leeds	1976
AO Course Oswestry	1977
Manipulative Medicine Kidderminster	1978
Hand Surgery Edinburgh	1979
Paediatric Surgery Edinburgh	1979
Surgery of Arthritis Edinburgh	1980
Visit to Professor Paul Maquett Hip Specialist at Liege Belgium	1980
Hand Fellowship with Professor Verdan Clinique de Longeraie Lausanne Switzerland Specialist Centre in Upper Limb & Brachial Plexus Surgery	1981
Whiplash 2000 Avon	2000
Debates about Hip Replacement Bristol	2001 and November 2002
Optetrak A Comprehensive Knee System	24 - 25 April 2002
A Back Pain Service – Whose responsibility? Cardiff	2003
International Whiplash Conference 2003 Bath	6 - 8 May 2003
Bioterrorism The Current Threat London	2003
Second National Knee Meeting Worcester	2003
Hip Resurfacing Stratford-upon-Avon	2003
Latest Advances & Controversies in Hip / Knee Surgery	24 - 25 March 2004
APIL Training Course in Advanced Report Writing	11 June 2004
The Medical Report on Low Back Pain	22 June 2005
British Orthopaedic Association Annual Congress	20 - 22 September 2005
Mobile Doctors Examiner Conference	11 - 12 November 2005
British Orthopaedic Association Congress: General Orthopaedics Glasgow	27 - 29 September 2006
British Orthopaedic Association Symposium on Back Pain Manchester	18 - 20 September 2007
Essential Elements of Medico-Legal Training (Premex at Royal college of Physicians London)	19 June 2008
British Orthopaedic Association Annual Congress General Orthopaedics Liverpool	17 - 19 September 2008
British Orthopaedic Association Annual Congress General Orthopaedics Manchester	15 - 18 September 2009
Bond Solon Civil Procedure Rules for Expert Witnesses Certificate	8 June 2011
International Whiplash Conference 2012 Bristol	24 - 26 April 2012
BOA Annual Scientific Meeting 2012	11 - 14 September 2012
Certificate in Medical Reporting: Whiplash Associated Disorder	26 February 2013
British Orthopaedic Association Annual Congress General Orthopaedics Birmingham	1 – 4 October 2013
Birmingham Medico Legal Society Lecture	23 March 2015
British Orthopaedic Association Annual Congress General Orthopaedics Liverpool	15 - 18 September 2015

Medco Mandatory Accredited Training Completed	17 March 2016
Royal Society of Medicine London - Mobility, Exercise, Nutrition and Healthy Ageing Meeting	11 May 2016
Birmingham Patellofemoral Masterclass	28 – 29 October 2016
Premex Annual Conference	15 November 2016
Orthopaedic Trauma Society Annual Meeting 2017	12 – 13 January 2017

PUBLICATIONS

External Rotation and Abduction Fractures around the Ankle Joint, Treated by Internal Fixing Using AO Instrumentation.

Authors: Ronald Mifsud and R L Batten. - Journal: "Injury", Volume 11/No 1 Page 33 August 1979.

A Simple Method of Removing Obstinate Self-Tapping Screws from Bone.

Authors: Ronald Mifsud and R Cherry. - Journal: JBJS (British Volume). Volume 62B No 4 November 1980.

A Computer Technique for Measuring the Radius of the Femoral Head.

Authors: F Johnson, G Burwell, Ronald Mifsud and M H M Harrison. - Journal: Summary published in JBJS (British Volume) 1980.

Superselektive Digital Sympathektomie in Reynaud's Phenomenon.

Authors: D Egloff, Ronald Mifsud and Claude Verdan. - Journal: The Hand Volume 15 No 1

Internal Fixation of Fractures in Patients with Multiple Injuries.

Authors: Ronald Mifsud and W Merriam. - Journal: Injury 1983.

PRESENTED TO LEARNED SOCIETIES

Sympathektomie in Reynaud's Phenomenon.

R P Mifsud, D V Egloff and Claude Verdan. Presented to the Naughton Dunn Club April 1992.

Experiences with Functional Bracing in a District General Hospital.

R P Mifsud, N Clarke and D Smith. Presented to the Black Country Trauma Club. December 1982.