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Curriculum Vitae

Personal details

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Qualifications, training, accreditation

Higher Training Certificate in Oculoplastic, Orbital and Lacrimal Surgery, The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa, USA1992

Higher Training Certificate in Oculoplastic Surgery, Moorfields Eye Hospital, London 1990

FRCOphth, London, 1992

FRCSEd, Edinburgh 1987

Diploma in Ophthalmology, London 1985

MBChB Honours, Manchester 1982

BSc 1st Class Honours, Manchester 1979

(FRCOphth - Fellow of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists

FRCSEd – Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

MBChB – Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery

BSc – Bachelor of Science in Pharmacology)

Past and present positions

Present position: Consultant Ophthalmic and Oculoplastic Surgeon in full-time clinical private practice (October 2014 to present)

Honorary Consultant Ophthalmic and Oculoplastic Surgeon, Manchester Royal Eye Hospital (October 2014 to present)

Past positions: Consultant Ophthalmic and Oculoplastic Surgeon, Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester (1992 to 2014)

Principal professional specialisms

I specialise in all aspects of eyelid, orbital and lacrimal surgery including: blepharoptosis (drooping eyelids), cosmetic eyelid surgery (blepharoplasty), revision blepharoplasty, brow lift surgery, eyelid and orbital trauma including orbital fractures, eyelid and orbital tumours, eyelid reconstructive surgery, enucleation/evisceration (removal of an eye), eye socket reconstructive surgery following loss of an eye, thyroid eye disease, essential blepharospasm, the watering eye and its surgical management, eyelid and upper facial surgery for facial palsy, facial botulinum toxin injections, facial dermal filler injections and the management of associated complications.

Specialist training

In addition to my general ophthalmic training I undertook a six months oculoplastic subspecialty training fellowship at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, in 1989 and then undertook a further 12 months fellowship in oculoplastic, orbital and lacrimal surgery at the University Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa in 1991. This was an intensive training fellowship with exposure to all aspects of oculoplastic, orbital and lacrimal surgery. I also spent time training

with plastic surgeons, ENT surgeons, neurosurgeons and maxillofacial surgeons during the course of my fellowship in the USA. I have worked closely with colleagues in these specialties for over 20 years. I was the preceptor for an oculoplastic and orbital sub-specialty training fellowship at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital for over 20 years. I have trained over 25 surgeons from Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Europe and Israel in addition to surgeons from the U.K.

Memberships of professional organisations

I joined the Faculty of Expert Witnesses for Doctors (FEW) in 2013; I became an interspecialty member of the British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (BAAPS) in 2009; I joined the British Oculoplastic Surgery Society (BOPSS) in 2003 and was President of the Society from 2011 to 2014; I became a member of the European Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (ESOPRS) in 1993; I became a member of The American Academy of Ophthalmology in 1993; I became a Fellow of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists in 1992; I became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh in 1987.

Published books and editorial roles

I am the single author of a major textbook "Oculoplastic Surgery" published by Martin Dunitz, 2002. The second edition of this textbook was published by Informa Healthcare in December 2010. A third edition is in preparation by the publisher Thieme with a completion date due in late 2018.

I am the author of 6 book chapters on a variety of oculoplastic subjects including a chapter on blepharoplasty in the major textbook Scott-Browns Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery 8th Edition CRC Press 2018.

I was the section editor (ophthalmic plastic and reconstructive surgery section) for EYE, the scientific journal of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists from 1993 – 2008.

Research publications

I have published over 100 papers in peer reviewed medical and practice journals on topics in ophthalmic, oculoplastic, orbital and lacrimal surgery.

I have published in a wide range of journals including the British Journal of Ophthalmology, EYE, Orbit, Ophthalmology, Ophthalmic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery.

Training, qualifications and accreditation as an expert witness

I attended the Cardiff University Bond Solon, Expert Witness Training 2-6 February 2015 and I passed the associated examination.

I attended a medico-legal conference organised by Bond Solon in London on 4th November 2016.

I attended a medico-legal refresher course on the Jackson reforms run by Bond Solon in Manchester on 1st May 2013.

I became a full member of The Faculty of Expert Witnesses in 2013.

I attended a medico-legal refresher course run by Clerksroom Barristers and Judith Kelbie LLP Solicitors in Manchester on 13th October 2011.

I have over 20 years of experience in preparing medico-legal reports.

I undertake medical negligence and personal injury work and prepare approximately 150 specialist medico-legal reports per annum. The majority of my instructions have been for claimants.

Most cases for which I have contributed medical reports have been settled out of court. I have been required to appear in court twice since commencing medico-legal work in 1992.

I have over 20 years of experience in preparing medico-legal reports on the following subjects:

1. All aspects of eyelid, lacrimal and orbital disorders including:

- Cosmetic eyelid surgery (blepharoplasty)
- Periocular/orbital trauma including orbital fractures
- Periocular/orbital tumours
- Periocular reconstructive surgery
- Loss of an eye and socket reconstructive surgery
- Blepharoptosis (drooping eyelids)
- Thyroid eye disease
- The watering eye

2. General ophthalmology

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