
Anaesthetic Expert

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PROFILE

I am a full-time, substantive consultant in paediatric and adult anaesthesia at the East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust (Ipswich Hospital). I provide CPR35 compliant reports for both groups of patients.

I have twenty years of postgraduate medical experience. I have been an anaesthetist for fifteen years and a consultant for seven of these.

I have completed a year of additional advanced clinical training in paediatric anaesthesia at a UK tertiary centre. I hold the trust position of lead for paediatric anaesthetic services and I am an elected member of The Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (APAGBI) Paediatric Perioperative Care Subcommittee. I anaesthetise around 300-cases a year (child and adult) across most of the surgical specialties offered by district general hospitals. Approximately 30% of the children I anaesthetise are aged between 1 year and 5 years.

I have a particular interest in paediatric preoperative assessment and established and run a consultant-led preoperative assessment clinic.

I am currently the Royal College of Anaesthetists Co-College Tutor. I have a thorough understanding of anaesthetic competencies at all stages of training.

My adult work is primarily directed towards the care of high-risk patients undergoing complex elective or emergency vascular and general surgery. I also have a substantial commitment to preoperative assessment and optimisation and extensive experience in clinic-based shared-decision making processes including best interest cases.

QUALIFICATIONS

BSc (2.1 HONS)	Bachelor of Science (Physiology)	2001
MBChB	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery	2006
FRCA	Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists	2015
CCT (Anaesthesia)	Certificate of Completion of Training	2018
LLM (Distinction)	Masters of Medical Law	2023

EXPERT WITNESS TRAINING

I have completed Inspire MediLaw's two-day Expert Witness Training (2023); the Expert Witness Institute's 'Experts Discussions and Joint Statements' (2024); and the Bond Solon 'Excellence in Report Writing' (2024).

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Royal College of Anaesthetists Co-College Tutor	December 2025 - Present
Subcommittee Member (elected position), APAGBI Paediatric Perioperative Care Subcommittee	September 2025 – Present
Departmental Lead, Paediatric Preoperative Assessment	April 2024 – Present
Trust Lead, Postgraduate Medical Development	April 2022 – April 2025
GMC certified educator/Educational Supervisor	February 2020 – Present
Departmental Lead, Paediatric Anaesthesia	September 2019 – Present
Advanced Paediatric Life Support Instructor	Jun 2015 – October 2020

SPECIAL AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Paediatric preoperative assessment and optimisation for surgery
- Paediatric regional anaesthesia
- Basic and advanced airway management for children
- Total intravenous anaesthesia (TIVA) in children
- Anaesthesia for ENT, urological, and ophthalmic surgery in children

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Adult preoperative assessment and optimisation for surgery
- Consent for anaesthesia
- Basic and advanced airway management
- Dental damage
- Awareness under anaesthesia
- Allergies and anaphylaxis
- Intraoperative care and the management of intraoperative complications
- The use of total intravenous anaesthesia (TIVA) in adults
- Arterial and central venous cannulation and management
- Resuscitation and management of the acutely unwell surgical patient

MEMBERSHIPS

- The General Medical Council (GMC) – 6140676
- The Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI)
- The Vascular Anaesthesia Society of Great Britain and Ireland (VASGBI)
- The Preoperative Association
- Regional Anaesthesia United Kingdom (RAUK)

INDEMNITY

I am fully indemnified with the MDDUS for my work as an expert witness.

I am registered with the Information Commissioner (registration number ZB575435) and comply with my data protection responsibilities.