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Professional Summary

Consultant Anaesthetist with specialist practice in adult and paediatric anaesthesia, providing independent expert opinion in clinical negligence matters for claimant and defendant solicitors. Expertise includes screening reports, full CPR Part 35 compliant reports, joint statements, conference with counsel, and court attendance. Specialist areas include airway management, perioperative deterioration, anaesthetic drug errors, recovery and escalation failures, and paediatric peri-intubation hypoxic injury. Available for urgent screening reports and full liability / causation reports. Maintains active hands-on clinical practice relevant to all medico-legal opinions provided.

Clinical Practice and Experience:

I am a Consultant Anaesthetist at Oxford University NHS foundation trust (appointed 2006) and a previous Clinical Lead for Paediatric Anaesthesia. I studied at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School, London and trained in anaesthesia in Wessex and worked as a Fellow in Paediatric Anaesthesia for one year in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA.

Clinical Interests:

My clinical interests are within paediatric anaesthesia (all surgical specialities). I have a special interest in anaesthesia for paediatric craniofacial surgery, neurosurgery and interventional radiological procedures. Anaesthesia for adults, (all surgical specialities) with a special interest in anaesthesia for adult cosmetic surgery, ophthalmic surgery and ENT surgery. My Fellowship year in Paediatric Anaesthesia was in the University of Michigan, USA (1 year).

Research Interests:

I have an interest in research of anaesthesia for craniofacial surgery.

Areas of Expertise:**Adult Anaesthesia**

- failed or difficult airway management
- delayed intubation / failed extubation
- aspiration events
- awareness under anaesthesia
- perioperative hypotension / hypoxic injury
- neuraxial complications
- regional anaesthesia nerve injury
- anaesthetic drug and infusion errors
- postoperative recovery / PACU failures
- delayed escalation to ICU / HDU
- peri-arrest management

Paediatric Anaesthesia

- paediatric airway and intubation complications
- peri-intubation hypoxia
- perioperative cardiac arrest
- drug dose / weight-based prescribing errors
- delayed recognition of deterioration
- sedation complications
- postoperative collapse
- transfer and recovery failures
- neurological injury causation

Report Types

- initial screening / merits reports
- breach of duty reports
- causation reports
- condition and prognosis reports
- quantum / future care issues (where relevant)
- joint expert statements
- court-compliant addendum reports

Turnaround Times

- urgent screening opinion: **3–5 working days**
- standard screening report: **7–10 working days**
- full liability / causation report: **3–4 weeks**
- urgent addendum: **48–72 hours**

Summary of Publications:

Author of Published National Guidelines (2 guidelines published, 3 currently being written). These guidelines are used to outline current best practice in paediatric care.

1. Guidelines for Provision of Anaesthetic Services (GPAS). Chapter 14: Guidelines for the provision of neuroanaesthetic services 2023. Chapter development group member
2. APA Advisor for BAPM Neonatal Airway Safety Standard, April 2024 (British Association of Perinatal Medicine)
3. APA Advisor for BAPM Central Venous Catheter Review April 2025 (British Association of Perinatal Medicine)
4. APA Advisor for Ingestion of Button Battery Management Guideline Working Group 2025. National guideline for emergency management of button battery ingestion by infants.

Publications: (8 publications in peer reviewed journals)

