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EXPERT WITNESS PROFILE

Mr Sajid Ataullah is a Consultant Ophthalmic, Oculoplastic and Orbital Surgeon at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital (MREH), where he has held a substantive consultant post since 2002 and was Clinical Lead for Oculoplastic, Lacrimal and Orbital services 2012-2025. He is President of the British Oculoplastic Surgery Society (BOPSS) for the 2025–2027 term and holds an honorary consultant appointment at Salford Royal Foundation Trust, where he undertakes complex combined orbital and neurosurgical cases.

With 24 years of consultant-level subspecialty practice, Mr Ataullah is well placed to provide independent expert opinion on matters arising in ophthalmic, oculoplastic and orbital surgery, including — but not limited to — standard of care, causation and prognosis in cases involving the eyelids, orbit, lacrimal system, and ophthalmic complications of aesthetic and reconstructive procedures.

Sajid Ataullah has 18 years of experience preparing expert witness reports in both clinical negligence and personal injury scenarios.

He accepts instructions from both claimant and defendant parties and is committed to the duties of an expert witness as set out in CPR Part 35.

SCOPE OF EXPERT OPINION

- **Cosmetic & reconstructive procedures:** Complications of cosmetic eyelid (blepharoplasty) and brow surgery (AIIVL), eyelid and brow surgery for facial palsy, eyelid reconstruction after trauma and eyelid cancer removal
- **Eyelid disease & surgery:** Ptosis, ectropion, entropion, blepharoplasty, lid reconstruction following tumour excision
- **Orbital disease & surgery:** Orbital tumours (benign & malignant), thyroid eye disease (TED/Graves' orbitopathy), orbital decompression, orbital cellulitis & abscess, periocular necrotizing fasciitis, orbital fractures, complications of eye removal surgery
- **Lacrimal system:** Tear duct injury or obstruction, epiphora (watery eye), DCR (tear duct bypass), canalicular disease, lacrimal pump failure
- **Oncological ophthalmology:** Periocular malignancy (basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, melanoma, sebaceous gland carcinoma, Merkel cell carcinoma)

- **Eyelid, tear duct and orbital trauma:** Eyelid and tear duct trauma**,** Orbital blow-out fractures, penetrating orbital injury, post-traumatic orbital problems
- **Multidisciplinary orbital care:** Combined neurosurgical/orbital procedures, skull base disease, spheno-orbital meningioma, Head & Neck Cancer surgery involving eyelids and orbit
- **Standards of care:** Assessment of departures from accepted practice in ophthalmic and oculoplastic surgery

REGISTRATION & PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

GMC Full Registration	No. 3562105
Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT)	1 July 2001
Specialist Register — Ophthalmology	16 November 2001
Fellow of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists	FRCOphth (1996)
Honorary Consultant	Northern Care Alliance (Salford Royal Hospital)

CURRENT & RECENT APPOINTMENTS

Consultant Ophthalmic & Oculoplastic Surgeon *August 2002 – present*

Manchester Royal Eye Hospital (MREH), Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

- Clinical Lead for Oculoplastic, Lacrimal & Orbital service 2012 to 2025 — responsible for a team of 6 consultants, 3 oculoplastic fellows, ophthalmic trainees and specialist nurse practitioners
- Leads the North West Regional Orbital MDT (multidisciplinary team) and Adult Facial Palsy MDT clinics
- Established and leads a combined Orbital / Skull Base MDT Clinic at MREH in conjunction with neurosurgery colleagues at Salford Royal Hospital
- Collaborates with Mohs' Surgery and Surgical Head & Neck oncology in multidisciplinary management of peri-orbital malignancy
- Collaborates with ENT/ Rhinology colleagues in multidisciplinary management of disease involving nose, sinuses, eyelids, tear ducts and orbit (eye socket)
- Introduced a dedicated regional oculoplastic on-call service at MREH (2013)
- Co-directs an internationally recognised Oculoplastic Fellowship programme
- Founder & Director of the internationally renowned Oculoplastic Dissection Masterclass cadaveric dissection course since 2014
- Regional Adviser for the Royal College of Ophthalmologists (2012–2018)
- Royal College Tutor, MREH (2005–2012)

Honorary Consultant Ophthalmic & Oculoplastic Surgeon *Ongoing*

Salford Royal Hospital (Northern Care Alliance)

- Undertakes joint orbital and neurosurgical procedures including complex skull base and orbital cases with neurosurgical colleagues (Salford Royal)

