

CURRICULUM VITAE

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1. PERSONAL DETAILS

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EDUCATION OVERVIEW

UNDERGRADUATE

Leicester University 1987-1992
Degree Awarded: **MB., Ch.B.**
Honours in Surgery
Merit in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

POSTGRADUATE

Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (FRCS)
May 1996

Fellowship of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine (FRCM)
May 2001

Examiner for the Royal College of Emergency Medicine
July 2010 onwards

LLM 'Law Applied to Medical Practice' (University of Cardiff Law School)
Awarded December 2011

Modules: Confidentiality, Consent, Law and psychiatry, Medical Negligence

Dissertation subject: 'Gross Negligence Manslaughter in Medical Practitioners: A review of the law in this area.'

Current Post

**Senior Consultant in Emergency Medicine, Lancaster Royal Infirmary,
University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust.**

I am a full-time substantive Emergency Department consultant who regularly works shifts seeing adult and paediatric patients. I am up to date with current practice in Emergency Medicine and am registered with the Royal College of Emergency Medicine for Continuing Professional Development. I have certification of satisfactory CPD for the past five years, and because I have worked as a consultant in two of the busiest departments in the country (Russell's Hall Dudley and University Hospitals of Leicester) , I have an extensive experience managing the full spectrum of conditions that present to a UK Emergency Department, and supervising the management of these conditions by junior trainees and allied healthcare professionals.

I have previously held instructor status on all three life support courses (ALS, ATLS and APLS)

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS SENIOR CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

Consultant in Emergency Medicine,
University Hospitals of Leicester
Leicester Royal Infirmary
June 2004 – April 2012

This department is a teaching hospital of the University of Leicester, with 165,000 new patient attendances per year when I worked there. This attendance rate makes Leicester one of the busiest departments in the country, and I therefore have an exceptionally wide experience of Emergency Medicine. I was Head of Service in Leicester for three years.

Consultant in Emergency Medicine
University of Birmingham,
Russells Hall Hospital.
95,000 new patient attendances per year.
January 2002 – June 2004

Higher Specialist Training in Accident and Emergency Medicine Specialist Registrar in Emergency Medicine, Years 2 - 5 January 1998 – December 2001

University of Leicester Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust,
Leicester Royal Infirmary.
Mr. GG. Bodiwala, Mr. D. Quinton, Mr. PA. Evans

**Registrar in Emergency Medicine/ Intensive Care Medicine
January 1997 - January 1998**
Royal Hobart Hospital,
Tasmania.
Australia

Synopsis of Medico-Legal Experience

Clinical Negligence

I have over twenty five years' experience of providing medicolegal reports and undertaking expert witness work in Emergency Medicine. I have provided over 3000 clinical negligence reports, comprising of a mixture of fixed-fee overview reports and more detailed negligence reports concerning breach of duty in Emergency Departments. I am regularly instructed by many of the NHSR panel firms for clinical negligence, as well as receiving instructions from firms representing claimants. My ratio of Defendant:Claimant work is 75%:25%

I am able to comment on the standard of care provided by all clinical staff working in the Emergency Department or minor injury unit environment including the practice of doctors, paramedics, nurse practitioners and physician associates.

I am also able to address issues of factual causation pertaining to what would notionally have happened if a person had been taken to the Emergency Department at a certain time, and been treated with a reasonable standard of care.

I have considerable clinical experience of the whole spectrum of Emergency Medicine presentations and have I provided reports on a wide variety of trauma and illness presentations. Examples of areas where I have provided reports are listed below:

- Triage of patients
- Subarachnoid haemorrhage, head injury and stroke including thrombolysis.
- Missed spinal fractures
- Cauda equina/discitis/back pain
- Shoulder injuries and management
- Scaphoid fractures
- Missed fractures/soft tissue injuries of limbs including tendon injuries, wound management and septic arthritis.
- Soft tissue infections including necrotising fasciitis, sepsis
- Hip and knee injuries including ACL rupture.
- Chest pain missed diagnosis (Aortic syndromes, Myocardial Infarction and Pulmonary Embolus)
- Endocarditis and pericarditis
- Ankle injuries, Ottawa Ankle Rules
- Achilles tendon rupture
- Ischaemic limbs
- Diabetic foot problems and Charcot Foot
- Abdominal pain, appendicitis, ectopic pregnancy, testicular torsion
- Psychiatric presentations self-harm, suicide and assessment of Mental Capacity.
- Patients taking discharge Against Medical Advice.

As an Examiner for the Royal College of Emergency Medicine (since 2010) I maintain knowledge of current best practice in Emergency Medicine, I have written evidence of five years CPD sign off, and I revalidated with the GMC in 2024.

Law Degree

I have a Master's degree in medical law (LLM) from Cardiff University Law School so I am conversant with Medical Law issues relevant to clinical negligence, and I have experience in applying the different negligence tests in each nation. I am also familiar with Civil Procedure Rules. My reports are drafted with a familiarity with legal writing, the requirement to separate issues of fact from opinion, and to provide an opinion on what a reasonable spectrum of practice would be for any clinical presentation.

Personal Injury

I have 25 years of experience providing personal injury reports and, in that time, I have prepared over 3000 reports.

I am able to assess Personal Injury Claimants in rooms in Lancaster, LA1 4RP usually within two weeks of being instructed, or if appropriate an assessment can be undertaken remotely via teams or WhatsApp.

Expert Witness / Criminal Law

I have received regular instructions from the Police, Coroners, IOPC, GMC and the Health Professions Council, to comment on the standard of care provided by medical practitioners in Emergency Medicine, as well as paramedics and other related disciplines.

Court Work

I have given evidence in court as an expert witness in Inquests and criminal cases (including murder and manslaughter).

I have appeared as an expert witness in GMC 'Fitness to Practice' tribunals. I have experience of conferences with other experts and Counsel in preparation for progression of negligence claims.

Turnaround for reports

I operate a paper-light office and am used to receiving instructions by secure electronic means (such as mimecast). This means that I am able to guarantee to produce reports within two weeks of instruction, and sometimes more quickly if a deadline demands it. I am always available by telephone to answer any queries about cases.

Data Protection

My Limited Company is registered with the Information Commissioner, and is fully compliant with GDPR data protection regulations, with appropriate certificates to confirm this. We currently hold the Cyber Essentials Certificate of Assurance.