

Medico-LEGAL CV (December 2024)

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I am Mark Julian Ashworth, I am a Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon, active in both NHS and private practice. My medical qualifications are MB ChB, FRCS, FRCS (Orth). I trained at Manchester University Medical School qualifying as a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in 1986 with two honours and one distinction grade at the second year MB examination in 1982. I also gained a Physiology BSc (Hons) 2(1) in 1983. I became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (FRCS) in 1992 and gained the higher qualification of FRCS (Orthopaedics) in 1997.

I trained in Trauma and Orthopaedic surgery for 6 years on the Oxford rotation, including a one-year fellowship in Adelaide, South Australia, in joint revision and sports medicine surgery in 1998. To a lesser degree I have trained in Plastic surgery and Neurosurgery. I am on the Specialist Register and have practised as a Consultant in Trauma and Orthopaedic surgery since August 1999.

Until February 2022, approximately 30% of my clinical work was trauma and 70% was elective orthopaedic surgery. Since February 2022, my practice has concentrated on elective orthopaedic surgery. I have a special interest in revision joint replacement surgery of the hip and knee, young adult hip pain, hip & knee arthritis surgery and sports injury surgery. My patient management and innovation have been recognised by my NHS employer; I have been awarded 7 ‘clinical excellence awards’.

I have been an honorary lecturer and a Clinical Fellow and examiner (Masters level) at the University of Plymouth.

Web Site: www.hipandkneepain.org

Detailed scope of clinical practice:

Hip joint pain and arthritis

Joint preserving hip impingement surgery, (young adult hip pain management).

Hip arthroscopy both diagnostic & therapeutic.

Primary cemented, uncemented hip arthroplasty (replacement).

Revision from primary & resurfacing to cemented/un-cemented hip arthroplasty & impaction grafting.

Management of infected hip arthroplasty & fractures around hip replacements.

Knee arthritis

Cemented total knee arthroplasty & (Oxford) unicompartmental knee arthroplasty.

Revision from primary to cemented/un-cemented knee arthroplasty (& impaction grafting) - including rotating hinge.

Management of infected knee arthroplasty & fractures around knee replacements.

Sports injury surgery

Hip arthroscopy - therapeutic for labral tears and chondral injury.

Knee arthroscopy - meniscal repair/suturing, chondroplasty & microfracture.

Anterior cruciate ligament injury diagnosis and non-operative management (Since early 2017, I no longer perform ligament reconstruction surgery, having done so for 20 years prior to that).

Association Membership:

The British Orthopaedic Society

The British Hip Society

The British Association for Surgery of the Knee

Girdlestone Orthopaedic Society

Full member of the **Expert Witness Institute** (MEWI)

Member of the **Faculty of Expert Witnesses**, 'the FEW' (Specialist info)

Medico legal experience:

I have prepared medico-legal reports since 1992 and I regularly attend medico-legal conferences. I have given evidence in court on 4 occasions, most recently in December 2024 (over 2 days at the **Royal Courts of Justice [2026] EWHC 657 (KB)**) and attended court on 2 other occasions where the case was settled immediately prior to entering court. I prepare about 120 reports per year. In 2019 I was admitted as a full member of The **Expert Witness Institute**.

I undertake about 50 personal injury reports per year. Approximately 60% of my **personal injury reports** are for the Claimant, 35% for the Defendant and 5% jointly commissioned. My reports have been used as examples of good practice by Bond Pearce in educational seminars for other providers of medical reports

I undertake about 70 **medical negligence** reports per year. I confirm I am still practising within my speciality. My negligence reports are split 60:40 (Claimant:Defendant). I began preparing medical negligence reports in 2010.

Recent Medico-legal training:-

Legal Training Consultancy – Clinical negligence Update	2024 & 2025
Expert Witness Institute – Expert evidence in court	November 2024
Bond Solon - Expert witness conference	2016, 2021 & 2023
British Orthopaedic Association - Medico-legal aspects of Trauma & Orthopaedic care	2021 & 2023
Iconic Media Solutions Specialist Info – Medico-legal conference	June 2023
Expert Witness Institute - Confidence in the courtroom	February 2023
Expert Witness Institute – Law for experts/report writing, courtroom skills	March 2019
British Medical Association - Medico-legal conference	March 2019
SpecialistInfo – Medico-legal courtroom skills course at 218 Strand, London	October 2015
Pro Sols Ltd - Negligence report training with concurrent medical evidence (Hot Tubbing)	March 2014