Curriculum Vitae

Mrs Victoria L Webber

MBChB, BSc (Hons), MD, FRCS (Ed)

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Qualifications

- The University of Edinburgh October 1999- June 2019

June 2002	BSc MedSci (Honours) Experimental Pathology 2:1
July 2005	MBChB
June 2019	Doctor of Medicine (MD)

- FRCS, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 2019

Awards

- Clinical Research Fellowship, The Melville Trust for the Care and Cure of Cancer; June2011- May 2013
- Clinical Scholar Awardee, San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium: $2000; December 2013
- Lyda Henderson Travelling Fellowship, 2019 (for attendance at the 2019 SABCS)

Courses

- Medical Appraisal Training, Completed November 2024
- Trusting workshop – Talking about Risk, UncertaintieS of Testing IN Genetics; Brighton and Sussex Medical School; Edinburgh 24-25th April 2023.
- ABS Oxford Level 3A Oncoplastic course. Lateral chest wall perforator flap reconstruction and therapeutic mammopslasty; Said Business School, Oxford, July 2021.

- Specialty Skills in Breast Surgery (Level 2): Principles in Breast Symmetrisation surgery, Lipomodelling and Latissimus Dorsi flap reconstruction. Association of Breast Surgery, Feb 2020.
- Advanced Trauma Life Support, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Nov 2018
- Training the Trainers; RCSEd, February 2016
- Basic skills in upper GI endoscopy, Cuschieri Skills Centre, Dundee, September 2014.
- Intermediate skills for laparoscopic surgeons, Cuschieri Skills Centre, Dundee, December 2014.
- Adult, Advanced Life Support, Resuscitation Council, UK, June 2006; May 2012
- R programming short course, The University of Edinburgh. December 2010.
- Microsoft Excel advanced course, The University of Edinburgh. November 2009.
- Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, March 2009. *Invited to return and train as a CCrISP course teacher after completing ST4 of training.*
- Intercollegiate Basic Surgical Skills, Royal College of Surgeons of England, Jan 2008

Publications

- Swan R, O'Rourke S, Webber V, Dixon JM. Mastitis, mammary abscess and sebaceous cyst management in a large tertiary referral centre. *European Journal of Surgical Oncology.* 2025; 51(1)

- Kay C, Martinez-Perez C, Meehan J, Gray M, Webber VL, Dixon JM, Turnbull A. Current Trends in the Treatment of HR+/HER2+ Breast Cancer. *Future Oncology.* 2021; 17(5).

- Webber VL, Low C, Skipworth RJE, Kumar S, de Beaux AC, Tulloh B. Contemporary thoughts on the management of Spigelian hernia. *Hernia.* 2017; 21(3): 355-361.
- Webber VL. Highlights from the 9th European Breast Cancer Conference, 2014. *Breast Cancer Management.* 2015; 4(2).
- Webber VL, Mortimer J and Kahan J. Conference Scene: Highlights from the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium. *Breast Cancer Management.* 2014: 3(3); 1-7.
- Arthur L, Turnbull A, Webber V, Renshaw L, Kay C, Thomas J, Dixon JM, Sims AH. Molecular changes in lobular breast cancers in response to endocrine therapy. *Cancer Research*. 2014; 74(19):5371-5376.
- Webber VL and Dixon JM. Role of endocrine therapy in ER+/HER2+ breast cancers. *Breast Cancer Management.* 2014; 3(1):103-111.
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- Dixon JM**,** Wilson VL ,Verrill M ,Symmans WF. HER2 testing in patients with breast cancer. *British Medical Journal*. 2012; 344:e3958.
- Wilson VL and Kumar S. MRSA in a Deep Seated Suture Granuloma in a Patient with Incisional Hernia. *The Journal of 29th International Congress of the European Hernia Society*. Athens, May 2007. (Abstract)
- Wilson VL and Kumar S. Early Home Care after Discharge from the Day Surgery Unit. *The Journal of One Day Surgery*. Volume 17, Supplement. June 2006. (Abstract)
- McCrosson F, Smith J, Wilson VL, Young D, Laing IA. Changes in composition of expressed breast milk over the first month postpartum for a Scottish Population in 2004. *Early Human Development.* 81(8); 711-720.

Presentations

International:

- Can some ER+/ HER2+ patients be safely spared from treatment with chemotherapy plus herceptin? Poster presentation, San Antonia Breast Cancer Symposium December 2019.

- Predicting benefit from HER2-targeted therapies in patients with ER+/HER2+ Breast Cancer. Poster presentation, San Antonia Breast Cancer Symposium, December 2018.

- Lessons learnt and new concepts from a retrospective review of 107 Spigelian Hernias. Poster presentation, European Hernia Society, Vienna, June 2017.

