Curriculum vitae

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I am a Consultant Gynaecologist at The Royal Berkshire NHS Hospital Trust, specialising in Reproductive Medicine and Laparoscopic Surgery for benign conditions. In my primary role, I have held the position of Medical Lead for Gynaecology for five years, along with seven years as the Clinical Governance Lead. I have a busy surgical practice both in the NHS and independent sector. Additionally, I am a Director of TFP Thames Valley Fertility, a busy IVF clinic seeing both NHS and private patients. I earned a Doctorate of Medicine in 2010 and became Fellow of The Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists in 2015. I am involved in teaching and supervising medical students, Foundation Year Doctors and Specialist Gynaecology Trainees.

Qualifications and experience

Qualifications

- MBBS University College London 1998
- MD University of London 2010
- MRCOG 2003
- FRCOG 2015

Positions of Responsibility

- Medical Lead, Gynaecology Royal Berkshire Hospital 2011-2015
- Director TFP Thames Valley Fertility 2018-present

Medico-legal Training

- I attended Inspire MediLaw's two-day Expert Witness Training which is accredited by the Royal Society of Medicine and covered:

    - Expert Evidence: The law and practice
    - Report Writing

- The process of a claim
- Data protection for medico-legal experts
- GMC workshop on 'Acting as a witness in legal proceedings'
- Addressing the legal issues – breach of duty, causation, condition and prognosis, medical advice and consent
- The use of evidence in giving evidence
- Understanding the language lawyers use
- Expert Witness meetings – discussion of experts, joint meetings and conference with Counsel
- Court room skills

- Clinical Governance Lead, Gynaecology, Royal Berkshire Hospital 2015-2022
- RCOG Medico-Legal Expert training course 2018
- ICO registration and GDPR training
- I comply with the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 (revised Oct 2009) and have undergone training in the principles of the Test cases of Bolam (Eng and Wal) modified by Bolitho, Bailey (Eng), Hunter (Scot) and Montgomery
- Planned Membership of the UK Register of Expert Witnesses
- Indemnity cover with PMP including medico-legal work

Clinical Interests

- Minimally invasive surgery
- Advanced Laparoscopic surgery
- Endometriosis
- Fibroids
- Reproductive Medicine and Surgery

Publications

Peer-reviewed Papers

Swanton AG, Lighten A, Granne I, McVeigh E, Trew G, Lavery S, Talmor A, Raine-Fenning N, Jayaprakasan K, & Child TJ. Do women with polycystic ovaries but regular menstrual cycles benefit from metformin treatment during IVF? A double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomised trial. Human Reproduction (2011 Aug;26(8):2178-84. doi: 10.1093/humrep/der120. Epub 2011 May 18.).

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Swanton AG, Itani A, McVeigh E, & Child T. 'Azoospermia': is sample centrifugation indicated? A national survey of practice and the Oxford experience. Fertility & Sterility August 2007; 88(2): 374-8.

Swanton AG, Iyer L, & Reginald PW. Diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of patients undergoing conscious pain mapping for chronic pelvic pain: A prospective cohort study. British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, July 2006; 113 (7): 792-96.

Swanton AG, Sellathurai A, & Reginald PW. Gynaecological surgery in the older population: A comparative study between two three-year samples over a decade. Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, July 2006, 26 (5): 452-53.

Swanton AG & Fairbank J. Case Report: Premature menopause in association with blepharophimosis, ptosis, and epicanthus inversus. Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, April 2005; 25(3): 318-9.

Swanton AG & Paterson-Brown S. Case Report: Secondary amenorrhoea due to the use of rifampicin. Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, March 2002; 22(2): 227-8.

Invited Chapters/Reviews

Swanton AG, Slack A & McVeigh JE. Laparoscopy and laparoscopic surgery. Obstetrics, Gynaecology & Reproductive Medicine, 2010.

Morrison J, **Swanton AG** & Mackenzie I. Avoiding and managing complications during gynaecological surgery. Obstetrics, Gynaecology & Reproductive Medicine, 2010.

Swanton AG. Polycystic ovarian syndrome. Oxford Handbook of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, 2nd Edition 2008.

Swanton AG. Female subfertility. Oxford Handbook of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, 2nd Edition 2008.

Swanton A & McVeigh E. Today's medical management of endometriosis. Prescriber Journal, December 2006; 17 (24): 21-25 (Updated February 2009).

Swanton AG & Child TJ. Reproduction and ovarian ageing. J Br Menopause Soc. December 2005; 11 (4): 126-131.

Swanton AG & Reginald PW. Medical management of chronic pelvic pain: The evidence. Reviews in Gynaecological Practice, March 2004; 4 (1): 65-70.

First Author Abstracts

Outcome of women with polycystic ovaries undergoing IVF.
Presented at the British Fertility Society Annual Meeting, Edinburgh, January 2008.

Do women with polycystic ovaries but regular menstrual cycles benefit from metformin treatment during IVF? Presented at the American Society for Reproductive Medicine Annual Meeting, San Francisco 2008.

'Azoospermia': is sample centrifugation indicated? A national survey of practice and the Oxford experience. Presented at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the European Society of Human Reproduction & Embryology, Prague 2006. Human Reproduction Abstracts Book; Volume 21, Suppl 1 2006.

Letters

Swanton AG & Child T. European Urology: Sperm retrieval rates in subgroups of primary azoospermic males; August 2007; 52(2): 613.

Swanton AG & Child T. Hospital Doctor: 'The Choice: vasectomy': 12 March 2007.