Curriculum Vitae

of

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MBBS, MS (Mumbai), DNB, MRCSEd,
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Consultant Genral, Emergency and Benign Hepato-Pancreatico- Biliary Surgeon at William Harvey Hospital (NHS) ; and One Ashford hospital & Chaucer Hospital (Private)

Specialty: 28 years + in Surgery -General, Benign Hepato (Liver)-Pancreatico (Pancreas) biliary (gall bladder ,bile duct), and Emergency Surgery.

GMC Specialist register: GMC number 6042684

Examiner: for Royal College of Surgeons of England: Examiner Number 2564

Honorary Academic- University of Kent

Medical teacher, Clinical Tutor, Clinical and Educational Supervisor- Medical students of Kings College, London and Kent &Medway Medical School.

Clinical and Educational Supervisor- Surgical trainees (all levels)

Board Advisory Member – Strategic Industrial Advisory Board – EDGE – CCCU (Engineering, Design, Growth and Enterprise, Canterbury and Christchurch University.)

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Qualifications

- MBBS- 1997
- MS (Gen. Surgery) - 2001
- DNB (Gen. Surgery)- 2001
- MRCS, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh- 2002
- FRCS (Intercollegiate), The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh- 2009
- CORe, Harvard Business School USA-2017
- Certified Life Coach ICF/ ACSTH (Coach Masters Academy) –2017
- Trainer – Dale Carnegie "Train the Trainer "Soft skills and Personality development- 2017

Current Appointment and Professional Roles:

- **NHS:** Consultant General, Emergency and Benign HPB Surgeon, William Harvey Hospital, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust -April 2019 to present.
- Examiner, Royal College of Surgeons of England.
- Honorary Academic, University of Kent.
- Clinical tutor , teacher and supervisor for Kings Medical College, Kent and Medway medical School.
- Clinical and educational supervisor for medical students, foundation doctors, core trainees and registrars.
- Service leadership: Hot Gallbladder service and Feel-Good Factor initiative; previous leadership roles in audit, morbidity and mortality, and surgical teaching.
- Board Advisory Member – Strategic Industrial Advisory Board – EDGE – CCCU (Engineering, Design, Growth and Enterprise, Canterbury and Christchurch University.)

- **Private Practice**: Consultant Surgeon at One Ashford hospital, Ashford; BMI Chaucer hospital, Canterbury; Spencer Hospital, Ashford.

Previous Relevant Appointment:

- Locum Consultant, Benign Upper GI and Emergency Surgery — Whittington Hospital, London | September 2018–April 2019.
- Consultant Hepato-Pancreatico-Biliary and Liver Transplant Surgeon in India from 2010 to 2018.

Professional courses and indemnity as Medicolegal Expert :

Bond Solon Report Writing for Expert Witnesses – Completed.
(https://www.bondsolon.com/certificates/?credential=bd12393c-cf6b-42ec-bf29-b509401839b9)

Ntegrity Professional Indemnity insurance: Policy number: PI26X1141944

Professional memberships Medicolegal Expert :

Expert Witness

Other Relevant Professional memberships and roles

- General Medical Council – 6042684
- Royal College of Surgeons of England — Fellow; MRCS examiner. (2564)
- Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland.
- Medical Defence Union. (438310G)
- Association of Surgeons of India.

Professional practice (as Consultant Surgeon in NHS and Private Practice)

UK-based Consultant General, Emergency and Benign Hepatopancreatobiliary (HPB) Surgeon with consultant-level practice in UK since September 2018, previously in India (since 2010- 2018.)

Clinical work includes

Gall Bladder, Liver and Pancreas:

- Elective and emergency laparoscopic/open cholecystectomy(gall bladder removal) including hot gall bladders
- Acute biliary disease, gall bladder related issues
- Pancreatitis and associated complications

Hernia Surgeries

- Abdominal and groin hernia surgery.
- Incisional Hernia including abdominal wall reconstruction

Emergency Surgery:

- Abdominal trauma following Road traffic accidents
- All Emergency general surgery,
- Emergency appendicectomies, Bowel surgeries, Stoma formation.
- Laparotomy and the surgical management of abdominal trauma.
- Rib fractures

For medico-legal instructions, my principal area of focus is the assessment of surgical care in all of the above patients, including the clinical assessment, investigation, operative decision-making, consenting, recognition and management of complications, and postoperative care.

Proposed Medicolegal Expertise :

- **Benign hepatobiliary (Liver and Gall bladder) conditions**: assessment and management of biliary colic, acute cholecystitis and other benign gallbladder presentations.
- **Laparoscopic and open cholecystectomy** (Emergency and Elective removal of gall bladder) : Indications, consent, pre-operative assessment, operative conduct, intra-operative decision-making, conversion to open surgery and postoperative management.

