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Consultant in Anaesthesia & Intensive Care Medicine

Experience and qualifications

- My specialty is Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine, and I have a major interest in cardiac arrest and resuscitation.
- My medical degree is from Emmanuel College Cambridge University, and the University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine (1990).
- I am registered with a licence to practice, and on the Specialist Register of the General Medical Council (number 3467499).
- I have been a Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine at Southmead Hospital Bristol since 1999.
- I am in full time clinical practice working in one of the largest intensive care units in the UK. It is the regional neuro-critical care, renal, major trauma and vascular centre, and the regional burns unit.
- I have authored over 300 scientific papers, 15 textbooks, and over 30 book chapters about intensive care, resuscitation, and anaesthesia and am actively involved in research.
- I regularly teach and lecture nationally and internationally.
- I am an editor of the journal Resuscitation which is globally one of the highest ranked emergency medicine journals.

- I am the lead author for the advanced resuscitation guidelines currently used in the UK and Europe.
- I am a Senior Clinical Lecturer at the University of Bristol.
- I led the Royal College of Anaesthetists National Audit Project 7 (NAP7) which studied perioperative cardiac arrest. The project confidentially reviewed in detail every perioperative cardiac arrest in the UK over a one year period starting in June 2021. I am lead for the main report published at <https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/nap7-perioperative-cardiac-arrest>
- I am an Honorary Professor at the University of Warwick Medical School and involved in clinical trials.

Medicolegal experience

- I have over 20 years of experience in writing expert reports for clinical negligence claims, inquests, and criminal and family courts.
- I write about 1 clinical negligence report a month and my instructions are about 50:50 Claimant: Defendant. All have been settled prior to a court hearing. I receive a large number of requests for reports.
- I have prepared reports for the Independent Office for Police Conduct on a regular basis.
- I have regularly attended court to give evidence at inquests and criminal trials, and in particular around issues of resuscitation and survivability. I have numerous requests for this type of work.
- I have attended training courses in writing expert reports, have attended updates, and keep up to date as part of my annual appraisal process. I have received mentoring and coaching from senior lawyers on a regular basis. I am a member of the Bristol Medicolegal Society.

- My medicolegal practice consists of care of the critically-ill and injured adult, including emergency resuscitation and cardiac arrest, and complications associated with anaesthesia. This includes care in a variety of settings in and out of hospital, during anaesthesia and on the intensive care unit. Conditions include but not limited to airway, breathing, circulation (e.g. haemorrhage, shock), and neurological problems requiring surgery or intensive care, sepsis, kidney failure, major trauma, cardiac arrest including brain damage, severe pneumonia, flu, COVID-19, ARDS, anaphylaxis, aspiration pneumonia, major burns, complications of anaesthesia, endocrine emergencies, drug toxicity, asphyxia, hanging, choking, and deaths in custody or during restraint.
- I have expertise in providing reports and giving evidence in court on causation and survivability, including for deaths associated with restraint, taser use and hanging/ligature.

Notable cases

- I was one of two clinical experts who prepared reports and gave evidence in court for the Hillsborough Inquests. This included producing reports for each of the 96 individuals who died and giving evidence in court for 25 days. As part of this role I received a large amount of mentoring from senior lawyers, barristers and judges, on how to write reports and on appearing in Court. In addition, this has given me expertise in reviewing video evidence and complex forensic evidence.
- Expert for Inquest concerning the death of Rashan Charles following arrest by a police officer (2018).
- Prosecution expert for R v Monk (2021) concerning the death of Dalian Atkinson following the use of a taser and kicks to the head by PC Monk. Instructed by the Crown Prosecution Service.

- Provided expert evidence supporting four consultant anaesthetists against an allegation of gross negligence manslaughter (2021).
- Prosecution expert for R V Craig (2022) concerning the death of Katherine Kirk who had been set on fire by Craig 21 years previously.
- Expert for the families of the 48 individuals who died in the Stardust nightclub fire in Dublin in 1981. New inquests have recently completed in Dublin (2022-2023).
- Expert for the Dawn Sturgess Inquiry concerning the Novichok poisonings and the death of Dawn Sturgess (October 2024).

Expert roles

- Chair/President, Resuscitation Council (UK) (2009-2012).
- Vice-chair, Resuscitation Council (UK) (2007-2009, 2012-2013).
- Co-chair, Advanced Life Support Task Force, International Liaison Committee for Resuscitation (2012-16), Chair from 2016 to 2022.
- Chair, Advanced Life Support Sub-committee, Resuscitation Council UK (2016-).
- Chair, Advanced Life Support Working Group, European Resuscitation Council (2012-17).
- Science Chair, Advanced Life Support Committee, European Resuscitation Council (2017-).
- Chair, UK Out-of-Hospital-Cardiac-Arrest Outcomes Steering Group – this collects and analyses data from cardiac arrests attended by ambulance services in the UK (2011-).
- Clinical lead for the Royal College of Anaesthetists National Audit Project 7 (NAP7) which is studying perioperative cardiac arrest (2018-).
- Steering group member, National Cardiac Arrest Audit – this collects and analyses data from cardiac arrests that occur in UK hospitals (2013-).
- President, Society Intensive Care West of England (2016-2019).

- Chair and lead author, UK Quality standards for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and training – this covers Acute care, Primary care, Primary dental care, Mental-health inpatient care, and Community hospitals.
- Chair, UK Guidelines for treatment of anaphylactic reactions working group for UK (2006-). I am a lead author for current guidelines for the treatment of anaphylaxis in the UK.
- Specialist Advisor to the Care Quality Commission for acute hospital inspections (2013 - 2020).
- Panel member for Keogh Mortality Review of hospitals (2013).
- Reviewer for National Confidential Enquiry Patient Outcomes and Deaths (2011- 2013).
- Continuing Professional Development board member, Royal College of Anaesthetists (2011-2020).
- Director, Intensive Care Medicine, Southmead Hospital (2002-2008).

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