

Abridged Curriculum Vitae

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President, Mersey Medico-Legal Society

Past-President, Liverpool and North West Society of Surgeons

Past-President, European Society of Surgical Oncology

Past-President, British Association of Surgical Oncology,

Past-President, Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Gt. Britain & Ireland

Chair of Editorial Board, European Journal of Surgical Oncology

Past-Chair, Internal Medicine Programme of Care, NHS England

Past-Chair, NHS England HPB Specialised Commissioning Clinical Reference Group

Past-Chair, Colorectal Cancer Quality Standards Group, National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

Past-Chair, Colorectal Cancer Guideline Development Group, National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

Past-Surgical Chair, European Cancer Quality Assurance Group (EURECCA)

Past-Chair, Cancer Services Committee, Royal College of Surgeons of England

Past-Council Member, Association of Surgeons of Gt. Britain & Ireland

Past-Council Member, British Society of Gastroenterology

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Brief Biography

I was a Consultant General Surgeon at Aintree University Hospital NHSFT to which I was appointed in 2004 until I retired from full time NHS practice in 2018, and an Honorary Professor of Surgery at the University of Liverpool. Since that time, I have continued to work part time for NHS England and intend to do so for the foreseeable future. Prior to this appointment I was a Consultant Surgeon on the staff of the Royal Liverpool University Hospital to which I was appointed in 1990. I hold the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery of the University of London and DSc *honoris causa* from King George V University Medical School, Lucknow. I am a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the European Surgical Association. I am an Honorary Fellow of the American Surgical Association, the Chinese College of Surgeons, the Association of Surgeons of India and the Sri Lanka College of Surgeons. I am the President of the Mersey Medico-Legal Society and a Past President of the Liverpool and North West Society of Surgeons (2017-18), the European Society of Surgical Oncology (2012-14), the Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Gt. Britain & Ireland (2010-12), the British Association of Surgical Oncology (2005-7), and am a former Council member of the Association of Surgeons of Gt. Britain & Ireland, the British Society of Gastroenterology, and the United Kingdom & Ireland Neuroendocrine Tumour Society. I am Chair of the Editorial Board of the European Journal of Surgical Oncology. I am a past-Chair of the Royal College of Surgeons of England Cancer Services Committee, the Colorectal Cancer Guideline Development Group of the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence, the Colorectal Cancer Quality Standards Development Group of the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence, NHS England Specialised Commissioning Internal Medicine Programme of Care and NHS England Specialised Commissioning HPB Clinical Reference Group. I am the author of 10 textbooks of Surgery and over 260 peer reviewed scientific papers addressing issues within surgery. I have prepared >2000 reports to the Courts in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Hong Kong and the USA over the last 20 years addressing allegations of breach of duty, roughly 60% Claimant instructed. I have attended Court on 5 occasions to give evidence for medical negligence claims, the Court preferring my evidence on 4 occasions (2 Claimant instructed [including Spencer versus Hillingdon], and 2 Defendant instructed), and on the 5th case (Claimant instructed), the Court preferred my evidence on issues of Liability, but my evidence was unable to establish Causation. I have prepared over 800 reports to the Courts in England addressing personal injury claims.

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Date of Birth ~6th August 1955 - born Oldham, Lancs., United Kingdom

Professional Education

St George's Hospital Medical School, London University 1974-1979

GMC Registration Number: 2491486, next revalidation due October 2024
Medical Defence Union membership number: 224068J

Professional Qualifications

MB BS (London)	1979
FRCS (Edinburgh)	1984
FRCS (England)	1984
FMGEMS (ECFMG)	1985
MS (London)	1988
Certificate of Accreditation in General Surgery - RCS (England)	1991
DSc <i>honoris causa</i> (King George V University, Lucknow)	2015

