



## 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](http://www.expertwitness.co.uk) and [www.newa.expert](http://www.newa.expert)

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

- **Subspeciality areas: obstetric anaesthesia, neuroanaesthesia, anaesthesia for electroconvulsive therapy, pre-operative assessment**

- **Medical Examiner**

- Patient Safety Incident Investigation advisor
- 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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<b>Education</b>	University of Edinburgh Medical School, 1981-86
<b>Qualifications</b>	<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>
<b>Registration</b>	<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>
<b>Professional Indemnity</b>	<p>Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland</p> <p>Membership no. M246455</p>
<b>Societies</b>	<p>Association of Anaesthetists</p> <p>Obstetric Anaesthetists' Association</p> <p>Neuroanaesthesia &amp; Critical Care Society</p> <p>Difficult Airway Society</p> <p>European Society of Regional Anaesthesia &amp; Pain Therapy</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

**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*

**Annual appraisal**      Completed on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Legal CPD**      APIL Expert Evidence Conference 2024:  
*Winning cases and winning trials*  
7 Bedford Row, London, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## 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.

## Publications

Recent peer-reviewed educational contributions:

Levy DM. de Beer CD. The medical examiner system and its relevance to anaesthesia and critical care. *BJA Education* 2025; 25: 367-74

Pykett R, Bugg G, Levy D. Analgesia and Anaesthesia for Assisted Vaginal Birth. In: Attilakos G, Jordan S, Mohajer M, Mola G, O'Brien S, Siassakos D, eds. *ROBuST: RCOG Assisted Birth Simulation Training: Course Manual*. Cambridge University Press; 2024:130-141

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

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: Greater Lincolnshire, Cheshire, Yorkshire West Western, Wiltshire and Swindon, West Sussex, and Bedfordshire and Luton
- Kreft v Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Claim no. C01YJ656
  - Winchester County Court, 2018

*HH Judge Richard Parkes QC:*

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

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

*Opinion of Lord Armstrong: [2013] CSOH 145:*

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*"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."*

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## Medico-legal speaking engagements

- Association of Anaesthetists, London, June 2025



*Obstetric anaesthesia in the high risk patient: Medicolegal considerations for obstetric anaesthetists.*

- Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists/Society of Anaesthetists of Hong Kong. November 2023

*Consent for anaesthesia: the common law basis*



- Association of Anaesthetists/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.*



- Medico-Legal Conference, London, October 2020

*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.





## Terms

- Happy to offer *pro bono* opinions on excerpts of medical records (e.g. anaesthetic charts).
- **Claimant 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 invoice by BACS within **28 days** of electronic receipt of fee note.
  - Extension to **six months** by prior negotiation.
  - Deferment until end-of-case considered on an individual basis.
- **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/senior associate/legal director.