

## Abbreviated curriculum vitae

**Dr. DAVID MAXWELL LEVY**

*Consultant Anaesthetist*

*Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust*

- Expert Reports within 20 working days\* of instruction

\*unless case exceptionally complex

- See profile at [www.expertwitness.co.uk](http://www.expertwitness.co.uk) and [www.newa.expert](http://www.newa.expert)

- Broad clinical practice in a busy East Midlands teaching hospital

- Subspeciality areas: obstetric anaesthesia, neuroanaesthesia, anaesthesia for trauma/orthopaedic surgery, pre-operative assessment

- Medical Examiner, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust

- Subject Matter Advisor, maternity investigations, Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch (HSIB)



HEALTHCARE SAFETY  
INVESTIGATION BRANCH

- Member, Welsh Government Independent Maternity Service Oversight Panel

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<b>Education</b>	University of Edinburgh Medical School, 1981-86
<b>Qualifications</b>	<p>MB ChB (Edinburgh, 1986)</p> <p>Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (London, 1992)</p> <p>Master of Laws (Nottingham Trent University, 2016, Distinction)</p> <p>Dissertation (2015): "Mind the (evidential) gap: the utility of exceptional rules in establishing causation in negligence".</p> <p>RCPATHME (Royal College of Pathologists, 2020)</p>
<b>Registration</b>	<p>General Medical Council</p> <p>Registration no. 3130100</p> <p>Association of Personal Injury Lawyers </p> <p>Tier 1 expert</p>
<b>Professional Indemnity</b>	<p>Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland</p> <p>Membership no. M246455</p>
<b>Societies</b>	<p>Association of Anaesthetists</p> <p>Obstetric Anaesthetists' Association</p> <p>Neuroanaesthesia &amp; Critical Care Society</p> <p>Difficult Airway Society</p> <p>European Society of Regional Anaesthesia &amp; Pain Therapy</p> <p>Society for Doctors in Law</p> <p>Nottinghamshire Medico-Legal Society</p>

**Present Appointment**     Consultant Anaesthetist, Nottingham University Hospitals  
NHS Trust since 6 November 1995

### **Previous Appointments**

1 August, 1986 - 31 January, 1987                     House Physician,  
Western General Hospital, Edinburgh

1 February, 1987 - 31 July, 1987                     House Surgeon,  
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary

1 August, 1987 - 31 January, 1989                     Senior House Officer in Anaesthesia,  
Grampian Health Board  
(Aberdeen Teaching Hospitals)

1 February, 1989 - 31 July, 1989                     Senior House Officer in Cardiology  
and General Medicine,  
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary

1 August, 1989 - 30 June, 1990                     Senior House Officer in Anaesthesia,  
Grampian Health Board  
(Aberdeen Teaching Hospitals)

1 July, 1990 - 30 September, 1992	Registrar in Anaesthesia, Grampian Health Board (Aberdeen Teaching Hospitals)
1 October, 1992 - 30 September, 1993	Lecturer in Anaesthesia, University of Sheffield; Honorary Registrar, Bassetlaw District General Hospital, Worksop, Notts.
11 October, 1993 – 5 November 1995	Senior Registrar, Nottingham and East Midlands Anaesthesia Training Scheme

**Special interests**            Obstetric, neurosurgical, orthopaedic/trauma anaesthesia, pre-operative assessment, postgraduate education.

**Editorial activity**            Reviewer: *International Journal of Obstetric Anesthesia*  
*British Journal of Anaesthesia*, *Trends in Anaesthesia and Critical Care*, *Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica*,  
*British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, *Obstetrics and Gynecology International*

## Teaching

Module Supervisor for obstetric anaesthesia (East Midlands School of Anaesthesia); active involvement in postgraduate trainees' education (mentor and assessor).

Undergraduate personal tutor, University of Nottingham.

Contributor to education programmes for medical undergraduates, anaesthetists, obstetricians, nurses, midwives, theatre practitioners.

Invited lecturer: national and international meetings.

Alumnus Fellow, Nottingham Law School.

