



Abbreviated curriculum vitae

Dr. DAVID MAXWELL LEVY

Consultant Anaesthetist

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust



- **Expert Reports within 20 working days*** of instruction

*unless case exceptionally complex

- See profile at www.expertwitness.co.uk and www.newa.expert

- **Consultant anaesthetist in a busy East Midlands teaching hospital**

- **Subspeciality areas: obstetric anaesthesia, neuroanaesthesia, anaesthesia for trauma/orthopaedic surgery, pre-operative assessment**

- **Interim Lead Medical Examiner**

- **Serious Incident enquiry chair**
- **Vice-chair, Ethics of Clinical Practice committee**
- **Member, Consent and Candour committee**

- **Trained Subject Matter Advisor, maternity investigations,**

Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch (HSIB)



- **Member, Welsh Government Independent Maternity Service Oversight Panel**

(to June '22)

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Education	University of Edinburgh Medical School, 1981-86
Qualifications	<p>MB ChB (Edinburgh, 1986)</p> <p>Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (London, 1992)</p> <p>Master of Laws (Nottingham Trent University, 2016, Distinction)</p> <p>Dissertation (2015): "Mind the (evidential) gap: the utility of exceptional rules in establishing causation in negligence".</p> <p>RCPATHME (Royal College of Pathologists, 2020)</p>
Registration	<p>General Medical Council</p> <p>Registration no. 3130100; revalidated until 11 December 2027</p> <p>Association of Personal Injury Lawyers </p> <p>Tier 1 expert</p>
Professional Indemnity	<p>Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland</p> <p>Membership no. M246455</p>
Societies	<p>Association of Anaesthetists</p> <p>Obstetric Anaesthetists' Association</p> <p>Neuroanaesthesia & Critical Care Society</p> <p>Difficult Airway Society</p> <p>European Society of Regional Anaesthesia & Pain Therapy</p> <p>Nottinghamshire Medico-Legal Society</p>

Present Appointment Consultant Anaesthetist, Nottingham University Hospitals
NHS Trust since 6 November 1995

Previous Appointments

1 August, 1986 - 31 January, 1987 House Physician,
Western General Hospital, Edinburgh

1 February, 1987 - 31 July, 1987 House Surgeon,
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary

1 August, 1987 - 31 January, 1989 Senior House Officer in Anaesthesia,
Grampian Health Board
(Aberdeen Teaching Hospitals)

1 February, 1989 - 31 July, 1989 Senior House Officer in Cardiology
and General Medicine,
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary

1 August, 1989 - 30 June, 1990 Senior House Officer in Anaesthesia,
Grampian Health Board
(Aberdeen Teaching Hospitals)

1 July, 1990 - 30 September, 1992	Registrar in Anaesthesia, Grampian Health Board (Aberdeen Teaching Hospitals)
1 October, 1992 - 30 September, 1993	Lecturer in Anaesthesia, University of Sheffield; Honorary Registrar, Bassetlaw District General Hospital, Worksop, Notts.
11 October, 1993 – 5 November, 1995	Senior Registrar, Nottingham and East Midlands Anaesthesia Training Scheme

Special interests Obstetric, neurosurgical, orthopaedic/trauma anaesthesia, pre-operative assessment, postgraduate education.

Editorial activity Reviewer: *International Journal of Obstetric Anesthesia*,
British Journal of Anaesthesia, *BJA Education*,
Acta Anaesthesiologica Belgica
Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica,
British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Teaching

GMC-recognised trainer; active involvement in postgraduate trainees' education (mentor and assessor).

Undergraduate personal tutor, University of Nottingham.

Contributor to education programmes for anaesthetists, obstetricians, nurses, midwives, theatre practitioners.

Alumnus Fellow, Nottingham Law School.

