

Expert Witness Medicolegal Curriculum Vitae

Mr Rakesh Bhardwaj

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Employment Summary

- 16 years' Experience as a Consultant Surgeon in General and Colorectal Surgery
- In current NHS Consultant practice
- Over 13 years' experience medico-legal expert witness reports

Personal profile

My undergraduate training was at Bristol University. After undertaking basic surgical training in Manchester I pursued my colorectal surgical interests with a two-and-a-half-year period of research at UCL towards my doctorate. I then underwent higher surgical training in General and Colorectal Surgery in London and Southeast England.

After having completed my training I then underwent a period of further formal Colorectal training at St. Marks Hospital. After this I pursued and have continued my interests in Laparoscopic training with an industry sponsored fellowship in Laparoscopic Colorectal Training.

I am currently in NHS Practice and have been in Consultant Practice since 2009. I have a busy General Surgical and Colorectal Surgical Practice.

I have an interest in General Surgery with a specialist interest in the field of Colorectal surgery. This includes colon and rectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, functional bowel disease and proctology. I am currently Clinical Lead in Colorectal Surgery in my department.

I am a current examiner with the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

MEDICOLEGAL SUMMARY

Legal Qualifications

P G Diploma Medical Law

Northumbria University

LLM (with commendation)

Northumbria University

Certification

Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate

Cardiff University Law School

Expert Witness Associations

Expert Witness (www.expertwitness.co.uk)

Expert Witness Institute

Medico-legal companies worked with:

E-medicals

Doctors Chambers

UK Independent Medical

S K Medical Practice

Bodycare Clinics Ltd

UK Expert Medical

Medical Areas of Interest:

General Surgery

Colorectal Surgery

Legal Publications

Protecting the Interests of the Patient in the Field of Consent for Medical Treatment. **Bhardwaj R.** Expert Witness Journal. June 21 Edition. 2021.

Gross Negligence Manslaughter and Medical Profession? Is the test fit for purpose? Is a new approach needed? (part 1 of 3) **Bhardwaj R.** Expert Witness Journal. April 2024. Issue 54. 70-74.

Gross Negligence Manslaughter and The Medical Profession? Is the test fit for purpose? Is a new approach needed? (part 2 of 3) **Bhardwaj R.** Expert Witness Journal. June 2024. Issue 55. 44-50.

Gross Negligence Manslaughter and The Medical Profession? Is the test fit for purpose? Is a new approach needed? (part 3 of 3) **Bhardwaj R.** Expert Witness Journal. October 2024. Issue 57. 67-76.

How do we approach delays in the diagnosis of Colorectal Cancer? **Bhardwaj R.** Your Expert Witness. March 2025. Issue No.72. p65.

The Expert Witness and breaches of duty in diagnoses and treatment of colorectal cancer. **Bhardwaj R.** Your Expert Witness Magazine (in press)

Establishing standards in care for Expert Witnesses. What constitutes a negligent delay in delivery of care for colorectal cancer? Mulrenan C, **Bhardwaj R** et al. Poster Presentation ESCP (European Society of Coloproctology) September 2025

The significance of metastatic colorectal cancer for the Medical Expert Witness. Mulrenan C, **Bhardwaj R** et al. Poster Presentation ESCP (European Society of Coloproctology) September 2025

Work Accepted

Nature of Medicolegal work:

- Screening Reports
- Breach of Duty Reports
- Causation Reports
- Condition and Prognosis Reports

I accept instructions from Medicolegal Companies but also directly from Solicitors.

Face to Face consultations in Harley Street, London and Manchester

Remote Consultations available nationally

LEGAL INTERESTS

Although my main focus is in the field of **Clinical Negligence Work**, I have developed an interest in **Medical Consent** and have published in the Expert Witness Journal.

I have also developed an interest in the burden of disease and the implications of a **Delay in Diagnosis**, particularly of Colon and Rectal Cancer.

I conduct screening reports for Solicitors and NHS Resolution.

