Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERTISE

Neurosurgery & Spinal Surgery

Spinal Surgery
Cauda Equina Syndrome
Spinal Injury
Spinal Tumours
Whiplash in Personal Injury
Head Injury

PRESENT APPOINTMENT

Consultant Neurosurgeon & Spinal Surgeon

Spinal Surgeon to the Golden Jubilee Spinal Injuries Unit

Previous Clinical Director for Neurosurgery & Spinal Surgery

Department of Neurosurgery
James Cook University Hospital
Marton Road
Middlesbrough TS4 3BW

EDUCATION

Bedford Modern School 1981 - 1990

Fitzwilliam College Cambridge University 1990 - 1993

St. George's Hospital Medical School University of London 1993 - 1996

Cardiff University BondSolon Civil Expert Witness Certificate AWARDED 2015

UK REGISTER OF EXPERT WITNESSES REGISTERED 2023

QUALIFICATIONS

Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons Of England (Surgical Neurology)	2005
Master of Arts (Cantab.) University of Cambridge	2000
MB BS University of London	1996
Cardiff University Bond Solon Civil Expert Certificate Cardiff University	2015

NEUROSURGICAL AND SPINAL SURGERY TRAINING

Spinal Fellow	**Royal Adelaide Hospital**
Specialist Registrar Neurosurgery	**Royal Hallamshire Hospital / Hull Royal Infirmary**

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

General Medical Council	4317306
British Association of Spinal Surgeons	
European Spine Society	
ICO Registration	

EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

Clinical:

- Appointed to the Spinal Fellowship at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the Adelaide Centre for Spinal Research (Australia) under Professor Robert Fraser.
- Full time consultant spinal surgeon in the National Health Service.
- Past chair of the North East Spinal Network Board
- Previous Clinical Director for Neurosurgery and Spinal Surgery.
- Past member Clinical Reference Group for Complex Spinal Surgery.
- Author of NHS England commissioning policy Cervical Disc Replacement for Cervical Radiculomyelopathy.
- Invited to give international lectures at Eurospine and AO Spine.
- Appointed Training Programme Director for North East (Neurosurgery) April 2022.
- Invited faculty on Future Leaders of Spine, Cambridge and Newcastle 2024.

Medico-legal:

- Comprehensive Expert Witness training and holds the Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate (Civil).
- Clear understanding of the roles required of the Expert Witness by both the solicitors and the Court.
- Instructed in over 150 reports in the past three years; one Court appearance.
- Invited to lecture on Spinal Surgery to the 31st AvMA Annual Clinical Negligence Conference.

RECENT RELEVANT TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Medical:

AO Masters Course in Spinal Surgery (Switzerland)	2014
Canadian Spine Society Annual Meeting (BC)	2016
Eurospine (Berlin)	2016
Canadian Spine Society Annual Meeting (Alberta)	2018
BritSpine (Leeds)	2018
Canadian Spine Society Annual Meeting (Toronto)	2019
Eurospine (Milan)	2022
Canadian Spine Society Annual Meeting (Quebec)	2023
Society of British Neurosurgeons (London)	2023
Canadian Spine Society Annual Meeting (Quebec)	2025
BritSpine (Manchester)	2025

Medico-Legal:

Civil Procedure Rules Certificate Parts 1 and 2	2013
Excellence in Report Writing	2013
Witness Familiarisation and Courtroom Skills	2013
Duties and Requirements of Medico-Legal Expert Witnesses	2013
Cross-examination of Expert Witness Training	2014
Law and Procedure	2015
Bond Solon Annual Expert Witness Conference	2017
Witness Familiarisation and Courtroom Skills	2018
Discussion Between Experts (Bond Solon)	2019
Surgery and the Law (Royal College of Surgeons)	2019
Bond Solon Annual Expert Witness Conference (Virtual)	2021
Bond Solon Annual Expert Witness Conference (Virtual)	2023
Bond Solon Annual Expert Witness Conference (Virtual)	2025