

Medico-Legal Curriculum Vitae

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Qualifications:	BSc (Hons) Physiology (London)	1993
	MB BS (London)	1996
	MRCS	2000
	MS (London)	2003

FRCS (Trauma & Orthopaedics)	2006
PG Dip (Trauma and Orthopaedics)	2007

Professional Affiliations: General Medical Council
British Orthopaedic Association (Fellow)
Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
British Association for Surgery of the Knee

Training:

I graduated in Medicine from the University of London and completed basic surgical training in London and the South East. I undertook a research Fellowship into knee ligament surgery at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre (Oxford Orthopaedic Engineering Centre), sponsored by the Royal College of Surgeons and the British Association for Surgery of the Knee, leading to a Master of Surgery Degree.

In 2002 I was appointed to the London Deanery for Higher Surgical Training in Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery. Towards the end of my training period I undertook Fellowships at the Adidas Sports Medicine Institute in Auckland, New Zealand, where I gained experience in treating sports knee injuries, and I then took the post of Trauma Fellow at Auckland Hospital managing acute skeletal trauma. Upon my return to the UK I gained further Fellowship experience in hip and knee surgery at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre in Oxford.

Current Employment

I was appointed as a Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon at Torbay Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in 2008. I undertake private and medicolegal practice at Mount Stuart Hospital, Torquay, and medicolegal consulting at Axiomedica via the London Foot and Ankle Centre, St John and St Elizabeth Hospital, London.

My work encompasses General Orthopaedics and Trauma, with a subspecialist interest in surgery of the knee, in particular day-case partial and total knee replacements, an area in which I am a national opinion-leader. I undertake approximately 400 procedures per year including trauma and elective operating. I am involved in the orthopaedic trauma on call.

I have been Clinical Governance Lead and Clinical Lead/Director for the Torbay Trauma and Orthopaedic department. I continue to publish and present on Orthopaedic clinical research, with over 40 peer reviewed publications and presentations with a focus on surgery of the knee. I am an experienced Appraiser for the Trust, involved in the process of revalidation for Consultants in all specialties.

Medicolegal expertise

I have received training in CPR compliant medico-legal report writing via the Bond-Solon Expert Witness Excellence in Report Writing course in 2014. I have updated my medicolegal knowledge with the 2016 *SpecialistInfo* Advanced Medicolegal Course, and a *SpecialistInfo* Advanced Report Writing Course in 2021.

In 2024 I have completed the *InspireMediLaw* Clinical Negligence Report Writing Course for Expert Witnesses, provided by Dr Tom Boyd, GP Expert Witness, Mr Paul Sankey, Medical Negligence Lawyer, Dr Simon Fox KC, Barrister and Isabel Bathurst, Consultant Solicitor and Advocate. The following topics were covered in detail:

- Expert Evidence: The law and practice
- The process of a claim
- Report writing for medical negligence cases
- Data Protection for Medico-Legal experts
- Addressing the legal issues – breach of duty, causation, condition and prognosis, medical advice and consent
- The use of evidence and references
- Expert Witness meetings - discussions of experts, joint meetings and conferences with Counsel
- Costs
- Court Room Skills
- A view from the bench

I can provide expert witness reports on cases of post-traumatic musculoskeletal disease, particularly injuries involving the lower limb and knee, and provide reports and expert opinion on the management of knee conditions such as care provided during knee replacement or soft tissue knee reconstruction procedures. I have provided several hundred medicolegal reports since 2014, and consult from Rooms at Mount Stuart Hospital, Torquay, and via the medicolegal department of the London Foot and Ankle Centre at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, London.