

Curriculum Vitae

Dr David Hutchins

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Current role

Consultant in Pain Medicine and Anaesthesia at University Hospitals Plymouth (2020-current).

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General Medical Council (GMC) status

Full registration on the Specialist Register. No limitations on practice. No current/historical investigations.

Expert witness training and education

My medicolegal training has involved completion of the Bond Solon-Cardiff University Law school medicolegal expert witness civil certificate (CUBS) in 2022, with specific training including excellence in report writing, courtroom skills, cross-examination, and civil law and procedure. I have been in practice since 2022, completing two to three expert reports/month. I undertake claimant, defendant, single joint expert, and negligence instruction.

My experience also involves a substantial time investment in reading subject matter related to this area of expertise. My continuing professional development involves regular reading of case reports and related texts to civil medicolegal cases including summary judgements, discussion with colleagues, and attending training courses and events.

Membership of professional bodies

Expert Witness Institute

National Register of Expert Witnesses

National Expert Witness Agency.

Royal College of Anaesthetists

Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Royal College of Anaesthetists

Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland

Medical Protection Society

General Medical Council

Professional medical qualifications and training

I qualified from Brighton and Sussex Medical School in 2009. I then trained across the Southwest between 2009-2019, specialising in Anaesthesia, Intensive Care and Pain Medicine, gaining the Certificate of Completion of Training in 2019. I attained Fellowship to the Royal College of Anaesthetists in 2016.

My training in Pain Medicine involves multiple years of experience working in Plymouth, Exeter, Torbay, Bristol, and Southampton. I successfully attained Fellowship to the Faculty of Pain Medicine

of the Royal College of Anaesthetists in 2020. I attained a Postgraduate Certificate in Healthcare Management, Leadership and Innovation from Plymouth University in 2021.

I completed the Bond Solon-Cardiff University Law school medicolegal expert witness certificate (CUBS) in 2022.

Consultant appointments and clinical experience

I am a substantive Consultant in Pain Medicine and Anaesthesia at University Hospitals Plymouth which is a tertiary referral centre for Pain and other surgical specialties, and a major trauma centre. Prior to this I spent seventeen months at Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trusts in the same role (2019-2020). My transfer to Plymouth was for personal reasons.

I am experienced in all aspects of Pain management. I deliver multiple regular weekly outpatient pain clinics and intervention lists, assessing and managing an entire spectrum of chronic pain presentations with a bio-psycho-social, multidisciplinary approach. I have weekly responsibilities assisting and leading an In-Patient Pain Team and delivering Anaesthesia and peri-operative care for patients.

Interests

My specialist areas of interest are:

- neuropathic pain, including complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS),
- traumatic injury including whiplash,
- chronic pain after trauma and surgery,
- widespread pain, including fibromyalgia,
- cancer pain and neuromodulation,
- chronic abdominal and pelvic pain.

Service development

I have set up and lead multiple specialist referral pathways from the Bariatric and Thoracic teams to Pain (acute and chronic). This streamlines patient care, making it more effective and efficient. I subspecialise further and review the chronic abdominal and pelvic pain patients in the pain clinic, and I am the Veterans Trauma Network Pain liaison for the Southwest.

Professional presentations and educational roles

I am an honorary senior lecturer for the University of Plymouth and Peninsula Medical School, delivering multimodal teaching programmes to medical students on a regular basis. I am a founding member and Consultant Director for a national Anaesthetic examination preparation course, "PROPA". I develop and deliver a pain educational programme for the Nurses and allied healthcare professionals in the in-patient pain team. I have presented locally, regionally, nationally and internationally on a range of Anaesthetic and Pain subjects. I have been awarded multiple prizes at meetings for this work.

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