



CURRICULUM VITÆ - Expert Witness

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OBJECTIVE

To provide high quality Court compliant Dental Reports in the field of General Dentistry. I have extensive experience in general dental practice, clinical leadership, assurance and risk management, as well as my recent formal training in healthcare law and ethics, in assisting mediators and courts to reach informed settlements. I am currently working towards the Full accreditation as an expert witness with Cardiff University and Bond Solon; having already completed the module on Excellence in Report Writing. I remain in clinical practice working as a general dentist in both public sector and private practice.

CURRENT AND PAST ROLES

I am currently working as the senior policy and planning officer (dental) at the headquarters of the UK Ministry of Defence Medical Services. IN this position I advise the HQ on Policy and Legal issues as well as managing treatment complaints that have been elevated to HQ levels.

I remain a practicing military dentist delivering general dental care to armed forces personnel in Lichfield, and carry out NHS work part time in Kettering, Northamptonshire.

I have over twenty-five years of general dentistry experience including Hospital Based Oral Surgery, NHS, Community, Private practice, Military and Expatriate practice. I have held senior clinical leadership roles for the last 13 years managing multiple facilities.

EXPERIENCE

1998-1999	Senior House Officer Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, Ipswich Hospitals Trust.
1999-2001	Vocational Trainee & NHS Associate performer, Horem, East Sussex.
2001-2006	Dental Officer. (Accredited as a Vocational Trainer), Ministry of Defence.
2006-2008	Associate Dentist (Private/NHS) Eastbourne and Bexhill, East Sussex.
2008-2011	Associate Dentist (Private) The British Dental Clinic, Jumeirah, Dubai, UAE.
2011-2024	Regional Senior Dental Officer, Ministry of Defence.
2025-	Lead Policy & Legal Officer for Dental Services, HQ, Defence Medical Services (MoD)

EDUCATION

1998	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (Hons) Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospitals Dental School.
1996	Bachelor of Science in Health Services Management (Intercalated degree).
2000	Diplomate Membership, Faculty of Dental Surgery Royal College of Surgeons of England.
2008	PG Certificate in Implant Dentistry, Dental Institute, Warwick University.
2019	PG Diploma in Primary Dental Care, University of Edinburgh Dental Institute.
2024	Masters in Restorative Dentistry, University of Plymouth Dental School.
2024	Masters (LLM) in Healthcare Law and Ethics, University of Dundee.
2025	Completed Bond Solon Report Writing Module of EW accreditation.

CLINICAL LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Mentoring and inspection of dental centers to keep prepared internal and external assurance.
- Carrying out Clinical Revalidation of dentists and hygienists, including Return to Clinical Practice
- Internal Management (including remediation) of Patient Complaints and Clinical Negative Outcomes.
- Lead on Clinical Risk Management, Significant Event Management, Governance and Assurance.
- Arranging Training Clinical Audit and Peer Review events for the region.
- All aspects of managing a team, recruiting, interviewing, and developing staff.

GENERAL SKILLS

- High standards in written and oral communication. Insightful and collegiate team player.
- Keen problem solving and root cause analysis skills.
- Diligence in gathering & analyzing information & producing coherent reports on findings.
- Self-driven, punctual, and reliable.
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

I am a member of the Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland (my professional indemnifier) and the Dental Legal & Ethics Forum, which is a society promoting knowledge and information in the sphere of dental ethics and legal issues.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Since qualification, I have underpinned my clinical practice with high quality post-graduate study and continuous education. I have striven to enhance my generalist skills by a combination of formal study, peer review, carrying out core and wider CPD broader reading of professional journals. I firmly believe that there is never a moment in time during a dentist's career where training ends, and the key to good dentistry is to use the evidence base, follow best practice, and remain insightful and reflective.

Conflict of Interest Statement. I am currently an employee of the Ministry of Defence and cannot accept any instructions involving parties or cases directly or indirectly associated with the Ministry of Defence or its employees.

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