Publications

Recent chapters:

Ferriman E, Levy D. Obstetrics. Chapter 37. In Barton A, Powers M. eds. *Clinical Negligence* 6th edition. Bloomsbury Professional, 2023

Pykett R, Bugg G, Levy D. Analgesia and anaesthesia for operative vaginal birth. In *ROBuST: RCOG Operative Birth Simulation Training: Course Manual*. 2nd Edition. Cambridge University Press, *in press*

Levy DM, Saule I. General anaesthesia for caesarean delivery. Chapter 22. In Clark V, Van de Velde M, Fernando R. eds. *Oxford Textbook of Obstetric Anaesthesia*: Oxford University Press, 2016

Levy DM. *Obstetric haemorrhage*. In: Johnston I, Harrop-Griffiths W, Gemmell L. eds. *AAGBI Core Topics in Anaesthesia 2012*. Wiley-Blackwell, 2012

Legal article:

Levy DM. Wilsher revisited. *New Law Journal* 167; 7755, p12; 21 July 2017

Scope of Reports

Over fifty expert reports *per annum*

60:40 split, Claimant:Defendant

- GMC Fitness to Practise: responses to Rule 7 allegations
- Consent issues in anaesthesia and peri-operative care
- Pre-operative assessment: “fitness for anaesthesia”
- Intra-operative pneumothorax
- Injuries secondary to central venous catheterisation
- Epidural analgesia for labour/anaesthesia for Caesarean section
- Post-dural puncture headache: epidural blood patch
- Delayed provision of anaesthesia for Caesarean section
- Intra-operative pain at Caesarean section
- High, “total” and failed spinal anaesthesia
- Pre-eclampsia and eclampsia; cerebral venous sinus thrombosis
- Obstetric haemorrhage and amniotic fluid embolism
- Critical incidents, hypoxic brain injury and peri-operative death
- Peri-operative respiratory/cardiac arrest; pulmonary embolism
- Peri-operative stroke and intracranial haemorrhage
- Drug/medication/i.v. fluid errors; peri-operative anaphylaxis
- Pulmonary aspiration of gastric contents
- Spinal cord injury including chronic adhesive arachnoiditis
- Nerve damage secondary to anaesthesia/nerve blocks
- Accidental awareness during anaesthesia
- Visual impairment/loss after general anaesthesia
- Dental damage associated with general anaesthesia

Court

- Expert witness for HM Coroners: Central Lincolnshire, Cheshire, Yorkshire West Western, Wiltshire and Swindon, and West Sussex jurisdictions
- Kreft v Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Claim no. C01YJ656
 - Winchester County Court, 2018

HH Judge Richard Parkes QC:

“I heard the opinions of two eminent obstetric anaesthetists, Dr P and Dr David Levy, both of whom were impressive witnesses.”

- Expert witness for NHS National Services Scotland, Central Legal Office
 - Court of Session, Edinburgh, June 2013

Opinion of Lord Armstrong: [2013] CSOH 145:

“Both Dr Levy and Dr H were clearly eminent in their field and gave their evidence in a clear manner with rational explanation when required. Neither departed from his respective report to any significant extent and both maintained their position under cross-examination. Both were prepared to engage with different hypotheses and to respond appropriately. I considered the evidence of both to merit significant weight.”

Medico-legal speaking engagements

- Association of Anaesthetist/Scottish Society of Anaesthetists joint meeting, Aberdeen, November 2022.

Consent for anaesthesia: the common law basis



- British Society of Orthopaedic Anaesthetists, Loughborough, December 2022.

Top tips for the Defendant anaesthetist.



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British Society of Orthopaedic Anaesthetists

- Medico-Legal Conference, London, October 2020. [SpecialistInfo](#)

Consent for operative obstetrics.



- APIL Spinal Cord Injury Special Interest Group, September 2020.

How can the spinal cord be damaged in the course of anaesthesia?



- AvMA: Clinical Negligence Conference, Brighton, June 2018.

- Northern Lawyers' Support Group, Leeds, November 2019.



- Weightmans seminar programme, London, May 2018.

Weightmans

- Nottinghamshire Medico-Legal Society/Ropewalk Chambers: *Accidental awareness under general anaesthesia.* June 2017.



- Clinical Negligence conference, Dublin, September 2017.

Medico-legal issues in obstetric anaesthesia.



Terms

- Happy to offer *pro bono* opinions on excerpts of medical records (e.g. anaesthetic charts).
- **Screening reports at standard NHS Resolution rates.**
- Standard terms of business = report within **20 working days.**
- **Default remuneration terms:** commitment required from instructing solicitor to settle fee note within **28 days** of electronic receipt of fee note.
 - Extension to **six months** by prior negotiation.
- Republic of Ireland: commitment required from firm to remunerate (by BACS, in GBP, with all bank charges paid in Ireland) within 28 days of submission of a report.
 - Remuneration must be guaranteed by a partner in the firm.
- Deferment until end-of-case considered on an individual basis.