Awards and Distinctions

Anne Selina Fernee Scholarship, St George's Hospital Medical School	1974
Welcome Foundation Travelling Fellow	1985
Ethicon Foundation Travelling Fellow, RCS (England)	1985
Sir Arthur Hurst Travelling Fellow, British Digestive Foundation	1985
Amelie Waring Research Fellow in the Study of Pancreatic Disease, British Digestive Foundation	1989

Mayers Prize, Outstanding Alumni, Hulme Grammar School, Oldham	1993
Honorary Secretary, British Association of Surgical Oncology	1996-9
ACCEA B Award	2001
Lady Harding Orator, Maulana Azad Medical College, University of Delhi	2003
Ivor Lewis Orator, Welsh Surgical Society	2003
ACCEA Gold Award	2005
Guest of Honour, Scientific Sessions, College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka	2005
President, British Association of Surgical Oncology	2005-7
Honorary Fellow, College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka	2006
Guest of Honour, Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons of Taiwan	2007
N C Misra Medal, Indian Association of Surgical Oncology	2008
Kilroe Medal, The Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute, Manchester	2008
Honorary Fellow, Association of Surgeons of India	2008
Stanford Cade Medal, Royal College of Surgeons of England	2009
President, Association of Upper GI Surgeons Gt. Britain & Ireland	2010-12
Olav af Acrel Medal, Swedish Surgical Association	2011
ACCEA Platinum Award	2011
President, European Society of Surgical Oncology	2012-14
Chair, Editorial Board, European Journal of Surgical Oncology	2014 to date
DSc <i>honoris causa</i> , King George V Medical University, Lucknow	2015
Ernest Miles Medal, Royal Marsden Surgical Society	2015
ACCEA Platinum Award renewal	2015
President, Liverpool and Northwest Society of Surgeons	2017
President, Merseyside Medico Legal Society	2017 to date
Honorary Fellow, American Surgical Association	2017
Honorary Fellow, Chinese College of Surgeons	2017
European Society of Surgical Oncology Lifetime Achievement Award	2022

Honorary and Visiting Professorships

Hunterian Professor, Royal College of Surgeons of England	1993
Graham Coupland Visiting Professor, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney	1998
Visiting Professor, College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka	2003
Visiting Professor, Gujarat Cancer Centre, Ahmedabad	2003
Visiting Professor, Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi	2003
Visiting Professor, 2 nd Army Hospital, University of Shanghai	2004
Visiting Professor, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York City	2005
Visiting Professor, People's Hospital, University of Beijing	2005
Visiting Professor, College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka	2005
Visiting Professor, Royal North Shore Hospital, University of Sydney	2005
Visiting Professor, University of Beijing	2007
Visiting Professor, Shanghai Cancer Centre	2008
Visiting Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Hangzhou	2008
Professor of Surgery, University of Liverpool	2011
Visiting Professor, South Central University, Changsha	2015
Visiting Professor, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre, New York City	2015
Visiting Professor, Fudan University, Shanghai	2017
Visiting Professor, Peking University International Hospital	2017
Visiting Professor, Korea University Anam Hospital, Seoul	2018

Eponymous Lectureships Awarded

Lady Harding Oration, Aulana Mauzad Medical College, University of Delhi	2003
Ivor Lewis Oration, Welsh Surgical Society	2003
N C Misra Oration and Medal, Indian Association of Surgical Oncology	2008

Kilroe Lecture and Medal, Christie Hospital, Manchester	2008
Stanford Cade Lecture and Medal, Royal College of Surgeons of England	2009
British Journal of Surgery Lecture, Swedish Surgical Association	2011
Distinguished Visitor, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	2015
British Journal of Surgery Lecture, Swiss Surgical Association	2015
Ernest Miles Lecture and Medal, Royal Marsden Surgical Society	2015
British Journal of Surgery Lecture, Society of University Surgeons	2018