My LLM thesis was titled:

*“GROSS NEGLIGENCE MANSLAUGHTER AND THE MEDICAL
PROFESSION.
IS THE TEST FIT FOR PURPOSE?
IS A NEW APPROACH NEEDED?”*

I received a commendation for this work and has helped me pursue my medicolegal interests.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name	Mr Rakesh Bhardwaj
Address	c/o Sian Formworks, Stonebridge Road, Northfleet, Kent. DA11 9BA
Nationality	British
UK GMC Registration	UK specialist register GMC No. 4014751
Professional indemnity	MDU
Current NHS Clinical Practice	Darent Valley Hospital, Dartford, UK (from May 2009- present)
Current Private practices	Blackheath Hospital, London

PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS

MBChB	University of Bristol	1993
Primary FRCS	Royal College of Surgeons of England	1995
FRCS	Royal College of Surgeons of England	1998
FRCS	Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh	1998
MD	University of London	2004
FRCS (Gen Surg)	Royal College of Surgeons of England	2006
CCT	Royal College of Surgeons of England	2007
LLM	University of Northumbria	2023

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ROLES

Member of the Court of Examiners at the Royal College of Surgeons of England

Professional Organisations:

British Medical Association

Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland

European Society of Coloproctology

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

May 2009- Consultant Colorectal and General Laparoscopic Surgeon
Clinical Lead Colorectal Surgery
Darent Valley Hospital, Dartford

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Oct 2008-April 2009 Locum Consultant Colorectal Surgeon
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth
April 2008-Oct 2008 Ethicon Laparoscopic Colorectal Fellow
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth
Mr M G Coleman
April 2007-Apr 2008 Resident Surgical Officer (Colorectal Surgery)
St Marks Hospital
Prof J M A Northover, Prof R K S Phillips, Miss C J Vaizey

SOUTH EAST THAMES SPECIALIST REGISTRAR ROTATION

Oct 2005- April 2007 Registrar (Colorectal Surgery)
Margate Hospital
Mr Tsavellas, Mr Marzouk
April 2005- Oct 2005 Registrar (Colorectal Surgery)
St Thomas' Hospital
Mr Carapeti, Mr George, Mr Kmiot, Mr Williams
Oct 2004 – April 2005 Registrar (General Surgery)
Colorectal Surgery/ Laparoscopic Surgery
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolwich
Miss Oke, Mr Siddiqui

Oct 2003 – Oct 2004 Registrar (General Surgery)

Colorectal Surgery/ Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery

Medway Maritime Hospital
Mr P Webb, Mr H Wegstapel

Oct 2002 – Oct 2003 Registrar (General Surgery)

Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery
Hepatobiliary Surgery
Colorectal Surgery

Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup
Mr R Kerwat, Mr H Khawaja

Oct 2001 – Oct 2002 Registrar (General Surgery)

Colorectal Surgery,
Breast & Endocrine Surgery
Vascular Surgery

Darent Valley Hospital, Dartford
Mr M Parker, Mr M Stewart, Mr Strauss

Oct 2000- Sep 2001 Registrar (General Surgery)

Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery
Vascular Surgery

Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton
Mr P Hale, Mr M Brooks

June 1998- Oct 2000 Clinical Research Fellow
Academic Department of Surgery, University College London
Professor P B Boulos

- I assisted in establishing the anorectal physiology laboratory at University College London in 1998

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Registrar Experience

May 1998 – June 1998 Registrar, General Surgery (Locum Appointment)
Bromley Hospital
Mr T Hennigan

Senior House Officer Surgical Rotation, Manchester Royal Infirmary

- Aug 1997 – Feb 1998 (General Surgery)
Manchester Royal Infirmary
Mr J Hill, Mr R McCloy, Mr R Johnson, Mr N Parrot
- Feb 1997 - July 1997 (Cardiothoracic Surgery/ Intensive Care)
Manchester Royal Infirmary
Mr N Keenan, Mr G Groette, Mr N Odom
- Aug 1996 - Jan 1997 (Orthopaedic Surgery)
Manchester Royal Infirmary
Mr N Kenny, Mr P Hurst, Mr A Paul
- Feb 1996 – July 1996 (General Surgery)
Bury General Hospital
Mr H Sharif