- A 4 gene model can identify ER+HER2+ breast cancers unlikely to respond to neoadjuvant endocrine therapy. Oral presentation, as part of the session 'Key Note Symposium: Key messages to take back to your practice on Monday morning.' European Breast Cancer Conference, Glasgow, March 2014.

- Comprehensive gene assessment of estrogen receptor positive breast cancer reveals that HER2 plays an important role in resistance to neoadjuvant letrozole. Poster Presentation, San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, December 2013.
- Accurate and robust prediction of clinical response to aromatase inhibitors by 2 weeks of neoadjuvant breast cancer treatment. Poster Discussion, San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, December 2013.
- Comprehensive gene and protein assessment of oestrogen receptor positive breast cancer reveals that HER2 plays an important role in resistance to neoadjuvant Letrozole. Poster Presentation, San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, December 2012.
- Lack of response to aromatase inhibitors involves distinct mechanisms. Poster Presentation, San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, December 2012.
- Accurate and robust prediction of clinical response to aromatase inhibitors by two weeks of neoadjuvant breast cancer treatment. (Turnbull A, Webber VL, Larionov A, Kay C, Renshaw L, Dunbier A, Dowsett M, Dixon JM, Sims AH). Precisions Medicine; 2012.
- The role of PET/CT in identifying advanced disease in patients with potentially curable oesophageal carcinoma: a prospective audit. Oral presentation. European Society of Gastrointestinal and Abdominal Radiology, Dresden, June 2010.

- Early Home Care After Day Surgery. Oral presentation, British Association of Day Surgery, Annual Surgical Meeting, June 2007.
- MRSA in a Deep Seated Suture Granuloma in a Patient with Incisional Hernia. Poster Presentation at the 29th International Congress of the European Hernia Society, Athens, May 2007.

National:

- Can some ER+/ HER2+ patients be safely spared from treatment with chemotherapy plus herceptin. Poster presentation; Edinburgh Breast Cancer Symposium, February 2020.
- Lessons learnt and new concepts from a retrospective review of 107 Spigelian Hernias. Oral and poster presentation, British Hernia Society, Newcastle, September 2016.
- Comprehensive gene and protein assessment of oestrogen receptor positive breast cancer reveals that Her2 plays an important role in resistance to neoadjuvant Letrozole. Edinburgh School of Surgery, Chiene Medal, November 2012.
- Changes in composition of expressed breast milk over the first month post partum for a Scottish Population in 2004. Spring Meeting of the Neonatal Society, 2005
- Absence of Type IV Collagen Chains α3 and α5 in Renal Basement Membrane in Alport Syndrome (Experimental Pathology Honours Thesis).
- Presented at National meeting of pathology students June 2002, and at RIE renal department May 2002.

Local:

- A Review of Current Guidelines on Obesity and Travel Home After Day Surgery, Combined Day Surgery Departmental Meeting, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, November 2007.
- Early Home Care After Day Surgery. Oral presentation, Surgical Departmental Meeting, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, June 2007.
- 'Pre-Hospital Thrombolysis', Grand Rounds, (Chaired by Professor Fox), Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, June 2006.

Research/Audit

Research

- Comprehensive gene assessment of estrogen receptor positive breast cancer reveals that HER2 plays an important role in resistance to neoadjuvant Letrozole.
    - Doctor of Medicine (MD), The University of Edinburgh, 2019

Audit

- The role of PET/CT in identifying advanced disease in patients with potentially curable oesophageal carcinoma.
    - Oral presentation at the European society of gastrointestinal and abdominal radiology, Dresden, June 2010.
- Laparoscopic vs Open Appendicectomy. Completion of 2 year audit, level of surgeon/ trainee performing laparoscopic and open appendicectomy, RAH, Paisley.
- Thromboprophylaxis prescription in general surgical admissions. Audit of emergency surgical admissions, prescription of prophylactic clexane in 60 patients, RAH, Paisley.
- Day Surgery Audit, RIE/St John's Hospital. Meeting recommended pre op guidelines and post op discharge outcomes. 4 week audit, Nov- Dec 2006, 63 patients. Supervisor Mr Sudir Kumar.
    - Oral presentation, British Association of Day Surgery, Annual Surgical Meeting, June 2007
- Sodium and Water Content of Expressed Breast Milk. 14 week Special Study Module, Oct 2003- Feb 2004. Supervisor Dr Ian Laing, Simpson's Memorial Maternity Pavilion RIE.
- Absence of Type IV Collagen Chains α3 and α5 in Renal Basement Membrane in Alport Syndrome Oct 2001- June 2002. Experimental Pathology Thesis, 9 month laboratory based research project. Supervisor Professor Neil Turner Department of Renal Medicine RIE.