Membership of Learned Societies

President, Mersey Medicolegal Society
 Past President (2017-18), Liverpool and Northwest Society of Surgeons
 Past-President (2012-14), European Society of Surgical Oncology
 Past-President (2010-12), Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Gt. Britain and Ireland
 Past-President (2006-7), British Association of Surgical Oncology
 Past-Council Member, Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (2010-2014)
 Past-Council Member, UK & Ireland Neuroendocrine Tumour Society (2005-2012)
 Past-Council Member, British Society of Gastroenterology (2010-2012)
 Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh 1984
 Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England 1984
 Fellow, European Surgical Association 2006
 Honorary Fellow, American Surgical Association 2017
 Honorary Fellow, Chinese College of Surgeons 2017
 Honorary Fellow, Association of Surgeons of India 2005
 Honorary Fellow, Sri Lanka College of Surgeons 2006
 Member, Independent Doctors Federation 2018 to date
 Member, European Neuroendocrine Tumour Society 2005 to date
 Member, American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)(2000-2018)
 Member (Founder) of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association 1988
 Member of Convocation, University of London 1979
 Member of the British Medical Association 1979 to date
 Member of the Liverpool Medical Institution 1991 to date

Clinical Practice

Since my consultant appointment over 30 years ago, I developed an upper gastrointestinal surgical service (primarily oncological) with a major interest in hepato-biliary disease. Having moved to University Hospital Aintree in 2004, our new hepato-biliary unit has become one of the largest in the UK, performing ~200 liver resections per year. I have personally performed over 1000 elective hepatectomies for cancer with a hospital mortality rate of ~1%. My practice has been externally audited by Liverpool Health Authority and the European Liver Metastasis Resection Registry. These audits have demonstrated that one year survival following hepatectomy for colorectal metastases, in my hands, exceeds 90%, 5 year survival 42% and 10 year survival 22%. Furthermore, I have one of the largest personal experiences in the UK of biliary reconstruction following cholecystectomy bile duct injury, and a major tertiary referral practice for hepato-pancreato biliary trauma. This work has allowed me to become co-co-Principal Investigator of a number of major European clinical trials in hepato-biliary surgery.

Because of my HPB interest and my laboratory research with James Thompson in Galveston and Nobel Laureate Andrew Schally in New Orleans, I have built up a significant practice in GI neuroendocrine tumours, in particular symptomatic carcinoids. These patients are now managed jointly in our supra regional clinic between myself and colleagues in Nuclear Medicine and Endocrinology. Currently we have managed over 400 such patients

and have one of the largest UK experiences of I-MIBG and ⁹⁰Y-DOTATOC therapy for control of symptoms in these patients.

Since I retired from full time NHS clinical practice in 2018, I am now employed part time by NHS England as an assessor for NHS consultant national Clinical Excellence Awards.

Medico-Legal Practice

I have maintained an active medico-legal practice since 1995, initially working in the field of personal injury but for last twenty or so years, predominantly in the field of clinical negligence. To date I have provided over 2500 reports to the courts in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Hong Kong, St Helena and the United States dealing with issues of liability, causation, condition and prognosis on cases of alleged clinical negligence, 60% Claimant instructed. I have been to Court on 5 occasions for medical negligence claims, the Court preferring my evidence on 4 occasions (2 Claimant instructed [including Spencer versus Hillingdon], and 2 Defendant instructed), and on the 5th case (Claimant instructed), the Court preferred my evidence on issues of Liability, but my evidence was unable to establish Causation. My areas of expertise in clinical negligence include abdominal surgery, surgical gastroenterology and in particular the surgery of the liver, gallbladder and bile ducts, the acute abdomen, hernia surgery, and lastly loss-of-chance in cases of missed cancer diagnosis. My area of expertise in personal injury cases relates to soft tissue injuries and post-traumatic hernia. I have prepared over 500 reports to the Courts in England addressing personal injury claims.

As part of my training in medico-legal report writing, I have attended courses in report writing and courtroom presentation organised by Bond Solon, Specialist Info and other reputable bodies.

