

MEDICO-LEGAL CURRICULUM VITAE

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INTRODUCTION:

I have been a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist for over 20 years. I was appointed to Barnet & Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st January 1999 and from 1st April 2010 was in full time independent practice with a busy clinical practice covering all aspects of Obstetrics & Gynaecology. I became semi-retired since April 2025 and continue to hold outpatient clinics but have stopped surgery and delivering babies.

I have received specialist medico-legal instructions following complications of surgery, benign gynaecology, urinary incontinence, prolapse, endometrial ablation (uterine perforation and bowel injury), miscarriage as well as general gynaecology, family planning and GP claims. In obstetrics I receive instructions on perineal tears, cerebral palsy, post-partum haemorrhage and other obstetric complications.

I have been undertaking medico-legal work for over 15 years and produce about 40 reports a year, a mixture of Claimant (35%) and Defendant (65%). I can prepare a report on Breach of Duty and Causation and/or Condition and Prognosis, or alternatively an Overview report on the merits of a case. I also undertake Personal Injury reports. I have been instructed for regulatory cases at the General Medical Council and am experienced at giving evidence in Court. I regularly receive overseas instructions (Ireland, Caribbean Islands, Hong Kong).

I have undergone GMC revalidation and have attended update training courses on medical negligence organised by Specialist Info and Bond Solon. I am a Fellow of the Faculty of Expert Witnesses (FEW). I also hold the Bond Salon Certificate in Civil Procedure for Expert Witnesses (2018) and the Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Certificate in Civil Expert Witness Work (2021). I am a recognised tier 1 expert of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL). I was awarded "Gynaecology Expert of the Year 2025" by Lawyer Magazine.

I have published widely in the area of benign gynaecology and have presented at many National and International scientific meetings.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

GMC Full Registration – No. 3315176 British Society of Urogynaecology

British Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy (Past Board Member)

International Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy (Board Member & ExCo Member 2015 - 2021)

British Menopause Society

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