Casualty Experience

- Aug 1995 - Jan 1996 Senior House officer, Accident and Emergency
Cardiff Royal infirmary
Mr P Richmond

Academic Appointment

- Aug 1994 - July 1995 Demonstrator of Anatomy
Cardiff University Medical School
Mr R Newell

House Officer Posts

- Feb 1994 - July 1994 House Officer (General Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery)
Southmead Hospital, Bristol
Mr P Lear, Mr C Ackroyd
- Aug 1993 - Jan 1994 House Officer (General/ Respiratory Medicine)
Yeovil Hospital
Dr I Fawcett

PRIZES / AWARDS

Gerald Townsley Travelling Fellowship (Medway Hospital) 2004

Exploring the uses of endoanal and endorectal ultrasound

Centres within the UK:

- St. Marks Hospital - Department of Radiology (Professor C Bartram)
- St Thomas' Hospital – Department of Surgery (Mr A Williams)
- Basingstoke Hospital – Department of Surgery (Mr D Gold)

Centres Abroad

- University Of Rome, Italy – Department of Surgery (Dr C Ratto)
- Cleveland Clinic, USA – Department of Surgery (Dr S Wexner)

Leonard Tibbits Prize for Surgery, University of Bristol	1992
Royal Air Force Medical Cadetship	1990
Bray Cup for Best Non-Commissioned Officer, Combined Cadet Force	1988
Sixth Form Science Prize, Bancroft's School	1987
Five Annual Tutor Prizes, Bancroft's School	1981-1986

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

MD Degree awarded September 2004

My research work has involved a clinical and laboratory component investigating the pharmacological properties of the internal sphincter with a view to the treatment of anal fissures.

CLINICAL WORK:

I have initiated and completed four clinical trials within the anorectal physiology laboratory at University College London:

- The effect of oral indoramin and salbutamol on anal canal pressure
- Dose response effect of topical indoramin on anal canal pressure
- A prospective evaluation of topical 2% diltiazem in the treatment of anal fissures
- A feasibility study of a “no-needle” injection system of botulinum toxin into the internal sphincter

LABORATORY WORK:

I have investigated the pharmacological actions of a range of drugs on a porcine model of hypertonic internal sphincter smooth muscle, with a view to:

- Demonstrating pharmacological specificity for the treatment of anal fissures
- Demonstrating altered neural behaviour of sphincteric smooth muscle at differing basal tones
- Investigating why 0.2% Glyceryl Trinitrate has a low healing rate for chronic anal fissures