Administrative Positions Held

Current ~

Chair, Editorial Board, European Journal of Surgical Oncology	2014 onwards
President, Mersey Medico-Legal Society	2018 onwards

Previous ~

Principal investigator CRC Project Grant SP2022	1989-1992
Member Pancreatic Section Committee, British Soc of Gastroenterology	1992-1995
Council member British Association for Surgical Oncology	1994-1996
Secretary, British Association for Surgical Oncology	1996-1999
Member Colorectal Cancer Sub-committee, Medical Research Council	1994-1996
Member NHS Cancer Health Benefit Group Clinical Working Group	1995-1997
Council, Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons, Gt. Britain and Ireland	1996-1998
UK Clinical Co-ordinator ENG Trial of adjuvant chemotherapy following liver resection on behalf of the MRC and EORTC	1996-2003
Member Clinical Services Committee, Assn Upper GI Surgeon of Gt. Britain	1997 - 2000
Member Dept of Health Cancer Waiting Times Working Party	1997
Council Member, UK Chapter, UICC	1998 - 1999
Member Cancer Information Strategy Group, NHSME	1998 - 1999
Council European Society for Surgical Oncology	1998 - 2002
Member GI colorectal study group, EORTC	1998-2006
Meetings Secretary, British Association for Surgical Oncology	2000-2003
Co-Principal Investigator EORTC/GITCCG Trial 40983 (Neoadjuvant and adjuvant chemotherapy and resection of colorectal liver metastases)	2000-2012
Member Medical Committee, Action for Victims of Medical Accidents	2001-2003

Co-Principal Investigator EORTC CLOCC Trial 40004 (Use of radiofrequency ablation for colorectal liver metastases)	2002-2012
Vice President, British Association for Surgical Oncology	2002-2004
Member, Scientific Committee, 2 nd International Hernia Congress, London	2003
Chair, Rand Corporation international working party on decision making pathways for surgical resection of colorectal liver metastases	2003-2005
Co-Chair, BASO/ACS, BSG, AUGIS Working party on guidance for resection of colorectal liver metastases	2003-2010
Associate Editor, European J Surgical Oncology	2004-2009
Director of Surgery and Deputy Medical Director, University Hospital Aintree	2005-2009
Lead Clinician for Hepatobiliary cancers, Mersey & N Cheshire CNG	2005-2010
Co-PI BILCAP (adjuvant gemcitabine in biliary malignancy)	2005-2010
Member, European guideline working party on CRC liver metastases	2005-2011
Co-Principal Investigator, CRUK EPOC-2 Trial of neoadjuvant-adjuvant chemotherapy and resection for colorectal liver metastases	2006-2012
Chair, Mersey & N Cheshire Supra-Regional Hepatobiliary Cancer MDT	2005-2010
President, British Association of Surgical Oncology	2006-2007
Chair, RCSEng Cancer Services Committee	2006-2007
President, Association of Upper GI Surgeons of Gt. Britain and Ireland	2010-2012
President, European Society of Surgical Oncology	2012-2014
Chair, Colorectal Cancer Guideline Development Group, NICE	2009-12
Chair, Colorectal Cancer Quality Standards Committee, NICE	2011-12
Chair, NHS HPB Specialised Commissioning Clinical Reference Group	2012-2016
Chair, NHS Specialised Commissioning Internal Medicine Programme of Care	2012-2016

Editorial and Examination Boards

Chair, Editorial Board, *European Journal of Surgical Oncology*,
Supervisor of successful postgraduate higher degree theses (MD, PhD, MSc) for:
Universities of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores University, and London

