

CURRICULUM VITAE

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DATE OF BIRTH: 2 June, 1947

PLACE OF BIRTH: Stoke-on-Trent

MARITAL STATUS: Married with 2 children and 4 grandchildren

EDUCATION

Newcastle-under-Lyme High School	1958-1966
Head Boy	1965-1966

MEDICAL SCHOOL:

University of Sheffield	1966-1971
Pass with Honours, 2nd MB, ChB	1968
Francis Davies Cup (Outstanding pre-clinical student)	1968
Herbert Price Prize (Undergraduate research)	1971

DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS:

MB, ChB Sheffield	June 1971
FRCS England	May 1976
MD Sheffield	Nov 1977
Higher Surgical Training Accreditation	Jan 1981

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS:

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Sheffield	Apr 1986 - Jan 2013
Claremont and Thornbury Hospitals Sheffield	Apr 1986 - Sept 2017
Medico Legal Consultant	Current

PAST APPOINTMENTS:

House Surgeon to Mr C D P Jones
Sheffield Royal Infirmary

Aug 1971 - Jan 1972

House Physician to Professor R Kilpatrick and Professor D S Munro
Sheffield Royal Infirmary

Feb 1972 - Jul 1972

Research Assistant to Professor H L Duthie
Sheffield Royal Infirmary

Aug 1972 - Jun 1974

Senior House Officer, Casualty and Orthopaedic Dept
Sheffield Royal Infirmary

Jul 1974 - Dec 1974

Two-Year Surgical Rotation, Sheffield Royal Infirmary

Registrar in General Surgery to Mr C H Talbot

Dec 1974 - May 1975

Registrar in Cardiothoracic Surgery to Mr D G Taylor

Jun 1975- Nov 1975

Registrar in Orthopaedics, Sheffield Royal Infirmary

Dec 1975- May 1976

Registrar in General Surgery to Professor H L Duthie

Jun 1976 – Nov 1976

Lecturer in Surgery, University Surgical Unit
Sheffield Northern General Hospital

Dec 1976 – Jun 1978

Senior Resident in Surgery, McMaster University Medical Center
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Jul 1978 – Jun 1979

Lecturer in Surgery, University Surgical Unit
Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield

Jul 1979 – Aug 1981

Senior Lecturer (Hon. Consultant Surgeon) in Surgery
University of Liverpool

Sep 1981- Mar 1986

SOCIETIES

1. Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland
2. Association of Upper GI Surgeons (now retired)
3. Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons (now retired)
4. British Society of Gastroenterology
5. Moynihan Chirurgical Club

Past Member

1. East Midlands Surgical Society
2. North of England Gastroenterology Society

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES - MEDICAL EDUCATION

A. Senior Lecturer/Consultant (Liverpool) - 1981-86

1. Member Course Content Committee 1982 - 86
2. Chairman Course Content Committee 1985 - 86
3. Organiser Liverpool FRCS Course 1982 - 86

B. NHS Consultant (Sheffield) – 1986-2013

Post Graduate Education

1. Royal College of Surgeons of England - Surgical Tutor 1990 - 1993
2. Chairman of North Trent Higher Surgical Training Committee 1993 - 1998
3. Member of Trent Regional Higher Surgical Training Committee 1993 - 1998
4. Chairman of the Trent Regional HST Committee 1998 – 2007

Surgical Tutor/Faculty Member

1. Sheffield: Basic Skills courses
Laparoscopy courses
2. Raven Department of Education, Royal College of Surgeons:

Laparoscopic cholecystectomy courses
Laparoscopic fundoplication courses

Under Graduate Education

Interviewer for the Medical Student Selection - Sheffield 1987 - 1998

Member of the Faculty MB. ChB Course Co-ordination Committee, 1996 - 2006

External examiner for the Final MB ChB Exams, Liverpool 1998 –1991 and Imperial College, 1997-2000

NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

1. Royal College of Surgeons of England Representative – Clinical Services Committee, British Society of Gastroenterology 1994-1998.
2. Regional Speciality Adviser (General Surgery) Trent Region 1998-2005
3. Trent Region Representative – Association of Upper GI Surgeons (AUGIS) 1998-2001
4. Honorary Secretary – AUGIS 2001-2005
5. Member - National CEPOD Committee - Oesophageal Section 1995-1998
6. Local Organising Secretary - BSG Meeting Sheffield 1988
7. Trent Region Representative – Association of Surgeons of GB and Ireland 2008-2012

NHS/TRUST ADMINISTRATION

1. Chairman - Division of Surgery 1992-1996
2. Member - District Medical Committee 1992-1997

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS

Secretary - Arthur Hall Club 1994-2005

Member of Council - St. Luke's Hospice, Sheffield 1997-2007

President M62 Club - (Joint GI/GI Surgery Group) 2005-2006

GUEST LECTURES

1. Surgery for peptic ulceration.
Division of Surgery, V.A. Hospital, Seattle, Washington, USA, June 1979
2. Treatment of chronic duodenal ulceration by highly selective vagotomy.
Surgical Division, Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia, USA, September 1979
3. Barrett's oesophagus.
Scandinavian Gastroenterology Association Meeting, Turku, Finland, May 1985
4. Barrett's Oesophagus.
British Society of Gastroenterology. Brighton, March 1985
5. Surgical Treatment of Gastro-oesophageal Reflux.
Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Meeting, February 1996
6. Barrett's Oesophagus.
Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Annual Meeting, May 1996
7. Surgical Management of upper gastrointestinal bleeding.
Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland Annual Meeting, April 2002
8. Treatment of Achalasia
Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland Annual Meeting, April 2004
9. Surgical Treatment of Gastro Oesophageal Reflux
Association of Upper GI Surgeons, Dublin, 2007