PUBLICATIONS

Published

- Neuromyogenic properties of the internal anal sphincter: therapeutic rationale for anal fissures. **R Bhardwaj**, C H V Hoyle, C J Vaizey, P B Boulos. Gut. 2000 Jun;46(6): 861-8
- The effect of indoramin and salbutamol on the internal anal sphincter. **R Bhardwaj**, C J Vaizey, P B Boulos. British Journal of Surgery, December SRS Edition 1999.
- The effect of indoramin and salbutamol on the internal anal sphincter. **R Bhardwaj**, C J Vaizey, P B Boulos. Colorectal Disease, 2000 Mar; 2(2): 13
- The role of 2% diltiazem in the treatment of chronic anal fissure. **R Bhardwaj**, C J Vaizey, P B Boulos. Colorectal Disease, 2000 Aug; 2(Suppl 1): 16
- A "no-needle" technique delivery of botulinum toxin into the anal sphincter for the treatment of chronic anal fissures. **R Bhardwaj**, C J Vaizey, P B Boulos, P. Diseases of the Colon & Rectum. 44(4):A38-A39, April 2001
- Transanal endoscopic rectal mucosal ablation in the surgical treatment of ulcerative colitis. G Buchanan, **R Bhardwaj**, K Murali, M C Parker, M Stewart. Colorectal Dis. 2003 July 5 (suppl 1): 36
- The use of Stents in Colorectal Disease, **Bhardwaj R**, Murali K, Parker MC. ColoNews 2003
- The Burden of Modern Management of Adhesions. **R Bhardwaj**, M C Parker. Association of Surgeons of India. Supplement. 2003.
- Palliative therapy of colorectal carcinoma: stent or surgery? **Bhardwaj R**, Parker MC. Colorectal Dis. 2003 Sep;5(5):518-2
- Novel Delivery of botulinum toxin for the treatment of anal fissures. **R Bhardwaj**, E Drye, C Vaizey. Colorectal Dis. 2006 May 8(4): 360-364.
- Positioning statement ACPGBI July 2006 "The management of malignant bowel obstruction" Mr P J Finan (Chairman), Dr S Campbell, Professor J MacFie, Mr M Gatt, Mr M C Parker, **Mr R Bhardwaj**, Mr N R Hall
- Fissure in ano - modern management. **R Bhardwaj**, M C Parker. Proktologia 2007 NR 1/07; vol 8: 50-51.
- Laparoscopic repair of parastomal hernia. **R Bhardwaj**, M C Parker. Proctologia 2007 NR 1/07; vol 8:53
- Modern perspectives in the treatment of chronic anal fissures. **R Bhardwaj**, M C Parker. Ann R Coll Surg Engl. 2007 Jul;89(5):472-8.
- Neoadjuvant Treatment of Colorectal Carcinoma. **R Bhardwaj**, M C Parker. Indian Medical Journal (in press).
- STARR: The case against. **R Bhardwaj**. R K S Phillips. Annals Of the Royal College Of Surgeons of England 2009; 91: 287-291.
- Rectal Cancer presenting with erythema ab igne. Molina AR, Behar N, **Bhardwaj R**. JRSM Short Rep.. 2010 Nov 2;1(6): 48
- Short and Long-term outcome of laparostomy following intra-abdominal sepsis. Anderson O, Putnis A, **Bhardwaj R**, Ho-Asjoe M, Carapeti E, Williams AB, George ML. Colorectal Dis. 2011 Feb;13(2):e20-32.

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Book Chapters

- Invasive Palliative Therapies. **Bhardwaj R** and Parker MC. In *Frontiers in Colorectal Surgery*. Ed: RKS Phillips & S Clark. Published by TFM Publishing Ltd 2005
- Colorectal Obstruction. **R Bhardwaj** and M C Parker in *Eur J Cancer suppl . ECCO 13 Ed: D Schrijvers*. Published by Elsevier 2005; 191-202.
- Chapter 67: Obstruction and Volvulus. 'Gastroenterology and Hepatology - The Modern Clinician's Guide'. **Bhardwaj R**, Parker MC. Published by Elsevier Science
- Colonic Stents: Operative Surgery of the Colon, Rectum and Anus, 6E. Eds: Ronan O'Connell, Robert Madoff and Michael Soloman. **Bhardwaj R**, Parker MC

