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Consultant Ophthalmic & Oculoplastic Surgeon

Medicolegal Curriculum Vitae

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Past and present positions

Present position: Consultant Ophthalmic and Oculoplastic Surgeon (I retired from clinical practice in March 2023 – my medical practice is now confined to medicolegal work). I am on the GMC specialist register.

Past positions: Consultant Ophthalmic and Oculoplastic Surgeon, Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester (1992 to 2014).
Honorary Consultant Ophthalmic and Oculoplastic Surgeon, Manchester Royal Eye Hospital (October 2014 to January 2023).

Qualifications, training, accreditation

Higher Training Certificate in Oculoplastic, Orbital and Lacrimal Surgery, The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa, USA 1992.

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

FRCOphth, London, 1992.

FRCSEd, Edinburgh 1987.

Diploma in Ophthalmology, London 1985.

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Specialist field: Ophthalmology & Oculoplastic Surgery

MBChB Hons, Manchester 1982. BSc

1st Class Hons, 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).

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. I also have expertise in the diagnosis and management of general ophthalmic disorders.

Specialist medical and surgical training

In addition to my general ophthalmic training, I undertook specialist training in oculoplastic surgery at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, in 1989 and then undertook further specialist training in oculoplastic, orbital and lacrimal surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa in 1991. This was a 12-month intensive training fellowship with exposure to all aspects of oculoplastic, orbital and lacrimal surgery.

I also spent a great deal of time training with plastic surgeons, ENT surgeons, neurosurgeons and maxillofacial surgeons during the course of my fellowship in the USA. I worked closely with colleagues in these specialties for over 20 years gaining further experience of their surgical approaches to the management of a wide range of disorders. I was the preceptor for an oculoplastic and orbital subspecialty training fellowship at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital for over 20 years. I have trained 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 was an inter-specialty member of the British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (BAAPS) 2009-2022; 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. The third edition was published by Thieme in October 2019. It is sold worldwide and has been translated into Chinese and Spanish.

<http://thieme.co.uk/9781626236899/oculoplastic-surgery/>

I am the author of 6 book chapters on a variety of oculoplastic subjects including a chapter on blepharoplasty in Scott-Browns Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery, 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 a wide range of medical journals including the British Journal of Ophthalmology, EYE, Orbit, Ophthalmology, and Ophthalmic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e70f6628da1b81296664025/t/5e83718ecccddc77857a496f1/1585672591290/BL-publications-1986-to-2020.pdf>

Training, qualifications and accreditation as an expert witness

I attended the Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Training Course 2-6 February 2015. I hold the Cardiff University Law School Medico-Legal Foundation Certificate.

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I have previously attended Bond Solon courses on medicolegal report writing, courtroom skills and on the Jackson reforms. I have attended the Bond Solon annual conference in London every year since 2014.

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

Experience as an expert witness

Medical negligence:

I have been involved in medical negligence reporting for over 30 years.

Court appearances:

I have provided expert witness evidence in court for 3 cases.

Claimant/defendant/joint report ratio:

53/45/2

I undertake approximately 60-70 specialist Liability/Causation/Condition/Prognosis medical reports per year. Over the course of my consultant career, I have produced over 3,000 specialist medical reports.

I co-own 2 optician practices (Johnson & Leatherbarrow Opticians in Sale and Poynton, Cheshire) where I see my medicolegal patients in conjunction with my expert optometrist colleagues, who undertake the required optometric tests for my patients (a refraction, visual field tests, OCT scans, retinal photography, tear function assessment, specialist contact lens assessments, and orthoptic tests).

Medical and medicolegal indemnity insurance

Insurance Policy Number(s): ISOPH2000088

Policy Type: Medical and Professional Services Liability, Commercial Legal Protection and Cyber Liability

Administered By: Paragon International Insurance Brokers Ltd.

Proof of insurance can be provided on request.

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