

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **EDUCATION:**

Birkenhead School, Cheshire, England 1959 – 1973  
Head of School, Head of House and Head of Combined Cadet Force  
Represented School at Rugby, Cricket, Hockey, Swimming and Athletics

### **MEDICAL SCHOOL:**

Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, London, 1973 – 1978  
Vice President Students Union and Secretary Rugby Club  
McLeod Cup 1977 for the greatest contribution to the medical school for the year  
Represented Hospital at Rugby, Cricket and Hockey

## **MEDICAL CAREER:**

House jobs were carried out at Charing Cross Hospital, London and the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth between February 1979 and February 1980. Following this underwent surgical training in the Royal Navy with experience in general surgery and orthopaedics with a six month attachment as a plastic surgeon in Derriford Hospital, Plymouth. Royal Naval service also saw me as the Surgeon to the Royal Naval Gulf Patrol in 1983 – 1984 and Surgeon to the Royal Naval Hospital in Gibraltar in August 1986 to November 1987. I left the Royal Navy in 1989.

In 1989 I emigrated to New South Wales in Australia as an Orthopaedic Specialist to the Australian Army. I served between December 1989 and August 1990 as a Lieutenant Colonel in the RAAMC. I returned to the UK as a Senior Registrar and Lecturer in Orthopaedic Surgery at Southampton General Hospital between August 1990 and August 1992 to finish my orthopaedic training in the UK, crediting as an Orthopaedic Surgeon on 1 August 1992 and becoming a Fellow of the British Orthopaedic Association.

I returned to Brisbane in August 1992 as a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon to the Australian Army. I left the Australian Army in December 1993 working in full time private practice in Brisbane. I had visiting rights in a number of private hospitals and as a visitor to the Royal Brisbane Hospital. I was appointed Senior Clinical Lecturer in Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Queensland in 1992.

I returned to the United Kingdom in December 1995 to become a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon with interests in Spinal Surgery at the East Somerset Trust, Yeovil. I moved to Frimley Park Hospital as a full-time spinal surgeon in October 1998. I left the National Health Service in August 2003 to concentrate on effective provision of spinal services by direct working with PCT's and Health Trusts in the South East of England. I have now retired from operative spinal surgery to concentrate on the provision of outpatient services, medico-legal reports and non-operative pain control.

## **LEARNED SOCIETIES:**

British Orthopaedic Association – Fellow	Royal Society of Medicine - Regional Fellow
British Association of Spinal Surgeons	Spine Society of Europe
South West Spine Club & South East Spine Club (Founder Member)	
North American Spine Society	S.I.C.O.T. Examiner in Orthopaedics
Associate Editor of International Orthopaedics	Society for Back Pain Research
Executive of World Orthopaedic Care Concern	

## **COURSES ATTENDED AND LECTURES GIVEN:**

I regularly attend the above societies of which I am a member. Those are the British Association of Spinal Surgeons, the Spine Society of Europe, the British Orthopaedic Association and Society for Back Pain Research. I also attend Britspine which is a meeting of the combined spinal societies. I have given papers at the British Association of Spinal Surgeons and South East Spine Club and I have also presented at Britspine.

I initially organised a South West Spine Club when I was in the south west of England and founded and organised a South East Spine Club which meets on a regular basis to this day. I further attend the Multidisciplinary Team Audit Meeting in Frimley Park on a regular basis. I organise general practitioner workshops and meetings via our organisation, SpineWorks, which are also open to physiotherapists, chiropractors and osteopaths.

I have also produced a website for instructional purposes, which is [www.spine-works.com](http://www.spine-works.com). I lecture on spinal disorders at St Mary's University College, Twickenham. I have lectured to lawyers in their chambers and held a medico-legal conference at the Royal Society of Medicine.

I am an Associate Editor of International Orthopaedics carrying out peer reviews of submitted articles and editing and correcting the English of all the accepted articles. I also examine in Orthopaedics for S.I.C.O.T which is an international society of orthopaedics. I lecture on spinal surgery and writing articles for Orthopaedic journals internationally.

## **MEDICAL INTERESTS:**

I have now retired from operative surgery. In the past I carried out the full range of orthopaedic and spinal operations including decompressions, spinal fusions, spinal stabilisations and disc surgery. These were from both anterior and posterior techniques involving the cervical and lumbar spines. My major interest at that time was in non-fusion technology and stabilisation surgery. Whilst in the Armed Services and NHS I performed the full range of trauma surgery with joint replacement, upper and lower limb surgery with particular emphasis on the knee. My practice now is outpatient based in terms of the investigation and non-operative treatment of spinal conditions. I continue to carry out non-operative pain control by injection and to see and examine orthopaedic and spinal patients.

I am involved in organising the Back Show in London and a national conference of back pain. I have been filmed for Sky News and have appeared in the national press in regards to spinal procedures. I have articles on the BBC web site.

## **MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

I have been compiling medico legal reports since 1990. In my time in Australia and in Somerset I was compiling approximately 50 to 60 reports a year. This rate slowed during my time in Frimley Park Hospital due to a heavy clinical commitment. I am now carrying out 80 to 90 reports a year for both defendant and claimant; my ratio is approximately 50%.

I am on the first tier on the APIL register and carry out a number of medical negligence reports. I have attended the Bond Solon Annual Expert Witness Days and further training with Premex via their Expert Seminars. I have attended further training days including those with Lynden Alexander. I obtained the Cardiff University/Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate in 2009. I am a member of the Expert Witness Institute.

I have lectured to barristers and solicitors both in their offices and chambers and via a SpineWorks Conference in the Royal Society of Medicine.

I write orthopaedic reports in regards to most orthopaedic conditions including lower and upper limb. My speciality is in spinal disorders.

## **PRESENT POSITION:**

I have now retired from operative orthopaedic surgery to concentrate on outpatient delivery of services, medico-legal reporting and non-operative pain control. I resigned from the NHS to concentrate on the treatment of spinal disorders in 2004. The post at Frimley was a spinal post comprising of cold and acute spinal surgery. I was on duty for all orthopaedic trauma in rota with my colleagues. The spinal unit consisted of two full-time spinal surgeons and one part-time. All spinal procedures are undertaken from deformity, tumour, trauma and degenerative conditions.

I hosted regular spinal meetings at Frimley Park Hospital and taught local Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeons who had an interest in spinal surgery. I have lectured on spinal surgery to the Southern Radiology Society, Rheumatological Society and Osteopaths. I continue to lecture to groups of specialists, general practitioners and physical therapists.

Before retiring from spinal surgery I had developed an interest in minimally invasive techniques. I hosted surgeons from abroad to teach up-to-date approaches and operative techniques. I was the first surgeon in the UK to use the AXIALIF technique and X-Stop decompression. I lectured internationally on these techniques and at the relevant workshops.

I am an Associate Editor of 'International Orthopaedics', an orthopaedic peer reviewed journal, and an examiner in orthopaedic surgery for Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology.

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