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations to Learned Societies

- The effect of indoramin and salbutamol on the internal anal sphincter. **R Bhardwaj**, C J Vaizey, P B Boulos. Presented to the Royal Society of Medicine, November 1999.
- The effect of indoramin and salbutamol on the internal anal sphincter. **R Bhardwaj**, C J Vaizey, P B Boulos. Presented to the Surgical Research Society, December 1999.
- Topical 2% diltiazem in the treatment of chronic anal fissures. **R Bhardwaj**, C J Vaizey, P B Boulos. Presented to the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland Annual meeting July 2000.
- Protocol Optimisation for Multislice CT Colography. A Gillams, **R Bhardwaj**, W R Lees. Presented to the Radiology Society of North America 2000.
- Botulinum toxin delivered through a “no-needle” technique into the internal anal sphincter is effective in the treatment of chronic anal fissures. **R Bhardwaj**, C J Vaizey, P B Boulos. Poster presentation for the American Colorectal Society Annual meeting, San Diego, USA 2001.
- Botulinum toxin delivered through a “no-needle” technique into the internal anal sphincter is effective in the treatment of chronic anal fissures. **R Bhardwaj**, C J Vaizey, P B Boulos. Poster presentation for the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland Annual meeting 2001.
- Multiple small bowel perforations by a gallstone- a delayed diagnosis. M Alijani, **R Bhardwaj**, M Stewart. Poster presentation for the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland Annual meeting 2002
- Colonic stenting in palliation and as a bridge to surgery for obstructing colonic lesions. H Young, **R Bhardwaj**, M C Parker. Poster presentation to the British Association of Surgical Oncology 2002.
- The pattern of response of chronic anal fissures to topical diltiazem treatment. **R Bhardwaj**, C J Vaizey, P B Boulos. Poster presentation to the Tripartite Colorectal Meeting 2002.
- Transanal endoscopic rectal mucosal ablation in the surgical treatment of ulcerative colitis. **R Bhardwaj**, G N Buchanan, K Murali, M C Parker, M Stewart. Presented to the Royal Society of Medicine, February 2003.
- Transanal endoscopic rectal mucosal ablation in the surgical treatment of ulcerative colitis. G N Buchanan, **R Bhardwaj**, K Murali, M C Parker, M Stewart. ASGBI (2003)
- Laparoscopic Subtotal Colectomy in Ulcerative Colitis: single centre experience. James K, Gandhi P, **Bhardwaj R**, Wegstapel H. Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons (2004)
- Laparoscopic Subtotal Colectomy in Ulcerative Colitis: single centre experience. **Bhardwaj R**, James K, Gandhi P, Wegstapel H. Poster presentation to the Tripartite Colorectal Meeting 2005
- Video Presentation on Colorectal Stents. **Bhardwaj R**, Forshaw M, Parker M. Video presentation to the Tripartite Colorectal Meeting 2005
- Laparostomy formation in colorectal surgery and subsequent long-term management. **R Bhardwaj**, A Putnis, M Ho-Asjoe, A B Williams, E Carapeti, M L

George. Norman Tanner MIA Prize presentation, Section of Surgery, Royal Society of Medicine, December 2005.

- Laparostomy formation in colorectal surgery and subsequent long-term management. **R Bhardwaj**, A Putnis, M Ho-Asjoe, A B Williams, E Carapeti, M L George. Poster presentation ASGBI annual meeting, Edinburgh, 2006
- The management of malignant bowel obstruction. Positioning statement for the ACPGBI 2006. Mr P J Finan (Chairman), Dr S Campbell, Professor J MacFie, Mr M Gatt, Mr M C Parker, **Mr R Bhardwaj**, Mr N R Hall
- Laparostomy formation in colorectal surgery and subsequent long-term management. **R Bhardwaj**, A Putnis, M Ho-Asjoe, A B Williams, E Carapeti, M L George. Poster presentation ACPGBI annual meeting, Gateshead, 2006
- The VRAM reconstruction of the perineum following abdominoperineal resection. **R Bhardwaj**, R Ng, M L George. Video presentation ACPGBI annual meeting, Glasgow 2007.
- Colorectal Stents: How, when and where? **R Bhardwaj** Speaker at The St Mark's Frontiers meeting 2008
- Faculty at the Annual ALS meeting, 2009. Darent Valley Hospital.
- ASGBI annual meeting Colorectal anastomosis 2011
- Faculty at M25 course 2010, 2011, 2012
- Management of Carcinoids in a District General Hospital. AP Chandler R Bhardwaj. Poster presentation at the ACPGBI annual meeting Dublin 2012
- Is Endoscopy necessary after diverticulitis? M Mohamed, **R Bhardwaj**. Poster presentation at the ACPGBI annual meeting Dublin 2013
- Establishing standards in care for Expert Witnesses. What constitutes a negligent delay in delivery of care for colorectal cancer? Mulrenan C, **Bhardwaj R** et al. Poster Presentation ESCP (European Society of Coloproctology) September 2025
- The significance of metastatic colorectal cancer for the Medical Expert Witness. Mulrenan C, **Bhardwaj R** et al. Poster Presentation ESCP (European Society of Coloproctology) September 2025
- Are we using the right staging method? Tumor deposits and vascular invasion may offer an answer. Rebecca Duff, Moataz Ewedah, Adrian Tsui, Yawar Watali, Qurrat Atif, Miten Patel, Georgios Akritidis, Ibrahim Hoda, Tanvirul Islam, **Rakesh Bhardwaj**, Kunal Shetty, Piero Nastro, Poster Presentation ESCP (European Society of Coloproctology) September 2025
- Get the distance right. Ibrahim Zeeshanul Hoda, Ciara Mulrenan, Yawar Zahoor Watali, Qurrat Al Ain Atif, Moataz Ewedah, Jacek Adamek, **Rakesh Bhardwaj**, Piero Nastro, Kunal Shetty. Poster Presentation ESCP (European Society of Coloproctology) September 2025
- Novel use of Indocyanine Green fluorescence and monochromatic light in assessing bowel margin perfusion of colostomy without general anaesthesia. Georgios Akritidis, Ciara Mulrenan, Caleb Watson, Abdelaziz Habiba, Olushola Ajayi, Prasad Wijerathna, Jacek Adamek, Kunal Shetty, Piero Nastro, **Rakesh Bhardwaj**. Poster Presentation ESCP (European Society of Coloproctology) September 2025
- Incontinence across continents: A critical look at global faecal incontinence (FI) management strategies. Qurrat Al Ain Atif, Yawar Watali, Miten Patel, Adrian Tsui, Jacek Adamek, Piero Nastro, Kunal Shetty, **Rakesh Bhardwaj**. Poster Presentation ESCP (European Society of Coloproctology) September 2025

