

Dr Deborah Fradkin

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PROFILE

Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital with over 15 years of anaesthetic experience. Clinical specialisms include, but not limited to, paediatric burns management, paediatric emergency and trauma anaesthesia, paediatric general surgery anaesthesia and paediatric thoracic anaesthesia, underpinned by extensive experience of safe sedation and anaesthesia in children with complex needs. Combines front-line clinical practice with a strong record in guideline development, audit, teaching, and public presentation of clinical evidence, including national and international conference presentations on civility in healthcare. Experience writing witness statement for coroners court, PSII, and ALSG escalation of concern report.

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Dec 2018 – present **Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital (NHS).**

- Clinical specialisms: Tertiary paediatric anaesthesia. paediatric burns management, paediatric thoracic anaesthesia, paediatric anaesthetic emergency and trauma management, paediatric neuroanaesthesia. Neonatal anaesthesia, neonatal airway management. Airway management including difficult airway management. Acute pain management. Resuscitation
- Medical Education and simulation

CAREER HISTORY

Dec 2017 – Dec 2018 Locum Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist, Alder Hey Children's Hospital

2005 – 2017 Anaesthetic training and specialist grades (details available on request)

QUALIFICATIONS

Oct 2011 Workplace-based Postgraduate Medical Education, Module 1: Teaching and learning in the medical workplace — Distinction

Dec 2010 Final FRCA (Fellowship of the Royal College of Anaesthetists) — passed on first attempt

Jul 2005 MBChB (Honours and Distinction), Manchester School of Medicine, University of Manchester

TEACHING, TRAINING & EDUCATIONAL ROLES

2020 – present **Course Director, Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS)**

- Responsible for course delivery, faculty standards, and candidate assessment on a nationally accredited resuscitation course.

2020 - present **Public Speaker and Trainer, Civility in Healthcare.**

- Delivers keynote presentations, workshops and developed and runs a Civility Trust Wide 'Train the Trainer' programme (run twice yearly) to doctors, nurses, and administrative staff on promoting and managing civility without judgement or blame.
- Public speaker for the national movement Civility Saves Lives.
- Adapted and delivered content internationally, including to clinical faculty at the American University of the Caribbean, and to Spire Healthcare on colleague-to-colleague incivility.
- Demonstrates ability to distil and present complex evidence-based material clearly to multi-disciplinary professional audiences — a core skill for expert report writing and testimony.

2022 – Present **Rota Master, Department of Paediatric Anaesthesia**

- Responsible for departmental rota planning and coordination.

PUBLIC SPEAKING & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS — CIVILITY IN HEALTHCARE

May 2025	Medical Educators Sharing Best Practice (NW Foundation and PA School) — Plenary
Oct 2025	2nd Annual Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust — Freedom to Speak Up Conference — Interactive Lecture
Oct 2025	Ireland National Emergency Medicine Conference — Lecture
Nov 2025	American University of the Caribbean (AUC) 13th National Symposium, Preston, UK — Interactive Workshop
Mar 2026	4th Welsh Ambulance Service Operational Managers Conference — Keynote
May 2026	Spire Healthcare Freedom to Speak Up Conference, London — Workshop
Jun 2026	Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCOA) Updates Conference — Lecture
Jun 2026	AUC Faculty Development session (delivered online to USA) — Lecture

MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

Currently developing expert witness practice, undertaking the Cardiff University Bond Salon Expert Witness Course. Actively researching and pursuing accreditation routes, including Expert Witness Institute (EWI) membership,

- January 2026: Witness for coroner's inquest into paediatric death. Complimented on high quality report understandable by lay professionals and relatives, and calm and professional demeanour in witness stand whilst questioned by coroner and barrister for the family.
- May 2022: Management of 'serious for APLS candidate. Email of thanks from candidate in professional and compassionate way the serious concern was dealt with.
- August 2024: PSII (Patient Safety Incident Investigation) report contributor
- Compliance: CPR Part 35 Compliant

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT

Fradkin D, Scott-Warren V, Vashisht R, Rolfe. An evidence-based guideline for the pre-operative sedation of children. *Journal of Pediatrics and Neonatal Care*. 2015, 2:6.

Developed a paediatric premedication protocol using combined midazolam and ketamine for behaviour modification in patients with developmental delay and/or social or behavioural difficulties, adopted at a teaching hospital. Awarded 3rd Prize, AAGBI Annual Congress.

Shorrock P, Fradkin D, Brady W. Premedication using combined oral midazolam and ketamine for patients with developmental delay and/or behavioural difficulties. *Anaesthesia* 2014, 69(supplement 4) p15.

Fradkin D, Davison R, Kelly C, Abdelrahman. Inflation pressures during hand ventilation – where do we really peak? Poster presentation, APA Annual Scientific Meeting, Aberdeen, May 2015.

Kelly C, Fradkin D, Owen J. Near-infrared spectroscopy – the next step in neonatal perioperative monitoring? Poster presentation, APA Annual Scientific Meeting, Aberdeen, May 2015.

Fradkin D, Doherty C. Quantitative evidence for provision of an anaesthetist-led line service: audit to assess all requirements for IV access made to the on-call anaesthetist. Poster presentation, ESPA, September 2014.

Fradkin D, Brammar A, Drake H. Analgesia prescribing in paediatric surgical patients. Poster presentation, 3rd Manchester Acute Pain Symposium, 11 November 2011.

Fradkin D, Tolhurst-Cleaver S, Palmer J. A learning curve for all: CUSUM curves in initial assessment of competency. *RCOA Bulletin*, March 2009; 54: 13–15.

Emergency management of CHB in neonates. Poster presentation, ESPA, September 2022.

Reducing emergency drug wastage. AAGBI Annual Congress, 2022 — shortlisted for the Green Star Award.

Monitoring quality of handover for neonatal intensive care unit patients post-surgery. Poster presentation, AAGBI Trainee Conference, 2022.

Simulation training in paediatric anaesthetics improves resident doctor emergency management. Poster presentation, RCoA CT National Meeting.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & REGISTRATION

- General Medical Council (GMC) — fully registered with a licence to practise. GMC No: 6122131.
- Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (FRCA).
- Royal College of Anaesthetists
- Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland
- Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists
- British Medical Association
- Medical Protection Society

REFEREES

Available on request.