Extracurricular Achievements

- **Tennis** East of Scotland County Player (2005 - 2007)
  Ladies 1st team Next Generation (2004-2007, East of Scotland 1st Division)
  Full Blue, University of Edinburgh
  Ladies 1st team, University of Edinburgh 1999-2003,
  Captain 2001-2002 (Semi finalalists British Universties)
  Scottish National Squads 1993-1995 (Scottish Cap vs Ireland, 1995)
  South of Scotland County Player 1994-2004 (Team Captain 1999

Committee Appointment's

- Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Trainee Council Member
  - Elected onto committee February 2015, 2 year appointment.
- Less Than Full Time Operational Group, Trainee Representative
  - Operational group re-structuring LTFT guidelines, including eligibility for application, length of time spent in LTFT, extent of LTFT training, completion of training assessments. Position held 2014-2016.

Other

- **Management**
  - Chair of Edinburgh Breast Unit meeting. This is a monthly meeting attended by all members of the breast unit clinical team. Current issues, waiting times, audit and research, new developments, operating theatre activity and morbidity is discussed. I set the agenda and write the minutes for the meeting.
- **Teaching**
  - Current Breast Lead for the MSc in Surgical Sciences, a collaboration between the University of Edinburgh and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Role involves setting course content, exam questions and supervising discussion boards.

- Moderator for Surgeons for Surgeons Webinar; 'Making the team brief count- applying human factors for safer surgical practice.' Presented by Professor Peter Brennan, session moderators Mrs Victoria Webber, Ms Erica Reevie, Mr Richard Skipworth.
- South East of Scotland Surgical Teaching:
    - Meeting host October 2021; session presenter 'Benign breast disease', 'Breast screening', 'Virtual breast MDM'.
    - Breast Surgery: Breast Cancer Genetics, November 2019.
- Virtual Breast MDM, online teaching afternoon for Manchester University Medical School. Collaboration with Dr Lubna Bhatt, medical oncologist The Christie NHS Foundation Trust and Dr Alison Stillie, clinical oncologist NHS Lothian.
- Breast Cancer Genetics, teaching presentation to anaesthetic department St Johns Hospital, October 2019
- Breast cancer teaching, Reproductive Cancers honours course, The University of Edinburgh, September 2019
- Breast Cancer Screening; Literature review and creation of The University of Edinburgh Wiki Site.
    - Supervision and teaching role for 2nd year medical students, The University of Edinburgh. Project awarded A Grade.
- Examination of 3rd year medical students Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE).
- 4th year MBChB students, clinical and tutorial teaching during student breast clinical attachement.

- **Abstract Marking**
    - Marking of abstracts for the University of Edinburgh, College of Medicine International Academic and Research Conference 2013.
- **Mentoring**
    - Clinical Tutor Assistant, The University of Edinburgh. This is a position offering guidance and support to 3rd, 4th and 5th year medical students during times of difficulty. The role also involves support and preparation for curricular examinations; position held 2014-2015.

Experience

Consultant Breast Surgeon

Current	**Edinburgh Breast Unit,**
	Western General Hospital

Locum Consultant Breast Surgeon

December 2020- Feb 2021	NHS Lanarkshire

Breast Surgery ST8:

October 2019- December 2020

	Edinburgh Breast Unit, Western General Hospital
Educational supervisor	Mr Matthew Barber

Experience: Final year of surgical training and within specialty of interest. The Edinburgh Breast Unit is a specialised breast surgery unit with a variety of services including new patient clinic; emergence breast cover; screening services; and an active oncoplastic service shared between the specialist oncoplastic breast surgeons and plastic surgeons. Approximately 800 new cancer patients are managed per annum.

Breast/ General Surgery ST7:

August 2018- October 2019	Edinburgh Breast Unit, Western General Hospital
	Dunfermline Breast Unit, Dunfermline
Educational supervisor	Mr Matthew Barber

Experience: Elective placement in the EBU for the first 6 months of the year with the second 6 months split between Dunfermline breast unit and EBU and on call based in Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy.

Breast/ General Surgery ST6:

February 2017-August 2017	EdinburghBreast Unit, Western General Hospital
Educational supervisor	Mr Matthew Barber

Experience: attachment to the breast unit for 6 months (following period of maternity leave). 80% elective LTFT training and 100% on call in the colorectal department.

August 2017- August 2018 Department of Colorectal Surgery, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh

Educational supervisor Miss Sarah Goodbrand

Experience: elective colorectal experience including open and laparoscopic colonic resections, perianal pathologies including fistula in ano, haemorrhoids, AIN and anal carcinoma and colorectal outpatient clinics. Good exposure to colorectal emergencies with operative experience gained in emergency laparotomies including small bowel resection, colonic resections and Hartmann's resection. By the end of this attachment all indicative operative numbers are complete with the exception of emergency laparotomy (67/100). 3 level 4 PBA assessments are complete for all the index emergency procedures with the exception of Hartmann's resection where 2/3 level 4 assessments have been completed.