Regional Presentations

- Tuberculosis in Surgery. Presented to the Bury postgraduate medical society. March 1996.
- Percutaneous fixation of slipped upper femoral epiphysis. Presented to the Northwest Regional Orthopaedic meeting. December 1996.
- Pharmacology of the internal anal sphincter. Presented at the Middlesex Hospital Regional Gastroenterology Seminars, May 2000.
- Laparostomy formation in colorectal surgery and subsequent long-term management. **R Bhardwaj**, A Putnis, M Ho-Asjoe, A B Williams, E Carapeti, M L George. Norman Tanner MIA Prize presentation, Section of Surgery, Royal Society of Medicine, December 2005.
- Treatment of Faecal Incontinence. **R Bhardwaj**. Regional RSM (coloproctology section) December 2008

Hospital Presentations

- The cervical rib. Presented at the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Manchester Royal Infirmary, November 1997.
- The role of sympathetic modulators of the internal anal sphincter. Presented to the "Pearce Gould" visiting Professor at University College London, May 1999.
- Novel treatments for chronic anal fissures. Presented for the Charles Clark Grant prize at University College London, July 1999.
- Neuromyogenic properties of the internal sphincter- why fissures do not heal. Presented to the "Pearce Gould" visiting Professor at University College London, May 2000.
- Research meetings University College London: Anatomy and Neurophysiology of the Anorectal Region.
- Research meetings University College London: CT pneumocolon in the assessment of colorectal disease.
- Current strategies for the management of anal fissures. Presented at the St.Marks Grand rounds October 2001.
- Implications of Splenectomy. Presented at the Grand Rounds Medway Maritime Hospital. October 2003
- Frogmal prize presentation December 2003 Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup
- Gerald Townsley Travelling Fellowship Lectureship 2005. Medway Maritime Hospital.
- East Kent colorectal meeting. Treatment of Anal Fissures. 2005
- Grand Round Presentations at St Marks Hospital 2007

Contributions to learned societies

- Donation of resected subtotal colon of ulcerative colitic specimen to the Royal College of Surgeons of England (Welcome Trust Museum) 2002.

- Donation of a Phytobezoar to the Welcome Trust.

OPERATIVE EXPERIENCE

CONSULTANT PRACTICE

I have a busy Colorectal practice. My main interests are Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery where many of my elective colonic resections are laparoscopic. I have also developed regional pelvic floor services.

HIGHER SURGICAL TRAINING

Completed Higher Trainee in the Southeast Thames rotation from October 2000 to April 2007.