LEADERSHIP & ELECTED POSITIONS

Current President, British Oculoplastic Surgery Society (BOPSS)	2025 – 2027
Clinical Lead Oculoplastic Surgery, MREH	2012 – 2025
Regional Adviser, Royal College of Ophthalmologists	2012 – 2018
Royal College Tutor, Manchester Royal Eye Hospital	2005 – 2012
Consultant Lead, Acute Services, MREH	2002 – 2004

SUBSPECIALTY TRAINING & FELLOWSHIPS

Oculoplastic Fellow *July – November 2001*
Manchester Royal Eye Hospital

- Subspecialty fellowship in oculoplastic and orbital surgery under Mr Leatherbarrow's preceptorship

Oculoplastic Fellow *July 2000 – June 2001*
Auckland Hospital, New Zealand

- International oculoplastic fellowship — comprehensive exposure to eyelid, lacrimal and orbital surgery

Specialist Registrar — Ophthalmology *January 1997 – June 2000*
Manchester Royal Eye Hospital Rotation

- Full trainee rotation across all ophthalmic subspecialties in a major teaching hospital

QUALIFICATIONS

MBBS (London)	Charing Cross & Westminster Medical School, 1991
FRCOphth Part I	Royal College of Ophthalmologists, 1993
FRCOphth Part II (Optics & Refraction)	Royal College of Ophthalmologists, 1994
Final FRCOphth	Royal College of Ophthalmologists, 1996

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Publications particularly relevant to medico-legal work are shown in bold above (eyelid reconstruction, orbital abscess, AIIVL, Merkel cell carcinoma, eyelid oedema following filler, orbital trauma).

1. Bladen JC, Mombaerts I, Kakizaki H, McNab AA, Norris JH, Verity D, DeAngelis DD, Ataullah SM et al. **Diplopia Following the Insertion of a Canalicular Bypass Tube: Etiology, Risk Factors, Management, and Outcomes.** *Ophthal Plast Reconstr Surg. 2021;37(3S):S19–S22.*

2. Young J, Mdanat F, Dharmasena A, Cannon P, Leatherbarrow B, Hammerbeck-Ward C, Rutherford S, Ataullah S. **Combined neurosurgical and orbital intervention for spheno-orbital meningiomas — the Manchester experience.** *Orbit. 2020;39(4):251–257.*
3. Humzah MD, Ataullah S, Chiang C, Malhotra R, Goldberg R. **The treatment of hyaluronic acid aesthetic interventional induced visual loss (AIIVL): A consensus on practical guidance.** *J Cosmet Dermatol. 2019;18(1):71–76.*
4. Yu JT, Peng L, Ataullah S. **Chronic Eyelid Edema Following Periocular Hyaluronic Acid Filler Treatment.** *Ophthal Plast Reconstr Surg. 2017.*
5. Dharmasena A, Sobajo C, Irion L, Ataullah S. **Lacrimal duct cyst abscess.** *Orbit. 2014;33(6):453–455.*
6. Multiple authors including Ataullah S. **Merkel cell carcinoma of the eyelid: management and prognosis.** *JAMA Ophthalmol. 2014;132(2):197–204.*
7. Multiple authors including Ataullah S. **Outcomes of upper eyelid reconstruction.** *Ophthalmology. 2014;121(2):612–613.*
8. Saha K, Ataullah S, Slater R. **Fire risk during eye surgery.** *Anaesthesia. 2010;65(10):1046–1047.*
9. Cannon PS, McKeag D, Radford R, Ataullah S, Leatherbarrow B. **Our Experience using Primary Oral Antibiotics in the Management of Orbital Cellulitis in a Tertiary Referral Centre.** *Eye. 2008.*
10. Fernando BS, Thaung C, Ataullah S, Chakravarthi R, Bonshek RE, Sloan P. **Necrotising Metaplasia of the Lacrimal Gland / Necrotising Dacryometaplasia.** *Histopathology. 2007;51(4):578–580.*
11. Ataullah S, Sloan B. **Acute Dacryocystitis Presenting As An Orbital Abscess.** *Clin Exp Ophthalmol. 2002;30:44–46.*
12. Ataullah S, Biswas S, O'Donoghue E, Ridgway AEA, Spencer AF. **Long Term Results Of Diode Laser Cycloablation using the Zeiss Visulas II System.** *Br J Ophthalmol. 2002;86:39–42.*
13. Ataullah S, Whitehouse R, Stelmach M, Shah S, Leatherbarrow B. **Missed Orbital Wall Blow-Out Fracture As A Cause Of Post-Enucleation Socket Syndrome.** *Eye. 1999;13:541–544.*
14. Ataullah S, Maseruka H, Bonshek RE, Zardi L. **Tenascin-C in Aphakic and Pseudophakic Bullous Keratopathy.** *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci. 1997;38.*