Publications

Books ~

1. *Aids to Operative Surgery* (1987) Poston GJ. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh
2. *Churchill's House Surgeons Survival Guide* (1992)
Gompertz H, Rhodes M, Poston GJ. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh
3. *Principles of Operative Surgery* (1995) Poston GJ. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh
4. *Cancer Patient Follow Up* (1997) Eds. Johnson FE, Virgo K, Coit DG, Pollock DG, Edge SB, Poston GJ, Tsukamoto N. Mosby, St Louis
5. *House Surgeons Survival Guide (2nd Edition)* (1999) Gompertz H, Rhodes M, Poston GJ, DeCadt B, Armitage J. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh
6. *Surgical management of hepato-biliary and pancreatic disorders* (2003) Eds. Poston GJ and Blumgart LH. Martin Dunitz, London
7. *Textbook of Surgical Oncology* (2007) Eds. Poston GJ, Beauchamp RD, Ruers T. Informa, London

8. *Liver metastases* (2008). Vauthey JN, Hoff P, Audisio R, Poston GJ. Springer, New York
9. *Surgical management of hepatobiliary and pancreatic disorders (2nd Edition)* (2010). Eds. Poston GJ, D'Angelica M, Adam R, Informa Healthcare, London
10. *Textbook of Surgical Oncology (2nd Edition)* (2016). Eds. Poston GJ, Wyld L, Audisio R. Informa Healthcare, London

Some peer reviewed publications in high impact factor (>10.0) journals (from a total of over 260 cited on PubMed, 304 in total)

Effect of age and sensitivity to cholecystokinin on gallstone formation in the guinea pig. Poston GJ, Draviam E, Yao CZ, Townsend CM Jr, Thompson JC. ***Gastroenterology*** 1990; **98**: 993-9

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Neoadjuvant chemotherapy for metastatic colon cancer: a cautionary note. Bilchik A, Poston GJ, Curley SA, Strasberg S, Saltz L, Adam R, Nordlinger B, Rosen LS, Rougier P. ***J Clin Oncol*** 2005; **23**: 9073-8

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The urgent need for a new staging system in advanced colorectal cancer. Graeme J Poston¹ Joan Figueras² Felice Giuliantè³ Gennaro Nuzzo³ Alberto F Sobrero⁴ Jean-Francois Gigot⁵ Bernard Nordlinger⁶ Rene Adam⁷ Thomas Gruenberger⁸ Michael A Choti⁹ Anton J Bilchik¹⁰ Eric Van Cutsem¹¹ Michael I D'Angelica¹² ***J Clin Oncol*** 2008; **26**: 4828-33

Prognostic variables for resection of colorectal cancer hepatic metastases: an evolving paradigm. Bilchik A, Poston GJ, Adam R, Choti M. ***J Clin Oncol*** 2008; **26**: 5320-1

American Society of Clinical Oncology 2009 Clinical Evidence Review on Radiofrequency Ablation of Hepatic Metastases from Colorectal Cancer. P B Mangu, K Einhaus, S L Wong, M A Choti, T J Crocenzi, G D Dodd G Dorfman, C Eng, Y Fong, A Giusti, D Lu, T Marsland, G J Poston, D Schrag, J Seidenfeld A B Benson III. ***J Clin Oncol*** 2010; **28**: 493-508

Diagnosis and management of colorectal cancer: summary of NICE guidance. Poston GJ, Tait D, O'Connell S, Bennett A, Berendse S. ***Brit Med J*** 2011; **343**: 1010-2

Guidelines for the management of gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine (including carcinoid) tumours (NETs). Ramage JK, Ahmed A, Ardill J, Bax N, Breen DJ, Caplin ME, Corrie P, Davar J, Davies AH, Lewington V, Meyer T, Newell-Price J, Poston G, Reed N, Rockall A, Steward W, Thakker RV, Toubanakis C, Valle J, Verbeke C, Grossman AB. **Gut** 2012;61: 6-32

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The evolution of cancer surgery and future perspectives. Wyld L, Audisio RA, Poston GJ. **Nat Rev Clin Oncol.** 2015; **12**: 115-24

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