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Curriculum Vitae

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Qualifications:

MB ChB; June 1972, College of Medicine, University of Baghdad

D Phil; March 1986, University Department of Clinical Neurology, Faculty of Clinical Medicine,
University of Oxford

FRCP; Royal College of Physicians of London. By election. May 2005

Membership of Professional Bodies:

Association of British Neurologists

British Medical Association

American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine

General Medical Council Registration (Specialist) no. 3386798

Themis Clinical Defence membership no. 300527

The Devon and Exeter Medical Society

Publications:

Carpal tunnel syndrome. A statistical review. *Electromyogr Clin Neurophysiol*, 1981, 21, 373-85

Amplitude of the F-wave: a potential means of documenting spasticity. Letter to the editor.
Neurology (NY), 1981 31 (2), 228

Evidence for a peripheral origin of the brainstem auditory evoked potential. *Electromyogr Clin Neurophysiol*, 1986, 26, 13-26

Lability of the postauricular and inion microreflexes, studied in the normal human subject.
Electroencephalogy Clin Neurophysiol, 1989, 72, 48-58

The Thoracic Outlet Syndromes. Vascular Medicine Review 1995; 6: 215-225

Letter to the BMJ on Neuropathy from the anticholesterol statins. May 2002

Neuromuscular Channelopathies of Reproductive Hormones. Presentation to the Single-fiber EMG Course and Congress, Holland, 2004

A Neuromuscular Syndrome caused by Abnormalities in Reproductive Hormones. Letter to the Editor. Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care. April 2007; 2007:33(2), 135.

Neuromuscular syndrome to consider in hormone replacement therapy. Rapid Response letter to the Editor. British Medical Journal, 10 August 2007.

Medicolegal courses attended:

Excellence in Report Writing. 4/6/07 Bond Solon Training Ltd. London. Didactic, interactive and example studies on various aspects of writing legal (medical) reports. 5 hours.

Medico-Legal Expert training course. Birmingham. 1 May 2014. Providing key skills, knowledge and technical information to safely prepare and submit Medico-Legal reports in personal injury cases. Topics include how to write quality Medico-Legal reports, duties of the Expert, the roles of the various "players" (client, claims management company, claimant solicitor, insurer, defendant solicitor, barrister, judge, other witnesses, questioning techniques, court room skills, rules for giving evidence, mistakes to avoid. 5 CPD credits.

Medico-legal Practice: addressing key issues for doctors as expert witnesses. BMA House, London. 10 March 2017.

Professional background:

My initial training in Clinical Neurophysiology was in 1977 at the Hospital for Neurosurgery in Baghdad where I was also registrar in neurosurgery. Between 1979 and 1980 I undertook fellowship from the Danish Agency for International Development for training in electromyography in Copenhagen and Uppsala, Sweden. This was followed, from 1981 to 1985, by research at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Department of Clinical Neurology, culmination in acquiring the DPhil from the University of Oxford. I then took up the post of Senior Registrar in Clinical Neurophysiology at The Midland Centre for Neurosurgery and Neurology, the City Hospital and Aston University, Birmingham. In November 1989 I was accredited by the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom for the specialty of Clinical Neurophysiology.

Between August 1990 and January this year, I was Consultant in Clinical Neurophysiology to the Royal Devon and Exeter Healthcare NHS Trust, also serving, at different times, Somerset, North Devon and South Devon. From December 2006 I held Honorary Research Fellow, Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Exeter. I now hold Practice Privileges at Nuffield Health Exeter Hospital.

I am member of the Association of British Neurologists and the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine.

Professional interests and expertise:

My particular interests are diseases and injuries of muscles and nerves.

Nerve injuries include those caused by physical trauma, toxins, medical procedures (surgery and anaesthesia) or from occupation. Assessment includes diagnosis, causation, assessment including for rehabilitation, quantitation, prognosis in diseases and injuries of muscles and nerves.

Alongside clinical examination, my work-up is enhanced, especially for objective assessment, by the use of nerve conduction studies and electromyography. I see patients and Claimants referred by General Practitioners and specialists including orthopaedic, plastic, cardiovascular, spinal and neurosurgeons, gynaecologists and obstetricians, anaesthetists, physicians.

Nerve injuries I see patients and Claimants for include:

- of physical trauma, toxins, medical procedures (as from surgery and anaesthesia), or from occupation;
- entrapment neuropathies;
- neuropathies caused by medicines. I was amongst the first to discover neuropathies caused by the anticholesterol statins, reporting to the Medicines Control Agency 32 cases of disabling generalised axonal neuropathy as well as several cases of neuropathies from the ACE-inhibitors, the proton-pump inhibitors and Coxibs. I published the neurotoxic effect of the statins in a Letter to The Editor of the British Medical Journal.

With the benefit of nerve conduction studies I studied over 170 patients with a hitherto unrecognised syndrome: a neuromuscular hormone-related membrane disorders from medicinal reproductive hormones - which I described, in April 2007, in the Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care.

I have experience in the treatment, with botulinum toxin, of dystonias and pain from muscle spasm and I have, in March 2008, 2011, 2013 and 2015, attended Advanced EMG and EMG-guided Chemodenervation courses at Duke's University Medical Center, USA.

I also have experience in reporting on the electroencephalography (EEG), in the epilepsies and encephalopathies.

For medicolegal assessment and reports, including as Single Expert, I see the Claimant for either the full medical report or for focused report dealing specifically with the neuromuscular injury. I have participated in medicolegal conferences and attended court hearings as an expert witness. I am also fluent in Arabic.

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