1. Association of Anaesthetists guidelines: the use of blood components and their alternatives. Akshay Shah, Andrew A. Klein, Seema Agarwal, Andrew Lindley, Aamer Ahmed, Kerry Dowling, Emma Jackson, Sumit Das, Divya Raviraj, Rachel Collis, Anna Sharrock, Simon J. Stanworth, Paul Moor. Anaesthesia Jan 25
2. A European multicenter outcome study on the different perioperative airway management policies following midface surgery in syndromic craniosynostosis: a proposal for a Standard Operating Procedure. ERN CRANIO Workgroup Craniosynostosis. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. January 30, 2024. Sumit Das et al.
3. Central Retinal Artery Occlusion Following Prone Transcranial Surgery for Craniosynostosis and Discussion of Risk Factors. Roumeliotis G, Campbell S, Das S, Hildebrand GD, Issa PC, Jayamohan J, Lawrence T, Magdum S, Wall S, Johnson D J Craniofacial Surgery Sep;31(6):1597-1601, May 2020
4. Postoperative hypoalbuminemia following surgery related to craniosynostosis. Elizabeth Allison, Russell G. Evans, Steven Wall, David Johnson and Sumit Das Pediatric Anesthesia Volume 25, Issue 9, pages 924–928, September 2015
5. Anesthesia for surgery related to craniosynostosis: a review. Part 1 Kate Thomas, Corinna Hughes, David Johnson, Sumit Das Pediatric Anesthesia Volume 22, Issue 11, pages 1033–1041, November 2012
6. Anesthesia for surgery related to craniosynostosis: a review. Part 2 Corinna Hughes, Kate Thomas, David Johnson, Sumit Das Pediatric Anesthesia Volume 23, Issue 1, pages 22–27, January 2013

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7. Anaesthesia and the Internet- Editorial. Nyabadza, M. Das, S *British Journal of Anaesthesia*, 2002; 88(3): 334-337.
6. A life in the day of an anaesthetic trainee. Das, S. *Anaesthesia News*, supplement to *Anaesthesia* No. 161 December 2000.
9. Molecular and cellular pharmacology of novel photoactive psoralen and coumarin conjugates of pyrrole and imidazole-containing analogues of netropsin. Hartley, J.A. McAdam, S.R. Das, S. Roldan, M.C. Haskell, M.K. Lee, M. Department of Oncology, University College London Medical School UK. *Anti-Cancer Drug Design*, 1994; 9 (3):181-97
10. A national survey to assess the current use of computerised information systems in obstetrics. Yoong, A. Das, S. Carroll, T. Chard, T. Department of Reproductive Physiology, St Bartholomew's Hospital London UK. *British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, 1993; 100(3): 205-8

Prizes and Awards:

I am the first anaesthetist ever to be elected a member of the European Society for Craniofacial Surgery (ESCFS).

Indicators of standing

Markers of standing/responsibility

- President-Elect Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists (APAGBI) 2025-present
- Honorary Secretary APAGBI 2021-2024
- Clinical negligence case reviewer General Medical Council 2023-present
- Chair of Medical Advisory Committee Nuffield Health, Oxford 2016-25
- Member of National Advisory Medical Group, Nuffield Health 2022-present
- Education Editor Pediatric Anesthesia 2021-25
- Full Member European Society for Craniofacial Surgery (ESCFS)
- Associate Member International Society for Craniofacial Surgery (ISCFS)
- External Clinical Adviser for Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsmen April 2026-present

Affiliations

- The Royal College of Anaesthetists (Fellow by examination)
- The European Society for Paediatric Anaesthesiology (Member)
- The University of Michigan (Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology 2004-05)
- The Medical Defence Union (Member)
- Expert Witness Gateway (Member)
- Expert Witness Institute (Member)

Training and Courses attended

- Excellence in report writing (Bond-Solon)
- Introduction to Civil Procedure Rules (Bond-Solon)
- Medicolegal Experts Training Day (NRC Medical Experts, London March 2026)
- Medicolegal Conference (De Vere Connaught Rooms, London May 2026)

Medico-Legal Experience

I am a clinical negligence case reviewer for adult and paediatric anaesthesia for the General Medical Council. I have produced multiple investigation reports for Nuffield Health. I accept instruction in clinical negligence cases on behalf of both claimant and defendant. I provide written reports within 3-4 weeks and expedited reports within 5 working days.

Availability

Currently accepting instructions in:

- adult anaesthesia negligence
- neonatal/paediatric anaesthesia negligence
- catastrophic hypoxic brain injury cases
- perioperative causation analysis

Please contact sumitdas41@gmail.com for availability and fee schedule.