## Publications

3 recent book chapters:

**Levy DM**, Saule I. General anaesthesia for caesarean delivery. Chapter 22 in Clark V, Van de Velde M, Fernando R. eds. *Oxford Textbook of Obstetric Anaesthesia*: Oxford University Press, 2016; 337-49

Pykett R, Bugg G, **Levy D**. Analgesia and anaesthesia for operative vaginal birth. *ROBuST: RCOG Operative Birth Simulation Training: Course Manual*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Cambridge University Press, 2021

**Levy DM**. Obstetric haemorrhage. In: Johnston I, Harrop-Griffiths W, Gemmell L. eds. *AAGBI Core Topics in Anaesthesia 2012*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012; 105-23

Legal article:

**Levy DM**. Wilsher revisited. *New Law Journal* 167; 7755, p12; 21 July 2017

## Scope of Reports

**Over fifty expert reports *per annum***

***60:40 split, Claimant:Defendant***

- Consent issues in anaesthesia and peri-operative care
- Pre-operative assessment: “fitness” for anaesthesia
- Intra-operative pneumothorax
- Injuries secondary to central venous catheterisation
- Epidural analgesia for labour
- Post-dural puncture headache/epidural blood patch
- Delayed provision of anaesthesia for Caesarean section
- Intra-operative pain/awareness at Caesarean section
- High, “total” and failed spinal anaesthesia
- Pre-eclampsia and eclampsia
- Cerebral venous sinus thrombosis
- Amniotic fluid embolism, major obstetric haemorrhage
- Maternal critical incidents and death
- Peri-operative respiratory/cardiac arrest; pulmonary embolism
- Peri-operative stroke, intracranial haemorrhage and brain injury
- Drug/medication errors and anaphylaxis
- Pulmonary aspiration of gastric contents
- Spinal cord injury including chronic adhesive arachnoiditis
- Nerve damage secondary to anaesthesia/nerve blocks
- Visual impairment/loss after general anaesthesia
- Peri-operative dental damage

## Court

- Expert witness for HM Coroners: Central Lincolnshire, Cheshire, Yorkshire West Western and Wiltshire and Swindon jurisdictions
  
- Kreft v Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Claim no. C01YJ656
  - Winchester County Court, 2018

*HH Judge Richard Parkes QC:*

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*“I heard the opinions of two eminent obstetric anaesthetists, Dr P and Dr David Levy, both of whom were impressive witnesses.”*

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- Expert witness for NHS National Services Scotland, Central Legal Office
  - Court of Session, Edinburgh, June 2013

*Opinion of Lord Armstrong: [2013] CSOH 145:*

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*“Both Dr Levy and Dr H were clearly eminent in their field and gave their evidence in a clear manner with rational explanation when required. Neither departed from his respective report to any significant extent and both maintained their position under cross-examination. Both were prepared to engage with different hypotheses and to respond appropriately. I considered the evidence of both to merit significant weight.”*

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## Medico-legal speaking engagements

- Medico-Legal Conference, London, October 2020, [SpecialistInfo](#)

*Consent for operative obstetrics*



- APIL Spinal Cord Injury Special Interest Group, September 2020

*How can the spinal cord be damaged in the course of anaesthesia?*



- AvMA: Clinical Negligence Conference, Brighton, June 2018

- Northern Lawyers' Support Group, Leeds, November 2019



- Weightmans seminar programme, London, May 2018



- Nottinghamshire Medico-Legal Society/Ropewalk Chambers: *Accidental awareness under general anaesthesia*. June 2017



- Clinical Negligence conference: *Medico-legal issues in obstetric anaesthesia*.

Dublin, September 2017





## Terms

- **Screening reports at standard NHS Resolution rates**
- **Standard terms of business = report within 20 working days**
- **Default remuneration terms: commitment required from instructing solicitor to settle fee note within 28 days of electronic receipt of fee note**
  - **Extension to three or six months by prior negotiation**
- **Deferment until end-of-case generally not acceptable - but possible following discussion**
- ***Pro bono* advice offered**