

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current Appointment:

Consultant in General Surgery, Surgical Oncology, Upper Gastrointestinal and Pancreaticobiliary Surgery. University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust. Lead for Clinical Governance in Emergency General Surgery across three acute surgical hospitals.

Qualifications:

MB ChB (Hons), 2004. Birmingham University.

MRCS (Eng). 2006.

Doctorate of Medicine (Hons), 2013. Cranfield University.

FRCS (Eng). 2015.

Medicolegal Expertise:

I produce approximately 120 reports per year. I started medicolegal practice in 2019 and have considerable experience of acting for claimants (60%) and defendants (40%) in personal / occupational injury claims and medical negligence cases including:

- Cases involving abdominal trauma / injury
- Emergency or elective general surgical negligence (including intestinal obstruction, adhesions, peritonitis, appendicitis, acute pancreatitis, abdominal pain, hernias, lipomas, laparoscopic surgery)
- Mis-management of hepatobiliary disease (gallbladder surgery/cholecystectomy, obstructive jaundice, ERCP complications, bile leak, bile duct injury, cholangitis)
- Mis-management of upper gastrointestinal pathology (hiatus hernias, gastro-oesophageal reflux disease, caustic injury, splenectomy)
- Post-operative complications including bile leak, anastomotic leak
- Mis-management of soft tissue sarcoma including retroperitoneal sarcoma, breast angiosarcoma, desmoid fibromatosis, schwannoma and ganglioneuroma
- Cases involving mis-management of abdominal tumours including gastrointestinal stromal tumours (GIST) and neuroendocrine tumours
- Mis-management of surgical endocrine pathology (adrenalectomy, Cushing's syndrome, Conn's syndrome, adrenal cancer)
- All cases involving upper GI endoscopy including ERCP

I completed the Bond Solon Excellence in Report Writing course in July 2019 and most recently attended the Bond Solon Annual Expert Witness Conference in November 2022.

I am registered with the National Expert Witness Agency, the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, Expert Court Reports Ltd. and Premex. I am a member of McCollum Consultants and the MLAS Expert Witness Community. I am also listed on the UK Register of Expert Witnesses.

Selected Publications:

- 121 research articles and book chapters, including publications in Nature and the British Journal of Surgery.
1. Almond LM, Hodson J, Barr H. Meta-analysis of endoscopic therapy for low grade dysplasia in Barrett's oesophagus. *British Journal of Surgery*. 2014, 101(10):1187-95.
 2. Almond LM, Hutchings J et al. Endoscopic Raman spectroscopy enables objective diagnosis of dysplasia in Barrett's esophagus. *Gastrointest Endosc*. 79(1): 37-45, 2014
 3. Almond LM, Roberts K, Hodson J, Sutcliffe R, Marudanayagam R, Isaac J, Muiesan, Mirza D. Changing indications for a total pancreatectomy: perspectives over a quarter of a century. *HPB* 2015, 17(5):416-21.
 4. Almond LM, Singhal R et. al. An "all 5mm ports" technique for laparoscopic day-case anti-reflux surgery: A Consecutive Case Series of 205 Patients. *Int J Surg*. 2016 Nov; 35:214-217.
 5. Almond LM, Patel K, Hodson J et. al. A decade of day-case endoscopically guided stent placement in malignant oesophagogastric strictures. *Surg Endosc*. 2017 May; 31(5): 2280-2286.
 6. Almond LM, Ford S et. al. Myeloid Sarcoma: Presentation, Diagnosis and Treatment. Accepted for publication February 2017 in *Clinical Lymphoma, Myeloma and Leukaemia*. *Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk*. 2017 May;17(5):263-267.
 7. Ford SJ, Almond LM, Gronchi A. An update on non-extremity soft tissue sarcoma. *Clinical Oncology*. 2017, 29(8): 516-527.
 8. Almond LM, Patel K, Keast L, Hodson J, Nijjar R, Wilson PG, Richardson M, Singhal R. A decade of day-case endoscopically guided stent placement in malignant oesophagogastric strictures. *Surg Endosc*. 2017 May;31(5):2280-2286.
 9. Almond LM, Hodson J, Ford S, D Gourevitch, Roberts K, Shah T, Desai A. Role of Palliative Resection of the Primary Tumour in Advanced Pancreatic and Small Intestinal Neuroendocrine Tumours: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. *Eur J Surg Oncol*. 2017 May 25.
 10. Almond LM, Tattersall H et. al. Diagnostic Accuracy of Percutaneous Biopsy in Retroperitoneal Sarcoma: Experience from Two Tertiary European Centres. *British Journal of Surgery* Mar 2019, 106(4): 395-403.

