

MEDICAL EXPERT CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a fully certified **Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon in Oxford, UK**, working in the **Tertiary Centre** in Oxford at the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, which is also one of the NHSE Sarcoma Centres. I am on the specialist registers of the medical councils of the UK (GMC) and EU (MMC Malta). I completed subspecialist fellowship training in the **UK, Canada and Switzerland** in my areas of subspecialisation. My areas of expertise are **Paediatric Trauma and Orthopaedics, Hip Dysplasia and Hip Preservation, Neuromuscular Orthopaedics (including CP), Post-Traumatic Limb Reconstruction and Bone Infection Surgery, and Sarcoma**

I am also a **Medical Expert**, predominantly in the **medicolegal field of Paediatric Orthopaedics**, with specialised expertise in **cerebral palsy** and other **neuromuscular conditions, post-injury bone deformities and limb reconstruction, hip dysplasia** including **DDH**, bone infections and **sarcoma**. Having started my work as a Medical Expert in 2023, I have attended various in-person and online courses about this and continue to benefit from the mentorship of a well-established and highly-regarded expert in the field of Medicolegal work (Prof Tim Theologis).

I have **performed over 4000 operations on adults and children** with overall **excellent results**. My patient and colleague **performance feedback** ranked consistently within the **highest 25% of all means** for the UK.

I am an experienced **leader in clinical management and service improvements, and clinical governance lead** for my department. Through projects I have led at **local and regional level**, my focus is on **digital innovation, increased productivity, patient safety, service redesign and integrated care pathways aimed at equitable patient access**.

With various international publications (over 22 to date, including holding the Principal Investigator position for a NIHR-funded national study PICBone), I am an **experienced academic and educator** holding a **university lecturer** position. My experience includes leading **multi-disciplinary teams**, and also includes **elected positions of responsibility on national and international committees, and captain of a national sports team**. I am **driven, adaptable, approachable**.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

I am a member in good standing of various national and international associations including:

- General medical council (GMC, membership number 7520047)
- Malta Medical Council (MMC, membership number 3302)
- Medical Association of Malta (MAM)
- AOTrauma Group member and country council chairman
- Girdlestone Orthopaedic Society (GOS)
- European Bone and Joint Infection Society (EBJIS)
- British Society of Children Orthopaedic Surgery (BSCOS)
- Association of Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgeons of Malta (AOTSM)

CONSULTANT AND FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE

- **Consultant Paediatric Orthopaedic, Hip Dysplasia, Limb Reconstruction and Sarcoma Surgeon, Oxford, UK** May 2022 to date
My practice covers all aspects of Paediatric Orthopaedics, with a particular focus on limb reconstruction, bone infections, complex neuromuscular disease, and hip dysplasia. As head of the Paediatric Sarcoma surgical service, I lead on the surgical management of children and young adults with bone and soft tissue tumours.
- **Senior Clinical Fellow in Hip Preservation, Inselspital, Bern, Switzerland** September 2024
Further subspecialised in hip dysplasia and hip preservation surgery in one of the leading centres in the world for Hip Preservation
- **Senior Clinical Fellow in Sarcoma and Joint Reconstruction, Stanmore London, UK** October 2021 to April 2022
Further subspecialised in adult and paediatric sarcoma work and joint reconstruction at one of the leading and highest-volume NHSE Sarcoma Centres in the UK
- **Clinical Research Fellow, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada** August 2020 to July 2021
Moved to world-renowned orthopaedic centre to work on big data CIHR-funded multicentre projects (focus: patient-reported outcomes and surgeon decision-making algorithms)
- **Specialist Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon, Malta** October 2019 to July 2020
Independent practice in Adult and Paediatric Trauma and Orthopaedics at specialist level
- **Locum Consultant Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon, Oxford, UK** October 2018 to September 2019
Promoted to locum consultant from fellow after competitive interview process.
- **Specialist and in-training fellowship training in Malta, and Oxford University Hospitals, Oxford, UK** 2008-2018
*Started my Orthopaedic Training in Malta but then obtained a Oxford Deanery training number and relocated to the UK. Did **two in-training fellowships, both in Oxford**, one in Bone Infection and Limb Reconstruction (adults and children) and one in Paediatric Orthopaedics. Visited various centres around the EU and the UK as part of my training.*

