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CURRICULUM VITAE 2026

GENERAL

Date of birth: 27 December 1958
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MB, ChB (University of Bristol)	1981
Full registration with the General Medical Council (2702249)	1982
Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (FRCS)	1988
Intercollegiate Examination in Plastic Surgery (FRCS (Plast))	1996
UK specialist register (Plastic Surgery)	1997
MSc (Distinction), Aesthetic Medicine, QMUL	2019
DMCC	2020
License to practice	Current
Next revalidation due	2029

MEDICO-LEGAL WORK

I have been a Consultant Plastic Surgeon since 1996 and have a broad experience having worked in the Army, the NHS, and the private sector, in the UK and in several other countries.

I have interests in burns, trauma, scars, and cosmetic/aesthetic surgery of the breast and trunk.

I have over 20 years of experience writing reports (approx 1000 annually), and receive about 400 instructions per year (Claimant (80%), Defendant (15%) and Joint (5%)).

I am aware of the requirements of Part 35 and Practice Direction 35, the Protocol for the Instruction of Experts to Give Evidence in Civil Claims and the practice direction on pre-action conduct and I have obtained Part 1 of the Certificate of Medical Reporting (the Bond Solon Civil Procedure Rules Expert Witness Certificate) to evidence my understanding and compliance of the above requirements.

I regularly attend medico-legal training and updates, most recently the Bond Solon Annual Expert Witness Conference, 3 November 2023.

I am happy to take on medical negligence cases if they fall within my areas of expertise.

I am happy to consider legally aided cases on their merits.

I attend medico-legal CPD and am a Member of the Expert Witness Institute.

I work with all the major agencies and with local, national, and international law firms.

I am happy to accept instructions from the UK, or from countries with a similar legal system.

I have produced reports for criminal, civil, family and child protection cases.

I have given evidence in court in both civil and criminal cases (10 in the last 5 years). I have given evidence at 3 murder trials, 2 at the Central Criminal Court and 7 others in Family Court.

I am happy to produce reports for Immigration and Asylum Tribunals, including Istanbul Protocol compliance, and I am familiar with working through interpreters.

I currently have regular clinics in Bristol, London, Salisbury, Cardiff, and Birmingham. I can offer remote appointments, albeit with caveats.

Legal referees can be provided on request.

CURRENT CLINICAL APPOINTMENT

**Consultant Plastic Surgeon
Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust**

2020 to date

My remits include:

- skin cancer.
- burns.
- general plastic surgery.
- plastic surgery trauma, adult and paediatric.

FORMER APPOINTMENTS

**Consultant Plastic Surgeon
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust**

2019 - 2020

My remits include:

- skin cancer.
- general plastic surgery.
- plastic surgery trauma, adult and paediatric.

**Consultant Burns, Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeon
North Bristol NHS Trust**

2001 - 2017

My main NHS remit was the acute and ongoing management of adult and paediatric burns.

I have managed many thousands of burns cases.

I also dealt with skin cancer and general plastic surgery, including:

- breast augmentation (over 500 cases - NHS and private).
- breast reduction (over 500 cases - NHS and private).
- abdominoplasty (over 200 cases - NHS and private).
- general paediatric plastic surgery.

**Consultant Plastic Surgeon
Nuffield Hospital
Bristol**

2001 - 2014

My private practice included most areas of general 'cosmetic/aesthetic' plastic surgery (particularly breast augmentation and reduction, abdominal reduction, labiaplasty, pinnaplasty and liposuction), skin lesions and scar revisions (see above).

**Consultant Surgeon (Burns and Plastic)
Royal Hospital Haslar**

1996 – 2001

Following my training in the Army, the NHS and the USA I (with one colleague) established the plastic surgery department at the only remaining Military Hospital in the UK. My main remit was burn care but also encompassed skin cancer surgery, aesthetic surgery, paediatric plastic surgery, limb reconstruction, breast reconstruction and other trauma.

I also provided general surgical, plastic surgical and burns surgical cover to the military hospitals in Germany, Cyprus and Gibraltar.

I deployed to Bosnia with 33 Field Hospital in 1997.

I deployed to Kuwait with 33 Field Hospital in 1998.

