PROFESSOR BHASKAR KUMAR MD FRCS

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a Consultant Upper Gastrointestinal and General Surgeon at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and an Honorary Professor at Norwich Medical School, University of East Anglia. My NHS practice encompasses elective and emergency general surgery, with a particular focus on oesophagogastric disease, hernia surgery and biliary conditions. I also undertake private clinical practice at Spire Norwich.

Through Aequitas Medicolegal Ltd, I provide independent expert-witness opinions in clinical negligence and personal injury matters for both claimant and defendant solicitors. My reports are prepared with reference to the expert's overriding duty to the court and, where applicable, CPR Part 35 and its associated Practice Direction.

MEDICOLEGAL EXPERIENCE AND REPORTING

- I have prepared approximately 120 expert reports since 2019, across clinical negligence and personal injury work.
- My caseload is approximately 60% claimant and 40% defendant instructions, and has included assessment of breach of duty, causation, condition and prognosis, coroners reports within my specialist scope.
- I generally aim to complete reports within 3 weeks of receiving the necessary records or conducting an examination, depending on complexity and instructions.
- I have attended Coroners' Court. I have not yet been required to give oral expert evidence in civil court proceedings.
- I undertake medicolegal CPD and can provide references and suitably anonymised sample reports on request.

CURRENT CLINICAL AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Consultant Upper Gastrointestinal and General Surgeon, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (2014–present).
- Oesophagogastric Cancer Lead, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
- Honorary Professor, Norwich Medical School, University of East Anglia.
- Private Consultant Surgeon, Spire Norwich, and expert witness practising through Aequitas Medicolegal Ltd.

AREAS OF CLINICAL EXPERTISE

- Laparoscopic, robotic and open repair of groin and abdominal wall hernias
- Robotic oesophagogastric surgery
- Gallstone disease, cholecystectomy and biliary surgery
- Acute pancreatitis and emergency general surgery
- Hiatus hernia, gastro-oesophageal reflux and anti-reflux surgery
- Barrett's oesophagus, upper gastrointestinal endoscopy and oesophageal motility disorders (including achalasia)
- Oesophagogastric cancer and its surgical management
- Abdominal trauma and acute abdominal surgical conditions

ILLUSTRATIVE MEDICOLEGAL MATTERS

- Cholecystectomy, bile duct injury, biliary complications and postoperative symptoms.
- Oesophageal cancer diagnosis and management, Barrett's oesophagus surveillance and upper gastrointestinal endoscopy pathways.
- Groin and abdominal wall hernia causation, recurrence, postoperative pain, condition and prognosis.
- Emergency general surgery, upper gastrointestinal bleeding and perforation, postoperative complications and venous thromboembolism.

ACADEMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Lead and supervise the academic programme within the Thoracic and Oesophagogastric Unit at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital.
- Editorial board member, Annals of Esophagus; author of peer-reviewed publications in upper gastrointestinal and general surgery. ORCID: https://orcid.org/0000-0001-5705-1384
- Co-author of Companion Cases for the FRCS Intercollegiate Examination in General Surgery; co-founder of FRCS SBA and MRCS Companion educational resources.
- Founder of the East of England Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons Network

QUALIFICATIONS

- MBChB, University of Leeds, 1997.
- MD, University of Leeds, 2006.
- FRCS (General Surgery), 2011.

MEDICOLEGAL TRAINING AND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Expert Witness Institute Report Writing Course, London, April 2020.
- Bond Solon Annual Expert Witness Conference, London, November 2024.
- Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Expert Witness Certification — in progress.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND REGISTRATIONS

- Listed with the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and the UK Register of Expert Witnesses.
- Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery (AUGIS); European Hernia Society; European Foregut Society (EFS).

CONSULTATION VENUES

Ella May Consulting Rooms, Spire Norwich, Rosalind Franklin Road, Norwich NR4 7UQ.

Misony Consulting Rooms, 114 New Cavendish Street, Marylebone, London, W1W 6XT

References and anonymised report samples available upon request.