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DATE OF BIRTH

23 April 1957

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 1980 MB ChB (Manchester)
- 1984 FRCS (England)

APPOINTMENTS

- 1996 – 2015 Consultant in Spinal Surgery, Salford Royal Hospitals and Central Manchester Hospitals NHS Trusts.
Chair of Division, Neurosciences & Renal Medicine, Salford Royal NHS Trust
Honorary Senior Lecturer, School of Health, Sports & Rehab. Sciences, University of Salford
- 1991-1996 Senior Lecturer in Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Manchester
Honorary Consultant in Orthopaedic Surgery, Salford Royal Hospitals & Manchester Children's Hospitals NHS Trusts
- 1990 Fellow in Spinal Surgery, University of Hong Kong
- 1980-1991 Surgical & Orthopaedic Trainee Northwest Region

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- British Scoliosis Society President 2007-2009
President Elect 2006
Hon Secretary & Treasurer 2002-2005
Executive Council 1995-2009
Member 1991-date
- GICD Member of European Board 1993-4
- North West Spinal Surgical Group Chairman
- Spine Society of Europe Member
- British Orthopaedic Research Society Member
- British Orthopaedic Association Fellow
- British Assn of Spinal Surgeons Member
- Scoliosis Research Society Active Fellow, Committee Member

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- Publications in Peer Reviewed Journals 22
- Book Chapters 5
- Presentations to Learned Societies Over 50
- Invited Lectures Over 60

PRACTICE PROFILE

In March 1991 I was appointed Senior Lecturer in Orthopaedic Surgery in the University of Manchester, with an interest in spinal surgery.

It was soon apparent that there was great scope for the development of a specialised spinal service. My practice evolved in such a way that I soon became a full time spinal surgeon, with respect to both my adult and paediatric practices.

In February 1996 I left my University post to become an NHS consultant at Hope Hospital (now Salford Royal) and the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. At that time I was one of two full time spinal surgeons in the North West of England. My practice covered the full range of spinal disorders, from paediatric and adult deformity work, through tumour and fracture to adult degenerative disease. I took part in a referral service for both elective and emergency spinal work.

In 1991 the Children's Hospital was funded for 20 scoliosis cases a year. The Children's Hospital now has one of the largest services in the country. Salford Royal has the largest spinal surgery service in the UK. As Divisional Chair I managed over 30 surgeons performing spinal surgery, 12 of whom do nothing else. The Department received over 10,000 elective spinal referrals annually, and the referral rate to the service is increasing each year. Over 2000 surgical procedures were performed annually, many of them complex

MEDICOLEGAL EXPERIENCE

I have been accepting instructions for the preparation of reports since my appointment as a Consultant in 1991. Initially my practice was general, reflecting my clinical practice. Since 1995 I have only prepared reports pertaining to spinal problems. My practice has evolved, and most of my instructions now relate to relatively high value, complex claims.

I now prepare about 100 personal injury reports a year, with a smaller number of medical negligence reports. My practice is divided evenly between claimant and defence instructions.

I have been an invited speaker at medicolegal meetings, including those organised by Manchester Law Society and APIL.

I am a member of the Royal College of Surgeons' Independent Review panel, and have been frequently instructed by the General Medical Council.

I have undergone expert witness training, and undertake regular medicolegal CPD.