General Surgery ST5:

February 2015- February 2016 The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

Educational supervisor Miss Anna Paisley

Experience: attachment to the upper GI unit with 80% LTFT elective work and 100% on call. Consolidated laparoscopic skills with considerable experience in laparoscopic cholecystectomy (including the 'hot gallbladder') and laparoscopic appendicectomy. Operative requirements including level 4 competencies completed for elective hernia repair, laparocopic cholecystectomy and appendicectomy.

General Surgery ST4:

February 2014- February 2015 The Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy

Educational supervisor Mr Stephen Bennett

Experience: first clinical attachment returning after 3.5 years OOP and maternity leave, working LTFT at 80% (100% on call days with proportionally less night shift on calls). Initial period of regaining clinical confidence and operative experience. 6 month attachment with colorectal team (Mr S Yalamarthi, Mr A Amin, Mr N Evgenikos, Mr T Daniels, Mr C Benzoni). Assisting in laparoscopic colorectal cancer procedures and performing open colorectal procedures under supervision. Laparoscopic work progressing with lap appendicectomy and cholecystectomy. Second 6 month attachment to vascular unit. Limited acute/ arterial work with acute

vascular services recently moved to Ninewells. Particularly enjoyed and progressed in thyroid surgery. Relatively busy on call unit, a lot of responsibility given to StR whilst well supervised.

Clinical Research Fellow

August 2010- June 2013	Melville Trust for the Care and Cure of Cancer, Clinical Research Fellow Breakthrough Breast Cancer Research Unit, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh
Supervisor	Professor JM Dixon

MD Title: Investigating the relationship between HER2 status, the molecular response to Letrozole and resistance to endocrine therapy in patients with oestrogen receptor rich breast cancers.

General Surgery ST3:

August 2009- July 2010	General Surgery, The Royal Infirmary of Glasgow
Educational Supervisor	Mr Colin K MacKay

Experience: 6 month attachment with oesophagogastric team. (Mr Colin K MacKay, Mr Mathew Forshaw, Mr Grant Fullarton). First assistant Ivor Lewis/ Transhiatal oesophagectomy, developing laparoscopic skills in laparoscopic cholecystectomy, diagnostic lasparoscopy, laparoscopic appendicectomy, staging laparoscopy, and assisting laparoscopic fundoplication, incisional hernia repair. During this attachment I have greatly improved my endoscopic skills and am competent in diagnostic gastroscopy, with experience in balloon dilatation, laser therapy and quadrantic biopsy for Barrett's disease. The following 6 months will include 2 months colorectal surgery and 4 months breast surgery. General surgery on calls are busy in this large surgical unit with a significant volume of trauma and a large surgical high dependency unit.

General Surgery ST2:

August 2008- July 2009	General Surgery, The Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow
Educational Supervisor	Mr Colin Wilson

Experience: Attachments in breast surgery (Dr Sheila Stallard, Mr Lazlo Romics), colorectal surgery (Mr Colin Wilson, Mr Alan Hair, Mr Ian Pickford) and vascular surgery (Mr John Drury). General Surgery on call and surgical high dependency care.

General Surgery ST1:

Feb 2008-July 2008 Paediatric Surgery, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill

Educational Supervisor Mr Atul Sabharwal

Experience: For the 2nd half of the ST1 training year we had the opportunity to pick a surgical specialty. This attachment was valuable both in the assessment and management of the sick child and in surgical skills including involvement in the paediatric burns unit.

Aug 2007- January 2008 General Surgery, Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley

Educational Supervisor Mr Colin Porteous

Experience: 4 months colorectal surgery (Mr Colin Porteous), 2 months breast surgery (Mr Mike McKirdy). General Surgery on call and surgical high dependency care.

Foundation Year 2:

April- July 2007: General Medicine, St Johns Hospital, Livingston

Educational Supervisor Dr Ashok Jacob

Dec 2006- March 2007 Oncology medicine, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh

Educational Supervisor Dr Catriona McLean

Aug- Nov 2006 General Surgery, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

Educational Supervisor Mr Sudhir Kumar

Foundation Year 1:

June- Aug 2006 Combined Assessment Surgery, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

Educational Supervisor Dr Peter Bloomfield

Feb- June 2006 Cardiology, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

Educational Supervisor Dr Peter Bloomfield

Dec 2005- Feb 2006 Combined Assessment Medicine, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

Educational Supervisor Dr Alan Jaap

Aug- Dec 2005 General and Plastic Surgery, St John's Hospital, Livingston

Educational Supervisor Mr Stuart Hamilton

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