- **Complications** associated with cholecystectomy: suspected bile duct injury, bile leak, retained common bile duct stones, bleeding, infection, bile duct investigation and referral/escalation pathways.
- **Hernia** surgery: groin and abdominal wall hernias, incisional hernias, emergency presentations, operative management and postoperative complications.
- **Emergency general surgery**: acute abdominal presentations, laparotomy, bowel resection, appendicectomy, colectomy/Hartmann's procedure and peri-operative decision-making.
- **Abdominal trauma:** surgical assessment and management of non-orthopaedic trauma, particularly abdominal injury, within the limits of general surgical expertise.
- **Pancreatitis and related complications**

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Clinical Expertise and Experience :

Benign hepatobiliary surgery and laparoscopic /open cholecystectomy (emergency and elective including hot gall bladders)- More than 22 years of surgical experience

Current consultant practice includes benign HPB and general surgery, with service leadership for the Hot Gallbladder pathway. Experience relevant to case review includes the assessment and treatment of acute and elective gallbladder disease, laparoscopic and open cholecystectomy, management of complex/inflamed gallbladders, common bile duct exploration exposure, and service-level work on timing and pathways for acute cholecystitis and gallstone-related complications.

Relevant research and audit interests include risk factors for litigation following major bile duct injury at laparoscopic cholecystectomy; on-table cholangiography; the safety and feasibility of a hot gallbladder service; the financial and clinical implications of complications while patients await elective cholecystectomy; and compliance with guidance on inpatient operative management of acute cholecystitis.

Hernia and abdominal wall surgery- More than 25 years of surgical experience

Clinical experience includes groin and abdominal hernia surgery, incisional hernia repair and abdominal wall reconstruction for complex incisional hernias. Emergency general surgical practice includes the assessment and operative management of hernia presentations. Medico-legal opinions would be limited to areas where the specific procedure and issues fall within my current clinical practice and expertise.

Emergency general surgery and abdominal trauma- More than 25 years

Longstanding involvement in general and emergency surgical services, including emergency laparotomy, bowel resection, hemicolectomy, Hartmann's procedure, appendicectomy and emergency hernia repair. Experience also includes inpatient surgical management of non-orthopaedic road traffic accident injuries, particularly abdominal trauma and chest injuries including rib fractures. In 2002, I led a trauma triage team in Mumbai following a mass-casualty incident.

HPB surgery and liver transplantation (previous experience of 14 years till 2018.).

Undertook UK HPB research at Bristol Royal Infirmary (2005–2008), followed by clinical fellowships in liver transplantation/HPB surgery at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham and St James's University Hospital, Leeds (2008–2009). Returned to India in 2009 and worked in HPB surgery and liver transplantation, predominantly living-donor liver transplantation, through 2018. From 2015, led a satellite centre in Mumbai, coordinating multidisciplinary care, pre- and post-transplant rounds, ICU management, serious incident review and morbidity and mortality meetings.

Previous operative experience in this field included donor and recipient hepatectomy, liver resection, cadaveric liver and kidney retrieval, pancreaticoduodenectomy (Whipple's procedure), distal

pancreatectomy, and laparoscopic/open cholecystectomy. This background provides additional context for biliary anatomy, hepatobiliary complications and escalation/referral decisions.

Leadership, Governance and Audit: (relevant to medico-legal work)

Clinical service leadership

- **Lead for the Hot Gallbladder** service at William Harvey Hospital, supporting the organisation and review of acute biliary pathways.
- **Lead** for the Feel-Good Factor staff recognition and wellbeing initiative, shortlisted for the BMJ Awards in the Health and Workforce category in 2021.
- **Previous Lead in Department of General surgery : (From August 2019 – August 2023)**
  - Audit
  - Morbidity and mortality,
  - Teaching.
- As clinical lead of a liver-transplant satellite centre in Mumbai, coordinated a multidisciplinary team of approximately 28 medical and paramedical staff and oversaw MDT processes, pre- and post-transplant rounds, ICU management, serious incident review and morbidity and mortality meetings.

Audit and quality improvement relevant to medico-legal work

Experience includes the design, delivery, supervision and review of audit and quality-improvement work relating to surgical pathways, documentation, consent, imaging, antibiotic prescribing, operative timing and outcomes. Relevant projects include:

- Hot gallbladder list outcomes and compliance with seven-day inpatient operative management of acute cholecystitis guidance.
- Analysis of biliary colic presentations and re-presentations, and complications among patients awaiting elective cholecystectomy.
- Operative management of gallstone pancreatitis and appropriate imaging/reporting in acute pancreatitis.
- Consent documentation and provision of a copy of the consent form to patients before surgery.
- Antibiotic prescribing and postoperative antibiotic use following appendicectomy.
- Emergency general surgery service delivery, handover, continuity of care and opportunities to improve day-surgery pathways for emergency general surgery and hernia patients.