BOOKS

Stoddard CJ and Smith JARS

Complications of Minor Surgery
Balliere Tindall, London 1985

Kirk RM and Stoddard CJ

Complications of Surgery of the Upper Gastrointestinal Tract
Balliere Tindall, London 1986

Duncan JL and Stoddard CJ

Acute inflammatory conditions of the alimentary tract
In Gastrointestinal Emergencies
Editors Gilmore IT and Shields R
Saunders, London 1992

QUALIFICATIONS AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

I am a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, having gained my Fellowship in 1976. Having qualified from the University of Sheffield (MB,ChB) in 1971 almost all of my surgical training was undertaken in Sheffield. I was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD) in 1977 for my work on the Effects of Vagotomy on Gastro Duodenal myoelectrical activity. I spent 1 year as Senior Resident at McMaster University Hospital in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada in 1978-79 before returning to the UK. I was Senior Lecturer (Honorary Consultant Surgeon), in the Department of Surgery, University of Liverpool from 1981 to 1986 and was then appointed as Consultant Surgeon in Sheffield Hospitals NHS Trust from 1986 onwards. In September 2017 I retired from clinical practice and now concentrate solely on medico-legal work.

I was appointed to my consultant post in Sheffield as a gastrointestinal surgeon but over the last 20 years, with increased specialisation, my clinical practice became largely devoted to upper gastrointestinal and laparoscopic surgery. I was the lead clinician in the Trust in Oesophago Gastric surgery but also lead the HPB surgery sub division for many years having performed the first laparoscopic cholecystectomy in Sheffield in 1991. In addition to a large volume of oesophago gastric cancer work I have devoted much of my research output in the last 35 years to the investigation and management of gastro oesophageal reflux. This has included the development of pH monitoring for reflux disease, the assessment and treatment of patients with a Barrett's oesophagus and, most importantly the surgical treatment of reflux disease. Having introduced laparoscopic anti reflux surgery in Sheffield in 1993 I have undertaken multiple prospective randomised controlled clinical trials comparing different types of both open and laparoscopic anti reflux procedures. This work has resulted in the publication of more papers on anti reflux surgery from Sheffield than from any other unit in the UK. At the time of my retirement from clinical practice I had been performing laparoscopic anti reflux surgery longer than any other surgeon in the UK.

Academically I was recognised nationally as an expert in oesophagogastric disorders. I have published over 70 peer-reviewed articles, have been joint author of 2 textbooks in the "Complications of Surgery" series and have been author/presenter of over 90 presentations to learned societies.

SUMMARY OF CLINICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS 1997- 2017

During these years I was instrumental in the ongoing development of oesophago gastric surgery for benign and malignant gastro intestinal disorders, both locally, regionally and nationally. As Lead Clinician in Upper GI Surgery for the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, I helped establish the North Trent Oesophago Gastric Cancer Centre in Sheffield at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, which then transferred to the Northern General Hospital in 2010. This Centre now provides an upper gastrointestinal cancer service for a population of 1.8 million and fulfils the National COG Guidance Document criteria with over 350 new patients with upper GI malignancy seen annually. I was the lead clinician for the oesophagogastric and hepato-pancreatico- biliary (HPB) section of the Trust Division of Surgery from 2008 until 2013.

In 1998 I was elected Trent Representative for the Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons (AUGIS) for a 3 year term and in 2001 was elected Secretary of this large sub-specialty Association of Surgeons for the 4 year period from 2001 to 2005.

After terms of Surgical Tutor and subsequently Programme Director of the North Trent Higher Surgical Training Scheme from 1990 onwards, I was elected, by consultant colleagues in the region, as Regional Specialty Adviser in General Surgery for the Trent Region in 1998. This appointment involved co-ordination of higher surgical training in General Surgery in this large region with 3 sub-regional training programmes based in Leicester, Nottingham and Sheffield and which served a population of 4.8 million. In addition to the annual appraisal of all surgical trainees in the region my responsibilities also included approval for all new general surgical posts including Consultant and training posts, and appraisal of all hospitals and facilities throughout the region. By giving appropriate advice on such posts and suggesting ways in which facilities could be improved, I was able to influence the quality of general surgery provided by hospitals in the Trent region during my tenure. In 2009 I was elected to the Council of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland as Regional Representative for the Trent Region, which, with subsequent reorganisation, became the West Midlands.

MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE

I have been active in medico legal practice since 1984. In the period from 1984 until 2002 this work was entirely related to personal injury claims. In the last 15 years I have become increasingly involved in clinical negligence cases and this type of work now accounts for over 90% of my medico legal work.

I produce between 30 and 40 reports per year, roughly 80% of which are for the Plaintiff and 20% for the Defendant. I have undertaken work for the General Medical Council (Fitness to Practice Enquiry) and for the Ombudsman, being Lead Adviser in all cases with which I have been involved. I have also been involved in prosecution work acting as principal adviser in a murder trial.

I attended a one day course in Report Writing and Courtroom skills 20 years ago and a further one day Medico-Legal Expert Advanced Training 2017 Course for "Writing Expert Reports in Clinical Negligence Cases" held in Manchester in November 2017, organised by "Specialist info" and led by Jonathan Dingle, FRSA, Barrister, 218 Strand, London. This latest course updated my knowledge in clinical negligence cases, with particular reference to report writing and changes in medico legal practice that occurred as a result of cases that came to Court in the previous 2 years.