

Curriculum Vitae

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Profile

I have been a consultant in endocrine surgery (thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal surgery) since 1996. I am the senior Consultant Endocrine surgeon in a University Teaching Hospital Unit with a catchment area of 600 000 for secondary care and 3 million for tertiary care. We provide a comprehensive endocrine service in a multidisciplinary setting. I run a prospective database for all endocrine operations in my practice and regularly present outcomes locally, nationally and internationally. I have undertaken 1000 parathyroid and 1000 thyroid operations and 150 adrenal operations.

I am President of the European Society of Endocrine Surgeons and Past-President of the British Association of Thyroid and Endocrine Surgeons. I was Chairman of the Board of Examiners in Endocrine Surgery for the European Board of Surgery (Division of Endocrine Surgery within the section of surgery of the UEMS)(2012-2016).

I am invited to lecture at national and international meetings on many aspects of endocrine surgery. I teach undergraduates and postgraduates in Cardiff. My research activity is confined to clinically based studies of our own endocrine surgery database. I have 53 publications cited on PubMed as well as letters and invited articles in non-peer review journals.

Qualifications

MB BS (University of London)	1985
FRCS (England)	1990
FRCS (Edinburgh)	1990
MS (University of London)	1994
Fellow European Board of Surgery (Endocrine Surgery)	2004

Medico-Legal Work

To date I have taken on six instructions for cases that were exclusively related to an aspect of endocrine surgery; 80% claimant and 20% defendant. Of those that have reached a conclusion, my evidence supported the outcome on every occasion.

Medico-legal training

I attended Inspire MediLaw's two-day Expert Witness Training which is accredited by the Royal Society of Medicine and covered:

- Expert evidence: the law and practice
- Report writing
- The process of a claim
- Data-protection for medicolegal experts
- GMC workshop on 'Acting as a witness in a legal proceeding'
- Addressing the legal issues – breach, causation, condition and prognosis, medical advice and consent
- The use of evidence in giving evidence
- Understanding the language lawyers use
- Expert witness meetings
- Costs
- Court room skills

Additional Responsibilities

Examiner

Examiner for the European Board of Surgery Qualification (2005 – present)

Audit

I actively participate in the BAETS UK Registry of Endocrine and Thyroid Surgery. I was the Director of Audit for the British Association of Endocrine and thyroid Surgery (2005 – 2010). I established the web-based data entry national Registry. I wrote two UK national audit reports (2007, 2009). I was co-author of a successful grant application (€1.3m) to the EU to develop a pan-European Registry of rare endocrine surgical pathology (EUROCRINE project) which is becoming the leading endocrine registry in the World.

Management

Associate Medical Director – Professional Affairs (2016 -) Cardiff and Vale Healthboard

In this post, I am supporting the Medical Director in all matters pertaining to professional affairs.

Wales Cancer Network Thyroid Cancer Site Clinical Lead (2016 -)

I am the clinical lead for thyroid cancer in Wales and Cardiff (2002 -). I helped to establish a South Wales multidisciplinary team (2003) and I have chaired the MDM meetings ever since. I have led the development of guidelines for the management of thyroid cancer. I have written the 'returns' reporting our activity and performance to the Wales Government.

Indemnity

I am fully insured with MPS for my work as an expert witness.

I am registered with the Information Commissioner (registration number Z207497X) and comply with data protection.

Research - my key publications are:

Hypocalcaemia and parathyroid hormone assay following total thyroidectomy: predicting the future.

Wong C, Price S, Scott-Coombes D.

World Journal of Surgery, 2006; 30: 825-832.

Thyroid incidentaloma: An evidence-based assessment of management strategy.

Gough J, Scott-Coombes D, Palazzo FF.

World Journal of Surgery 2008; 32: 1264-1268.

Use of intraoperative insulin assay for the localisation of insulinoma.

Scott-Coombes D, Eatock F, Heley R, Luzio S.

World Journal of Surgery 2009; 33: 969

How is Adrenocortical cancer being managed in the UK?

Aspinall SR, Imisairi AH, Bliss RD, Scott-Coombes D, Harrison BJ, Lennard TWJ.

Annals of the Royal College of Surgeons of England 2009; 91: 494-499.