Research and clinical trials

- Chief Investigator for a gallstone disease gut microbiome research project, awarded £7,500 by the Charities of East Kent in 2022.
- Principal Investigator for the SUNFLOWER trial (MRCP in predicting common bile duct stones); recorded as the highest recruiter for the national RCT in the original CV.
- Principal Investigator for the ROSIER study examining laparoscopic cholecystectomy following ERCP and sphincterotomy.
- Earlier HPB research at Bristol supported by £62,500 from United Bristol Healthcare Trust charitable trustees for ultrasound equipment.

Selected Publications : (have more than 20 peer reviewed paper publications and more than 100 presentations)

The original CV lists 20 journal publications/research articles or letters, in addition to published abstracts. The following selected publications are most relevant to biliary surgery, surgical decision-making and HPB practice:

- Perera MT, Silva MA, Shah AJ, et al. Risk factors for litigation following major transectional bile duct injury sustained at laparoscopic cholecystectomy. World Journal of Surgery. 2010;34(11):2635–2641.
- Shah AJ, Gilmour J, Bransom C, Jones DRB, Blackett RL. Routine on-table cholangiography during laparoscopic cholecystectomy is well worthwhile. The Internet Journal of Surgery. 2007;12(1).
- Shah AJ, Callaway M, Thomas MG, Finch-Jones MD. Contrast-enhanced intraoperative ultrasound improves detection of liver metastases during surgery for primary colorectal cancer. HPB (Oxford). 2010;12(3):181–187.
- Shah AJ, Phull J, Finch-Jones MD. Clinical risk score can be used to select patients for staging laparoscopy and laparoscopic ultrasound for colorectal liver metastases. World Journal of Surgery. 2010;34(9):2141–2145.
- Hot gall bladder service by emergency general surgeons: Is this safe and feasible? Journal of Minimal Access Surgery. 2021 (published online as recorded in the original CV).
- Acute general surgical emergency and COVID-19 is a pandemic challenge for surgeons: a UK-based practical experience. Journal of Perioperative Practice. 2021.
- Alternative transplant procedures for acute liver failure. Acta Gastroenterologica Belgica. 2010;73(3):374–379.
- The clinical impact of magnetic resonance imaging in diagnosing focal hepatic lesions and suspected cancer. Clinical Imaging. 2009;33(3):209–212.

Other publications cover emergency general surgery, appendicitis, surgical service delivery, clinical leadership, research and the COVID-19 response.

Selected presentations relevant to general, biliary and emergency surgery

- ASGBI 2022 — Financial implications of gallstone-related complications while awaiting elective cholecystectomy: single-institution experience of 900 patients.
- ASGBI 2022 — Feel Good Factor: positive recognition, staff morale and departmental development during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- William Harvey Surgical Evening 2022 — Emergency general surgery and hernia patients: improving day-surgery service and clinical outcomes.
- William Harvey Surgical Evening 2022 — Predicting gallstone complications in patients awaiting elective cholecystectomy; shortlisted for best poster.
- ASGBI 2020 — Effectiveness of pre-peritoneal local anaesthetic infiltration versus local wound infiltration following laparoscopic cholecystectomy; accepted for the Moynihan Prize.
- ASGBI 2020 — A dedicated Hot Gallbladder list: referral outcomes; accepted for oral short paper.
- International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association 2008 — Presentations on intraoperative ultrasound, staging of HPB cancers and detection of colorectal liver metastases.

- Indian Association of Surgical Gastroenterology 2009–2010 — Research presentations on contrast-enhanced ultrasound and CT volumetry in living-donor liver transplantation; prize-winning work.

The original CV records a substantial wider presentation history at national and international surgical meetings, including ASGBI, IHPBA, ILTS, IASG and related surgical societies.

Teaching, examining and communication

- MRCS examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons of England.
- Clinical and educational supervisor for foundation doctors, core trainees and registrars; contributor to medical-student teaching.
- Teaching lead in General Surgery at William Harvey Hospital from 2019,
- Faculty for laparoscopic cholecystectomy and Basic Surgical Skills courses.
- Course convenor and faculty for communication-skills and personality-development workshops for doctors in India; six full-day workshops and more than 20 lectures recorded in the original CV.
- More than 75 lectures over a ten-year period, including general surgery, gallbladder, liver, pancreas, transplantation, communication and leadership.

Selected relevant clinical courses as faculty

- Faculty for laparoscopic cholecystectomy courses at East Kent (2020 and 2022)
- Faculty for Royal College of Surgeons of England -Basic Surgical Skills courses (2021 and 2022).

Medico-legal Practice:

I am developing a medico-legal practice focused on surgical issues that align with my current clinical experience and expertise. I would consider instructions relating to standard of care, clinical decision-making, operative management, complications and postoperative care in the areas outlined in this CV, subject to review of the specific issues and confirmation that they fall within my competence.

REFERENCES

Professional references available on request.