CERTIFICATION, EDUCATION AND DEGREES

- **Certificate of Completion of Surgical Training (CCT) and Specialist Registration** 2020
 - I am on the Specialist Register for Trauma and Orthopaedics in both Adult and Paediatric Orthopaedics, both in the UK (GMC) and Malta (MMC).
- **FRCS(Tr&Orth) and FEBOT | Orthopaedic board certification exams (EU, UK)** 2017 and 2018
 - Internationally certified as expert/specialist in trauma and orthopaedics
 - Achieved score equivalent to **First Class Honours (81.9%)** for FRCS examination

FRCS(Tr&Orth) = Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Trauma and Orthopaedics, UK. Obtained in 2017

FEBOT = Fellow of the European Board of Orthopaedics and Trauma, Switzerland and EU. Obtained in 2018
- **MScRes / MPhil | Masters of Science and Research** 2013-2015
 - Research degree obtained over and above fulltime work
- **MD | Doctorate of Medicine and Surgery** 2003-2008
 - Ranked in **top 10 students** (in final year)
 - **Invited for distinction viva** in Surgery (at final year exams)

MEDICO-LEGAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

I have been practicing as a Medical Expert since July 2023 and work in Personal Injury reporting and Condition and Prognosis reporting (where Breach of Duty has already been established). In preparation to this aspect of my career, I have done the following:

1. Attended various training courses in this field including:
 - a. Inspire **MediLaw Expert Witness Training for Medical Professionals** completed 6 - 7 October 2022
 - b. **Bond Solon Personal Injury Essentials Parts 1 and 2**, completed 8th and 15th June 2023
 - c. **Datalaw Personal Injury Law update** – April 2024
2. Member of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (**APIL**) and with **Premex+**
3. Member of the **Oxford Medicolegal society**

My involvement and instructions thus far has been shared between claimants and defendants.

CLINICAL AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

Research, teaching and public speaking

- 45 presentations of work / **public speaking at national and international conferences and meetings**
- 22 peer-reviewed publications (including papers and abstracts) and 3 expert book chapters on orthopaedics
- **8 national and regional prizes** for research
- Invited reviewer with top national (UK) medical journal (BJJ, Bone and Joint Journal, impact factor 4.306) and with grant application reviewer with Bone Cancer Research Trust (BCRT)
- **Regional deanery coordinator** for post-graduate teaching of Paediatric Orthopaedics for Oxford Deanery
- **Certified Clinical and Educational Supervisor** for post-graduate trainees
- **University Lecturer**, under- and post-graduate tutor in **orthopaedics and biomechanics** (2011 to date)
 - Awarded for **excellence in teaching**, my teaching sessions are **highly rated and sought after**
 - Formal training in teaching (including certified Oxford Edgecumbe Health Online certification)

Leadership and team management (clinical and non-clinical)

- **Clinical Governance Lead** for Department of Paediatric Orthopaedics in Oxford
- Over 40 certified management and **quality improvement projects in healthcare including digital innovation, productivity, patient safety, service redesign and integrated care pathways**
- **Directed and instructed** European Resuscitation Council courses, with international experience
- Previously **captain of junior national team of handball**
- Cohesive team member with **regional and national multidisciplinary teamwork** experience

Elected positions of responsibility

- **Chairman** AO Trauma Chapter of Malta (2020-2024). Previous chapter **Research officer** (2017-2020)
- **Secretary General** of Association of Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgeons of Malta (2015-2017)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Languages: Fluent in English (C2), French (C1), and Maltese (C2), with a good command Italian (B1)
- IT skills: Proficient in Windows and macOS, Microsoft Office applications and online working platforms, analysis and numeracy, data presentation, scientific paper writing
- Humanitarian work in Malta, Egypt and Ethiopia
- Built my first car aged 18 as a summer project with my father