

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current Appointment:

Consultant in Surgical Oncology, Upper Gastrointestinal and General Surgery. Lead for Clinical Governance in Emergency General Surgery. University Hospital Birmingham.

Qualifications:

MB ChB (Hons), June 2004. Birmingham University.

MRCS (Eng). November 2006.

Doctorate of Medicine (Hons), June 2013. Cranfield University.

FRCS (Eng). June 2015.

Distinctions, Awards and Prizes:

- Royal College of Surgeons of England pump priming grant. November 2019.
- Winner of best oral presentation at the British Sarcoma Group Conference 2018.
- BASO Travelling Fellowship to Istituto dei tumori, Milan, Italy. October – December 2017
- FRCS Part 1 MCQ/EMQ score 81%. Top 10% of all applicants, February 2015.
- Winner of 1st prize for best oral presentation. West Midlands Surgical Society meeting, May 2014.
- Finalist at the BMJ Awards 2014 as a member of the “Three Counties Early Oesophageal Cancer Team”. Shortlisted for the National Cancer Care Team of the Year 2014.
- Winner of BSG poster prize 2014 Barrett’s Oesophagus Screening: Infrared spectroscopy for cytological assessment (poster presented by O. Old).
- Winner of the Kings Norton Medal for Cranfield University’s Outstanding Doctoral Student across all schools. June 2013.
- Winner of the Angela Newing Award for Outstanding Research within Cranfield Health. June 2013.
- Wesleyan Royal Society of Medicine Trainee of the Year Finalist. November 2012.
- Winner of the RCS Needle makers bursary award. September 2012.
- British Society of Gastroenterology John Bennett Travelling Fellowship.
- First prize for best presentation of original research at the International Laser Europe Conference, London, May 2012.

- Almond LM et al. awarded the FACSS/SAS/Coblentz/ISA Award at ICORS, Bangalore. May 2012.
- Winner of Translational Medicine Conference Oral Presentation Prize. Cranfield Health, Gloucester. March 2012.
- Winner of the West Midlands Surgical Society prize for best oral presentation. Worcester, November 2011.
- Winner of the best poster prize at the West Midlands Surgical Society. Worcester, November 2011.
- Winner of the Royal Society of Medicine Prize (Surgery Section). London, September 2011.
- Royal College of Surgeons Research Fellowship award. June 2011.
- Winner of the Twort Prize for best oral presentation at the 5th International Barrett's Symposium, London. April 2011.
- Awarded the 'Three Counties Surgical Research Fellowship'. October 2010
- Highest interview score at ST2 level, Cambridge Deanery, 2007.
- Postgraduate Award in Medical Education (Grade A). University of Warwick. October 2006
- Research Award - Medtronic (US), 2003.

Fellowships:

- The Royal Marsden Hospital, London. (Sarcoma Unit); January 2018.
- Istituto Dei Tumori, Milan. (Sarcoma Unit) October); October – December 2017.
- The Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. (Endoscopy Dept); June 2012.
- Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. (Endoscopy Dept); June 2012.

Medicolegal Expertise:

Experience of acting for claimants (40%) and defendants (60%) in personal / occupational injury claims and medical negligence cases.

Main areas of medicolegal expertise:

- Cases involving abdominal trauma
- Any emergency or elective general surgical negligence (including intestinal obstruction, peritonitis, appendicitis, abdominal pain and hernias)
- Post-operative complications of biliary/gallbladder surgery
- Cases involving mis-management of soft tissue sarcoma including retroperitoneal sarcoma
- Cases involving mis-management of abdominal tumours including adrenal cancer, GIST and neuroendocrine tumours
- All cases involving upper GI endoscopy

Experience in root cause analysis investigation and in providing evidence for criminal investigations.

Bond Solon Excellence in Report Writing July 2019.

I am registered with the National Expert Witness Agency and am a member of the MLAS Expert Witness Community. I am also an APIL expert.

Surgical Expertise:

- Abdominal trauma surgery
- Surgical oncology (soft tissue sarcoma, gastrointestinal stromal tumours, adrenal tumours and neuroendocrine tumours)
- Emergency general surgery (appendicitis, bowel obstruction, peritonitis, jaundice)
- Benign hepatobiliary surgery (laparoscopic cholecystectomy, ERCP)
- Upper gastrointestinal surgery (hiatus hernia repairs, anti-reflux surgery, splenectomy)
- Elective general surgery (open and laparoscopic hernia repairs, lipoma excision)
- Diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy.

Selected Publications:

- Over 70 research articles and book chapters, including publications in Nature and the British Journal of Surgery.
1. Almond LM, Hodson J, Barr H. Meta-analysis of endoscopic therapy for low grade dysplasia in Barrett's oesophagus. *British Journal of Surgery*. 2014, 101(10):1187-95.
 2. Almond LM, Hutchings J et al. Endoscopic Raman spectroscopy enables objective diagnosis of dysplasia in Barrett's esophagus. *Gastrointest Endosc*. 79(1): 37-45, 2014
 3. Almond LM, Roberts K, Hodson J, Sutcliffe R, Marudanayagam R, Isaac J, Muiesan, Mirza D. Changing indications for a total pancreatectomy: perspectives over a quarter of a century. *HPB* 2015, 17(5):416-21.
 4. Almond LM, Singhal R et. al. An "all 5mm ports" technique for laparoscopic day-case anti-reflux surgery: A Consecutive Case Series of 205 Patients. *Int J Surg*. 2016 Nov; 35:214-217.
 5. Almond LM, Patel K, Hodson J et. al. A decade of day-case endoscopically guided stent placement in malignant oesophagogastric strictures. *Surg Endosc*. 2017 May; 31(5): 2280-2286.
 6. Almond LM, Ford S et. al. Myeloid Sarcoma: Presentation, Diagnosis and Treatment. Accepted for publication February 2017 in *Clinical Lymphoma, Myeloma and Leukaemia*. *Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk*. 2017 May;17(5):263-267.
 7. Ford SJ, Almond LM, Gronchi A. An update on non-extremity soft tissue sarcoma. *Clinical Oncology*. 2017, 29(8): 516-527.
 8. Almond LM, Patel K, Keast L, Hodson J, Nijjar R, Wilson PG, Richardson M, Singhal R. A decade of day-case endoscopically guided stent placement in malignant oesophagogastric strictures. *Surg Endosc*. 2017 May;31(5):2280-2286.
 9. Almond LM, Hodson J, Ford S, D Gourevitch, Roberts K, Shah T, Desai A. Role of Palliative Resection of the Primary Tumour in Advanced Pancreatic and Small Intestinal Neuroendocrine Tumours: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. *Eur J Surg Oncol*. 2017 May 25.
 10. Almond LM, Tattersall H et. al. Diagnostic Accuracy of Percutaneous Biopsy in Retroperitoneal Sarcoma: Experience from Two Tertiary European Centres. *British Journal of Surgery* Mar 2019, 106(4): 395-403.

Professional Affiliations:

I am a member of the British Sarcoma Group, the Transatlantic Retroperitoneal Sarcoma Working Group, and the British Association of Endocrine and Thyroid Surgeons, through which I have contributed to national and international clinical guidelines.

I am also a surgical tutor on behalf of the European School of Soft Tissue Sarcoma Surgery.

I am an Editor of the journal Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumours.

I am a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Availability:

Appointments available in 2-3 weeks at Stourside Hospital, Stoubridge, Birmingham or 10 Harley Street, London.

Home visits/ad hoc venue bookings also available.

I have a report turnaround time of 4 weeks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Max Almond', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr. Max Almond

2nd February 2021