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Consultant Gynaecologist and Gynaecological Oncologist

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Qualifications

1995 MBBS Goa University, Goa, India (**Gold medal**)
1998 MD (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) from Goa University, Goa, India (**Gold medal**)
1999 MRCOG
2002 British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology accreditation
2009 RCOG Special study module (SSM) in Medical Education
2009 Teesside University Certificate in Professional Development - Practical Palliative Care for Physicians Training in Medical Specialties
2009 Advanced Training Skills Module (ATSM) in Vulval diseases
2009 RCOG approved Subspecialty accreditation in Gynaecological Oncology
2018 HIS standards (Scotland) approved training in Sexual Offences Examination and Management
2019 Accredited as Robotic surgeon in Gynaecology and Gyn Oncology
2023 FRCOG

Learned Bodies

General Medical Council (GMC)
Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG)
British Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Cytology (BSCCP)
British Gynaecological Cancer Society (BGCS)
British Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy (BSGE)
British Menopause Society (BMS)
British Society of vulvovaginal diseases (BSVVD)
British Association of Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH)

Current Employment

Feb 2019 onwards: **Consultant Gynaecologist and Gynaecological Oncologist,**
University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) NHS Trust,
Coventry

Previous Employment

Nov 2009 - Feb 2019: Consultant Gynaecologist and Gynaecological Oncologist, Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Glasgow; Honorary Senior Lecturer, University of Glasgow
Sept 2007 - Oct 2009: Sub-specialty trainee in Gynaecological Oncology, James Cook University hospital, Middlesbrough. I also had a contract with the University of Teesside as Honorary Lecturer
Jan 2004 – Aug 2007: Clinical lecturer (University of Aberdeen) and Specialist Registrar, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, Aberdeen, Scotland

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Principal professional specialisms

I am a RCOG and PMETB approved sub-specialist in Gynaecological Oncological surgery with dual accreditation in Obstetrics and Gynaecology as well. My expertise in Gynaecological Oncology includes diagnosis, investigations and surgical management (robotic, laparoscopic and open) of all cancers of the female genital tract.

I specialise in management of general gynaecological conditions such as menstrual problems, endometriosis, pelvic inflammatory disease and pelvic masses. My expertise covers diagnosis and management (surgical and non surgical) of the same. I offer surgical management via Minimal access approach as well as the open approach for operations such as hysterectomy, oophorectomy, ovarian cystectomy, radical hysterectomy, pelvic and para-aortic lymphadenectomy and omentectomy.

I am BSCCP accredited and have expertise in abnormal smears and colposcopy for HPV and non HPV related disease of the vulva, vagina and cervix.

Other interests: I have a specialist interest in audit and research in postoperative morbidity and Quality improvement. I was involved in updating evidence based guidelines for University hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire network as well as for the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Cancer Network as well as auditing the annual results of the Managed Clinical Network for GO for West of Scotland and contributing to the development of Quality Performance indicators.

I am the deputy training program supervisor for the subspecialty Gynaecological Oncology program at UHCW, and was the main program supervisor for the same in West of Scotland Deanery. I am the preceptor for the RCOG advanced training module for GO for West Midlands deanery and was also the same for West of Scotland deanery. I am an examiner for BSCCP and MRCOG exams. I am preceptor and faculty for online webinars for Gynaecological anatomy and surgical techniques.

Publications

Please ask me for or a full list of my publications, research & presentations.

Medicolegal work

Relevant courses attended/ to attend:

1. Inspire MediLaw's Expert Witness Course in Dec 2018.
2. Specialist Info course on Essentials in Medicolegal reporting Jan 2021
3. Specialist info course on clinic Negligence reporting Jan 2021
4. Specialist info course on Medicolegal advanced report writing March 2021
5. BMA course on Medicolegal report writing March 2021
6. BMA course on Medicolegal expert courtroom skills May 2021
7. Understanding Law and Procedure rules Feb 2024 (Academy of expert witnesses)
8. Medicolegal report writing (Bond Solon) May 2025
9. Course Joint expert meeting (Bond Solon) May 2025
10. Bond Solon Expert Witness annual conference 7th Nov 2025
11. McCollum consultants Quarterly Education Series: Legal and Expert Witness Duties in Medico-Legal Practice 21st Jan 2026

This training is for acting as a medical expert included CPR part 35, expert's duties, legal tests for negligence, and conduct and procedure in court. I keep myself up to date with latest evidence by regularly attending teaching and update conferences and reading published literature in medico-legal practice.

I have provided expert opinion to the Central Legal Office in Scotland, Coroners offices, NHS trusts and for medicolegal defence unions for defendants.

I have also provided reports and opinions on claimant instructions for sexual offences as well as breach of duty, causation and clinical negligence reports on abnormal smear, gynaecological cancer,

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benign gynaecological conditions and surgical complications since 2018. To date I have provided reports for 50 such cases. I prepared reports for 20 cases in the last 12 months. My defendant to Claimant ratio is 30:70.

As yet, I have not been asked to give evidence in court on any of my reports.

In two cases, the court asked for a joint statement between myself as claimant expert and the defendant expert.

Apart from these, I have also provided screening reports and probono/first stage opinions.

I accept instructions in:

All cancers of female genital tract

Vulval cancer

Precancerous disease of vulva- lichen sclerosus and Vulval Intraepithelial neoplasia (VIN)

Vaginal cancer

Precancerous disease of vagina – Vaginal Intraepithelial neoplasia (VAIN)

Cervical cancer

Precancerous disease of cervix – Cervical Intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN)

Abnormal smears

Colposcopy and associated treatments such as Loop treatment, conisation

Uterine/ Endometrial cancer

Fallopian tube cancer

BRCA mutations and cancer

Ovarian cancer

Primary peritoneal cancer

Abnormal menstrual bleeding/ periods

Endometriosis

Pelvic inflammatory disease

Sexually transmitted infections

Some cases of Sexual offences in women (not in children)

Postoperative complications arising from surgery for gynaecological problems

Postoperative complications arising from surgery for Abnormally invasive placenta

Postoperative complications arising from management of early pregnancy loss

Memberships as Expert Witness

Member of National Expert Witness Agency

Member of Medicolegal Society

On SpecialistInfo register

Member of the UK register of Expert Witnesses