TEACHING AND TRAINING

- I sat on the Senate of the Emergency Management of Severe Burns (EMSB), I started the military variant of the course, and am currently the Course Director for South West England. I am an External Instructor for military and civilian courses.
- I was author of the 'Intermediate Years Training in Burns Surgery' and 'Higher Years Training in Burns Surgery' for the Intercollegiate Surgical Curriculum Program.
- I was Co-author of 'Intermediate Years Training in Aesthetic Surgery' and 'Higher Years Training in Aesthetic Surgery' for the Intercollegiate Surgical Curriculum Program.
- I was formerly the Royal College of Surgeons of England representative on the SAC (Specialty Advisory Committee for Plastic Surgery) of the JCST (Joint Committee on Surgical Training) of the four Royal Surgical Colleges (the national body overseeing training and certification).

- I was Head of National Selection into Plastic Surgery Training.
- I was TPD (Training Program Director) for Plastic Surgery, South West England (Peninsula and Severn Deaneries).
- I travelled and worked to coordinate international plastic surgery training in Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong.
- I am a former Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Bristol.
- I am a Lecturer on forensic and medico-legal issues on the Enhancing Practice in Burn Care (Level 6/7) course at the University of the West of England.
- About fifty of my trainees have gone on to become consultant level plastic surgeons, both in the UK and abroad.
- I have taught on all the continents bar Antarctica.



- I have been a Fellow of the College since 1988.
- I continue to sit as a Faculty Assessor for the College on Consultant Advisory Appointment Committees in England and Wales and on Armed Services Consultant Advisory boards.



- I have been a full Member since 1997.
- I was on Council 2014 - 17.

EDUCATION

1967 - 1976 Colston's School, Bristol

1976 - 1981 University of Bristol (MB ChB July 1981)

1988 Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (FRCS)

1996 Intercollegiate Examination in Plastic Surgery (FRCS (Plast))

2017 - 2019 Queen Mary University of London (MSc Aesthetic Medicine).
Distinction

2019 - 2020 Worshipful Society of Apothecaries (Diploma in the Medical Care
of Catastrophes).

2020 - 2021 Diploma course in Forensic Medical Sciences

Current Working towards my MD (at the University of Bristol).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

July 1978 - August 2001

ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

- Northern Ireland (General Duties Medal) 1986
- Gulf War I (Gulf War Medal) 1991
- Bosnia (NATO Medal) 1997
- Kuwait 1998

MEDICAL TRAINING

Pre-registration

House Officer, Taunton Hospitals

1981 - 1982

General Medical Duty

Regimental Medical Officer, Hong Kong

1983 - 1984

Surgical Trainee

Surgical SHO	Catterick, North Yorkshire	1985 - 1986
Surgical SHO rotation	Woolwich, London	1986 - 1988
Surgical Registrar	British Military Hospital, Hong Kong	1988 - 1989

Career Registrar in General Surgery

Surgical Registrar	Woolwich, London	1989 - 1990
Registrar (NHS)	General Surgery, Basingstoke	1990 - 1991
Registrar (NHS)	Cardiac Surgery, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh	1991
Registrar (NHS)	Thoracic Surgery, City Hospital, Edinburgh	1992

Trainee in Plastic Surgery

SHO (NHS)	Plastic Surgery, Edinburgh	1992
Registrar (NHS)	Plastic Surgery, Edinburgh	1992 - 1994
Senior Registrar (NHS)	Plastic Surgery, London	1994 - 1996

DETACHMENTS/ATTACHMENTS

- British Military Hospital Hong Kong (1980-81, 1988-89)
- British Military Hospital, Dharan, Nepal (1984, 1989)
- Royal Marsden Hospital, London (1996)
- Institute of Surgical Research Burn Unit, Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX, USA (1996)
- Kleinert Kutz Hand Care Center Louisville, Kentucky, USA (1996)
- Dr R Millard, University of Miami, FL, USA (1996)
- Dr D Barillo, Burn Center, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC, USA (2001)
- Burns Unit, Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham (2001)
- Dr Krishna Clough, Marie Curie Cancer Institute, Paris (2001)
- Surgeon, Air Assault Brigade, (2001)
- Dr Tino Mendieta, Miami Plastic Surgery, FL, USA (2002)

MEMBERSHIPS



PRESENTATIONS

My work has been presented at numerous national and international scientific meetings, I have taught on all the continents bar Antarctica, and I continue to be active:

- 3 were presented at the Congress of the International Society for Burn Injuries (ISBI, the world burn society) in June 2021.
- 3 were presented at the British Burn Association Annual Meeting in 2023.
- I gave 2 lectures at the Pan African Burns Congress in Nairobi in October 2025.
- another presentation was at the BAPRAS Congress in December 2025.
- in February 2026 I gave a presentation on 'Burns' to the Forensic Pathology Unit Study Day at the Home Office covering types, causes, classification, patterns, complications, and survivability.
- a further presentation has been accepted for the ISBI Congress in Santiago, Chile in October 2026.