Distinctions, Awards and Prizes:

- Royal College of Surgeons of England pump priming grant. November 2019.
- Winner of best oral presentation at the British Sarcoma Group Conference 2018.
- BASO Travelling Fellowship to Instituto dei tumori, Milan, Italy. October – December 2017
- Winner of 1st prize for best oral presentation. West Midlands Surgical Society meeting, May 2014.

- Finalist at the BMJ Awards 2014 as a member of the “Three Counties Early Oesophageal Cancer Team”. Shortlisted for the National Cancer Care Team of the Year 2014.
- Winner of BSG poster prize 2014 Barrett’s Oesophagus Screening: Infrared spectroscopy for cytological assessment (poster presented by O. Old).
- Winner of the Kings Norton Medal for Cranfield University’s Outstanding Doctoral Student across all schools. June 2013.
- Winner of the Angela Newing Award for Outstanding Research within Cranfield Health. June 2013.
- Wesleyan Royal Society of Medicine Trainee of the Year Finalist. November 2012.
- Winner of the RCS Needleworkers bursary award. September 2012.
- British Society of Gastroenterology John Bennett Travelling Fellowship.
- First prize for best presentation of original research at the International Laser Europe Conference, London, May 2012.
- Almond LM et al. awarded the FACSS/SAS/Coblentz/ISA Award at ICORS, Bangalore. May 2012.
- Winner of Translational Medicine Conference Oral Presentation Prize. Cranfield Health, Gloucester. March 2012.
- Winner of the West Midlands Surgical Society prize for best oral presentation. Worcester, November 2011.
- Winner of the best poster prize at the West Midlands Surgical Society. Worcester, November 2011.
- Winner of the Royal Society of Medicine Prize (Surgery Section). London, September 2011.
- Royal College of Surgeons Research Fellowship award. June 2011.
- Winner of the Twort Prize for best oral presentation at the 5th International Barrett’s Symposium, London. April 2011.
- Awarded the ‘Three Counties Surgical Research Fellowship’. October 2010
- Highest interview score at ST2 level, Cambridge Deanery, 2007.
- Postgraduate Award in Medical Education (Grade A). University of Warwick. October 2006
- Research Award - Medtronic (US), 2003.

Professional Affiliations:

I am a member of the British Sarcoma Group, the Transatlantic Retroperitoneal Sarcoma Working Group, the UK and Ireland Neuroendocrine Tumour Society and the British Association of Endocrine and Thyroid Surgeons, through which I have contributed to national / international clinical guidelines.

I am also a surgical tutor on behalf of the European School of Soft Tissue Sarcoma Surgery.

I am an Editor of the journal Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumours and a regular invited reviewer for multiple other international journals.

I am a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Venues:

Stourside Hospital, 60 Bradley road, Stourbridge, DY8 1UX.

The Westbourne Centre, 53 Church road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3SJ.

The Hale Clinic, 4 Harley Street, London, W1G9PB.

Available for home visits or remote consultations on request.

Availability:

Birmingham appointments available in 1-2 weeks.

London appointments in 3-4 weeks.

Report turnaround time 2-5 weeks.

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