The value of intraoperative PTH measurements in patients with mild primary hyperparathyroidism

Hathaway TD, Jones G, Stechman M, Scott-Coombes D.

Langenbeck's Archives of Surgery, 2013, 398:723-7

Does elective parathyroidectomy for primary hyperparathyroidism affect renal function? A prospective study.

Egan RJ, Dewi F, Arkell R, Ansell J, Zouwail S, Scott-Coombes D, Stechman M.

International Journal of Surgery 2016; 27: 138-41

Management of thyroid cancer: United Kingdom National Multidisciplinary Guidelines

The Journal of Laryngology & Otology (2016), 130(Suppl. S2), S150-S160

Mitchell AL, Gandhi A, Scott-Coombes D, Perros P

Is unilateral neck surgery feasible in patients with sporadic primary hyperparathyroidism and double negative localisation?

Scott-Coombes DM, Rees J, Jones G, Stechman MJ.

World Journal of Surgery 2017; 41: 1494-1499

AHNS Series: Do you know your guidelines? Optimizing outcomes in re-operative parathyroid surgery: Definitive multidisciplinary Joint Consensus Guidelines of the American Head and Neck Society and the British Association of Endocrine and Thyroid Surgeons.

Stack Jr. BC, Tolley N, Bartel TB, Bilezikian JP, Bodenner D, Camacho C, Cox JPDT, Dralle H, Jackson JE, Morris JC, Orloff LA, Palazzo F, Ridge JA, Scott-Coombes D, Steward D, Terris DJ, Thompson G, Randolph GW.

Head and Neck, 2018; 40: 1617-1629

Adrenalectomy in the UK: Results from the British Association of Endocrine and Thyroid Surgeons UKRETS database

Patel N, Egan R, Carter B, Scott-Coombes D, Stechman M
BJS in press 2019

The impact of change from AJCC TNM7 to TNM8 and comparison with MACIS score in non-medullary thyroid cancer

Dwamena S, Patel N, Egan R, Stechman M, Scott-Coombes D
BJS Open submitted 2019

Reviewer of articles submitted to peer review Journals:

- Annals of Surgery of Royal College of Surgeons of England
- British Journal of Surgery
- European Journal of Surgical Oncology
- Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism
- Langenbecks Archives of Surgery
- World Journal of Surgery

Editor

Tips and Tricks in Endocrine Surgery

Editors: Watkinson JC, Scott-Coombes DM

Elsevier, 2013

[29 100 chapter downloads since 2013]

Author of chapters in Textbooks

Thyroid cancer

Stechman MJ, Scott-Coombes D

In: Endocrinology in Clinical Practice, 2nd Edition

Editors: Bouloux P-MG and Harrison PE

CRC press, London, 2014

How to avoid and manage post-operative complications.

Scott-Coombes, David

In: Minimally invasive therapies for endocrine neck diseases

Editors Lombardi CP, Bellantone R

Springer International Publishing, Switzerland

ISBN 978-3-319-20064-4, 2015

Adrenal Incidentaloma

Egan R, Scott-Coombes D

In: Evidence-based endocrine surgery

Editors Parameswaran R, Agarwal A

Springer, 2018

Adrenal Glands

Stechman MJ, Scott-Coombes D

In: Blandy's Textbook of Urology

Blackwell-Wiley in press (2018)

Management of persistent and recurrent hyperparathyroidism

Chapter 74

In: Otolaryngology, Head and neck Surgery, 8th Edition

Editors Scott and Brown, CRC Press, Abingdon, UK (in press 2018)

Endocrine Surgery

Oxford Handbook of Surgery, 5th Edition

Egan R, Scott-Coombes D

Editors McLatchie GR, Borley N

Oxford University Press, Oxford (in press 2018)

Non-neural complications of Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery

Inabnet WB, Scott-Coombes D, Volpi E

In: Surgery of the Thyroid and Parathyroid Gland, Third Edition, Chapter 44

Edited by Gregory Randolph W, Elsevier, (in press) 2019

Surgical management of multiple gland disease

Stechman MJ, Scott-Coombes DM, Bergenfelz A

In: Surgery of the Thyroid and Parathyroid Gland, Third Edition, Chapter 60

Edited by Gregory Randolph W, Elsevier, (in press) 2019