Other presentations have been to:

- British Burns Association.
- Royal Society of Medicine.
- British Association of Plastic Surgeons.
- British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons.
- British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (Hackett Prize 1994).
- Military Surgical Society.
- Combined Services Plastic Surgery Society.
- American Burn Association.
- International Society for Burn Injuries.
- European Paediatric Burns Club.
- Pan African Burns Congress.

PUBLICATIONS

T Burge

Re: A simple trick for supinated hand positioning during hand surgery. (2026)

The Annals of The Royal College of Surgeons of England.

T Burge

Re: Cosmetic incision for paediatric muscle biopsy. (2026)

The Annals of The Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Tim Burge

Awake Prone Positioning in Adults With COVID-19; An Individual Participant Data Meta-Analysis:

Awake Prone Positioning (APP) in burns. (2025) JAMA Internal Medicine

Tim Burge

Embracing Neurodiversity in Medicine—Building a More Inclusive Physician Workforce: They are among us already. (2025) JAMA

Tim Burge

Necrotizing Soft Tissue Infections, A Review: Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose. (2025)

JAMA Surgery

J Crane, S Golchinheydari, F Shariff, T Burge

pH is not a 'Litmus Test' in Chemical Burns (2025) Burns

Tim Burge

Screen time and autism; chicken or egg? (2024) JAMA Pediatrics

J Crane, S Golchinheydari, F Shariff, T Burge

Cum Grano Salis-Irrigation of chemical burns? (2024) Burns

TS Burge

The soldier in white: a guide to burn resuscitation? (2024) Burns

TS Burge

Early high-volume resuscitation with crystalloid solution combined with albumin – Pragmatic advice.

(2024) Burns

T Burge

Re: Cosmetic incision for paediatric muscle biopsy (2024) Annals of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (online).

Tim Burge

Office Measurement of Blood Pressure. (2023) JAMA

Mawhinney J, Yvon A, Pujji O, Chow W, Freemantle N, Burge TS.

Does 'Prison Napalm' work? Measuring the cooling temperature of sugar solution burns in a porcine model. (2021) Burns.

Timothy Burge

A burn surgeon's perspective on the treatment of coronavirus.

(2021) RCS Bulletin.

Bhatti D S, Khan M, Rodriguez D, Cadogan J, Burge T.

Paediatric Burns from Deployment of a Concealed Aviation Seatbelt Airbag. (2021) Cureus

Burge TS

Re: *Lower eyelid defect* (2019) JPRAS.

Burge TS

Re: *ArF excimer laser debrides burns without destruction of viable tissue: A pilot study* (2018) Burns.

Heskin L, Khan M, Ho P, Burge T

Subcutaneous fat necrosis requiring plastic surgery intervention in an infant treated with whole body cooling. (2018) JPRAS Open.

Vermaak PV, Deall CE, McArdle C, Burge T

Exhaust system-related burns affecting children: A UK perspective and literature review. (2016) Annals of Burns and Fire Disasters.

Tim Burge

The great airway debate: is the scalpel mightier than the cannula? - The blunt end of the scalpel.

(2016) British Journal of Anaesthesia

Paget JT, Burge TS

Keeping New Delhi metallo- β -lactamase-1 at the door (2014) Journal of Burn Care and Research.

Burge TS

Re: *Scarring in partial thickness burns in children* (2014) Burns.

Vermaak P, Haj Basheer M, Taki H, Burge TS

Paediatric injuries associated with the use of disposable barbecues: Are we finding ourselves in hot sand? (2012) Burns.

Chummun S, Burge TS

The 'Gamgee' turnover flap for lower limb dressing (2011) European Journal of Plastic Surgery.

O'Leary FM, Hughes JMF, Burge TS

Usefulness of surveys of consultant clinical practice (2011) Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery.

