Curriculum Vitae

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Profile:

I qualified as an Optometrist in Australia and have been practising in the United Kingdom for more than twenty five years. I have also worked in an academic environment as a research scientist, lecturer, and have taught optometry subjects to both undergraduate as well as post graduate students in the UK and abroad. In my research capacity, I often perform confidential research and analysis, for leading international companies to help determine whether to invest in novel technology. Since commencing work in 2021at Barnard Levit Optometrists, who have a long history of medico-legal work, I have assisted two medico-legal expert witnesses in all aspects of their work and in particular, in preparing their reports to reach a journal publication level. I now undertake my own medico legal cases with a specific interest in optometric breach of duty relating to diagnosis and management of ocular pathology, refractive surgery and other optometric aspects relating to general optometric practice and specialised areas of optometry such as binocular vision, contact lens practice, dry eye disease, independent prescribing and provision of optometric condition and prognosis examination and reports.

Education and Qualifications:

Post 2000

2021. Diploma in Therapeutics (Independent Prescriber), British College of Optometrists. 2020. Lasik, SMILE, Presbyobia treatment refractive surgery course. London Vision Clinic and certified by EACCME (European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education). 2020. Postgraduate certificate in 'Principles of Pharmacology and Prescribing', Ulster University. 2020. Postgraduate certificate in 'The Theory of Independent Prescribing for Optometrists'. Ulster University

1999 – 2004. PhD in Visual Neuroscience, City University.

Pre 2000

Member, College of Optometrists, London, UK.

Registration as Optometrist with the General Optical Council, UK.

Bachelor of Science in Optometry, Melbourne University (Historically world ranking of 1 or 2 Optometry School)

Bachelor of Science, double major in chemistry and mathematics, Melbourne University.

Employment:

Post 2000

2022- present. Visiting lecturer Hadassah, HAC, Optometry department Jerusalem.

2021-present. Senior Optometrist, Barnard and Levit.

2019-present. Research Associate, London Vision Clinic.

2018- present. Private contractor, research and analysis for major Optical companies.

2018 – 2020. Part time optometrist (one day per week), Ashwell and Barrie with a three-month waiting list to be seen by me.

2017 - present. Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Optometry, London, UK.

2007 – 2016. Optometrist in private practice, Mayfair, London.

2007- present. Professional Jazz trumpeter.

2005-2007. Full time family carer, and locum optometrist.

2000-2005. Lecturer and tutor, City University. Part time optometrist, Brown and White Optometrist, Hampshire.

Pre 2000

Clinical Optometrist in various settings including the Institute for the Blind, Western Australia; private clinics for specialist contact lens and paediatric optometry both in Australia and the UK, domiciliary and charity work.

References:

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