ST MARK'S HOSPITAL

I gained extremely valuable operative experience in complex colorectal disorders. Specific specialist experience gained:

1. Intestinal failure and incontinence surgery (including Sacral Nerve Stimulation) with Miss C J Vaizey.
2. Ileoanal pouch construction and management (I had performed 15 during my tenure), and complex anorectal fistula treatment under the auspices of Professor R Phillips.
3. Management of polyposis syndromes with Miss S Clark
4. Management of recurrent rectal cancers, and retrorectal lesions with Professor J Northover.
5. Further endoscopic experience in the Wolfson endoscopy unit

I continued to manage general colorectal disorders throughout my period at St Marks.

LAPAROSCOPIC FELLOW

I had gained a sufficient template in the laparoscopic management of colorectal disorders to allow me to practice independently. The fellowship was useful in that it allowed me participate fully in the colorectal unit, this included an emergency and endoscopy commitment. Please see graph presented. This indicates operative experience during the period of my fellowship.

ENDOSCOPY EXPERIENCE

I have had excellent training in diagnostic and therapeutic colonoscopies. I can also perform diagnostic upper gastrointestinal endoscopies.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Anatomy Demonstrator, University of Cardiff

- I have formally taught topographical anatomy to undergraduate medical, dental, and physiotherapy students.

Undergraduate teaching

- As a registrar I have assisted final year medical students prepare for their final MBBS exams
- As a senior house officer, I have taught clinical undergraduate students on topics ranging from “The management of acute general surgical emergencies” to “Hernias”.
- I have supervised house officers during minor operation lists at Manchester Royal infirmary and Bury General Hospital.

Postgraduate teaching

- I have also taught postgraduate students preparing for the primary FRCS, FRCS and MRCS clinical and viva section.
- Journal Club established at QEQM Hospital, Margate
- Friday Clinical Teaching programme at QEQM Hospital, Margate
- Statistics Course at QEQM Hospital, Margate

MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

These are regularly practiced in my Consultant Practice.

Attended clinical Management course for SpRs.

RCS, Keele University 2005

Personnel management

- As a laparoscopic fellow I organised the scheduling of daily commitments for the junior medical staff in the Colorectal unit at Derriford Hospital.
- I have organised the “on call” rota for the eight Resident Medical Officers at University College London. This requires organising on-call duties based around the research activities of the Resident Medical Officers and dealing with provision of emergency cover in the case of sickness or absenteeism.

Resource management

- I have been responsible as a primary investigator for setting up the clinical trials involved in my research. As a result I have been able to develop original research ideas into the clinical setting. As the various projects within my MD evolved I have accordingly analysed the results to guide the direction of my research.
- I am a thorough and reliable administrator, able to balance the requirements of a busy practical job with the necessary paperwork.

Leadership skills

- As a student I was the senior Non-Commissioned Officer in the Combined Cadet Force (Royal Air Force). This taught me a great amount of self-reliance, and developed my self-sufficiency and initiative. I was also exposed to team-work, both as a member and a leader.
- I was the postgraduate student representative within the Department of Surgery at University College London.
- I am an effective communicator, and have always got along well with colleagues, administrative and secretarial support staff, nursing staff and the hospital management team.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

I regularly use Microsoft "Powerpoint" (for my presentations), Microsoft "Word" (for word processing), "Excel" (for simple data analysis), "Access" (for clinical database management), and "Outlook" as my organiser. I have also become familiar with data and statistical analysis using "SPSS", and I now use "PRISM" for advanced graphical data analysis.

INTERESTS

I have strived to maintain a sensible work/ life balance throughout my career. My early interests have been fell walking and this has translated to a keen interest in rambling. I learnt to fly a helicopter several years ago. I am also a keen sport scuba diver and have dived throughout the world. More recently I have conducted over 100 uk channel dives and am a master scuba diver. I also have an interest in art and avidly visit galleries when possible. I am a member of the national trust and take an interest in exploring the heritage of the United Kingdom.

REFERENCES

The following have kindly agreed to support my application:

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