Toll EC, Salim F, Izadi D, Burge TS

Severe burn injuries sustained whilst under inpatient psychiatric care – A worrying trend (2010) Burns.

Khundkar R, Malic C, Burge T

Use of Acticoat™ dressings in burns: What is the evidence? (2010) Burns.

Hill RE, Malic C, Burge TS

Pitta Vac: A quick and easy technique for upper and lower limb vacuum therapy (2010) Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery.

Egro FM, O'Neill JK, Briard R, Cubison TCS, Kay AR, Estela CM, Burge TS

Pediatric superficial scald burns-reassessment of our follow-up protocol (2010) Journal of Burn Care and Research.

Oikonomou D, Malic C, Burge T

Re: Improvised fat transferer and cannula for cases of unexpected fat grafting needs during liposuction (2009) Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery.

Mills C, Taha H, Williams A, Estella C, Kay A, Burge T

Are hair straightener burns non-accidental injuries? (2009) Burns.

Bhatti AF, O'Neill JK, Almasharqah R, Burge TS

A technique for applying Biobrane to the face as a single sheet (2009) Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery.

Rees-Lee JE, Burge TS, Estela CM

The indications for Versajet® hydrosurgical debridement in burns (2008) European Journal of Plastic Surgery.

Chummun S, Bhatti AF, Burge TS

How to get out of a sticky situation (2008) Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery.

Cawrse N, Wilson S, Williams M, Burge T

Neuroleptic malignant syndrome in the burns patient? (2006) Burns.

Atun A, Burge T, Kay A, Estela C

Biobrane Experience in Bristol 2002-2003 (2006) J of The Royal Naval Medical Service 92 (1)

Griffiths H.R, Thornton KL, Clements CM, Burge TS, Kay AR, Young AER

The cost of a hot drink scald (2006) Burns.

Wright TC, Kim JB, Currie LJ, Kay AR, Burge TS

Leakage of liquefied petroleum gas during motor vehicle refueling - A new cause of cold injury (2006) Burns.

Smith JJ, Malyon AD, Scerri GV, Burge TS

A comparison of serial halving and the rule of nines as a pre-hospital assessment tool in burns (2005) British Journal of Plastic Surgery.

Barringer CB, Gorse SJ, Burge TS

The VAC dressing-a cautionary tale (2004) British Journal of Plastic Surgery.

Burge TS

Removing adhesive retention dressings (2004) British Journal of Plastic Surgery.

Caddick JF, Peach H, Burge TS

Distally based double paddle fasciocutaneous island flap following lower limb trauma (2003) British Journal of Plastic Surgery.

Reynolds N, Cawrse N, Burge T, Kenealy J

Debridement of a mixed partial and full thickness burn with an erbium: YAG laser (2003) Burns.

McErlain MMJ, Burge TS, Scerri WCGV

An objective outcome measure in reduction mammoplasty (2000) British Journal of Plastic Surgery.

Barillo DJ, Burge TS, Harrington DT, Coffey EC, Shirani KZ, Goodwin CW

Body habitus as a predictor of burn risk in children: Do fat boys still get burned? (1998) Burns.

Burge, T.S.

Necrotizing fasciitis - The hazards of delay (1995) Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Burge TS, Watson JD.

Necrotising fasciitis (1994) British Medical Journal.

Burge TS, Chilvers ER

Acute pancreatitis mimicking myocardial infarction: potential for inadvertent use of thrombolytic therapy. (1993) Journal of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Burge TS

Hyperbaric oxygen: Still unproved in necrotising fasciitis (1993) British Medical Journal.

Harrison RE, Burge TS, Watson ACH, Taylor-Reilly D

Homeopathic treatment of burn scars-clinical enquiry (1993) British Homoeopathic Journal.

Burge TS

Complications of prophylactic intercostal tube drainage - including tension pneumothorax. (1992)
Journal of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Burge TS

Malignant melanomas masquerade - as benign naevi (1992) Journal of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Burge TS, Russell AJ, Rees M

Endoscopic balloon tamponade of iatrogenic bleeding from oesophageal varices (1991) British Journal of Surgery.

Burge TS

Bilateral Nerve Injuries Caused by Handcuffs.
(1989) Journal of the Hong Kong Medical Association.

EDITORIAL DUTIES

I am a reviewer for the Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (JPRAS and JPRAS-Online) and Burns (the Journal of the International Society for Burn Injuries). I review about 30 publications per year.

