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Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon (NHS) | Expert Witness (developing practice)

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GMC: 6167243 | Specialist Register: General Surgery (from Aug 2020) | Revalidation: Nov 2025 (next due 2030)

1. Medicolegal Profile

I am a Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon (BM MSc FRCS (Eng)), appointed at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in September 2020, and on the GMC Specialist Register for General Surgery (from August 2020). My clinical practice covers elective and emergency general/colorectal surgery, including peri-operative decision-making, consent, complication recognition and management, and post-operative care pathways. I hold substantive leadership and education roles within my Trust, including Deputy Clinical Director and Trust Specialty Training Lead (Surgery), and I chair the Surgical Education Committee. I have extensive experience of clinical governance processes and structured report writing within the NHS (including rapid reviews, incident investigations and Datix-related reporting), and I have written a number of reports for HM Coroner in relation to inquest proceedings. I completed my revalidation in November 2025 and my next revalidation is due in 2030.

2. Expert Witness Practice Sought

Type of instructions sought

Expert witness instructions, with a particular focus on clinical negligence.

Specialty / scope

General Surgery and Colorectal Surgery (elective and emergency), including operative and non-operative management.

Indicative areas I am willing to address (not exhaustive)

- Diagnosis and assessment across general and colorectal surgery, including emergency presentations and elective referrals.
- Cancer referral pathways including Two-Week Wait (2WW) processes, Straight-to-Test pathways where applicable, and delays in diagnosis or treatment.
- Consent: discussion of material risks, documentation, patient understanding/capacity issues, and appropriate alternatives.

- Emergency general surgery: acute abdomen pathways, escalation, sepsis recognition/management, timing of imaging and intervention.
- Non-operative management decisions (e.g., antibiotics, observation, image-guided drainage, endoscopic or radiological pathways where relevant) and thresholds for surgery.
- Operative decision-making and intra-operative conduct in general/colorectal surgery, including peri-operative planning and technical considerations.
- Post-operative care, deterioration recognition, investigation thresholds, discharge planning, readmissions, and follow-up.
- Complications: prevention, early recognition and management of common and serious complications, including delayed diagnosis and 'failure to rescue'.
- Interpretation of surgical documentation: records, operation notes, clinic letters, imaging reports, MDT decisions and ward-based decision-making.

Current medicolegal experience

I have not yet undertaken formal medicolegal instructions, but I am actively developing an expert witness practice, particularly in clinical negligence.

3. CPR Part 35 / PD35 Compliance

I understand that my overriding duty as an expert is to the Court, and I will comply with CPR Part 35 and Practice Direction 35, including the requirements for independence, impartiality and evidence-based opinion.

4. Expert Witness Training (Bond Solon / Cardiff University)

I am completing the Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate (CUBS) pathway:

- Bond Solon Civil Report Writing — completed 19 January 2026
- Bond Solon Courtroom Skills — scheduled 3 March 2026
- Bond Solon Civil Law & Procedure — scheduled 5–6 March 2026
- Bond Solon Cross-Examination Day — scheduled 13 May 2026

5. Governance, Incident Review & Report Writing Experience

I am experienced in clinical governance procedures within my Trust, including structured internal report writing for rapid reviews and incident investigations, and I routinely engage with Datix-related processes and learning. I have chaired Surgical Clinical Governance & Audit meetings and the Surgical Cabinet Meeting on numerous occasions, overseeing structured review of outcomes, complications, incident learning and delivery of agreed actions. I have also prepared written reports for HM Coroner in relation to a number of inquest matters.

6. Current Appointment

Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon (Laparoscopic) — Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Sept 2020 – Present).

7. Leadership & Education Roles (current / recent)

- Deputy Clinical Director (General & Colorectal Surgery).
- Trust Specialty Training Lead (TSTL) for Surgery.
- Lead for Surgical Placements for Edge Hill University medical students.
- Lead for teaching in surgical department & Chair of Surgical Education Committee.
- Honorary Senior Lecturer, Edge Hill University.
- FRCS Christie's Course Instructor.
- National CT1 / ST3 Surgical interviewer / panel member.
- Undergraduate and postgraduate examiner roles (OSCE examining).

8. Qualifications

- Teaching & Learning in the Medical Workplace (PGCERT module) — Edge Hill University (Dec 2019).
- FRCS (General Surgery) — Sept 2019.
- MSc Surgical Sciences (Merit) — University College London (Sept 2014).
- MRCS — Oct 2012.
- BM — University of Southampton (Jun 2008).

9. Membership of Professional Bodies

- Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain & Ireland (ACPGBI).
- European Society of Coloproctology (ESCP).
- British Medical Association (BMA).
- Medical Protection Society (MPS).

10. Revalidation

- Revalidated: November 2025.
- Next revalidation due: 2030.

11. Indemnity

- Medical Protection Society (MPS) membership.
- Primus Insurance (medicolegal/expert witness indemnity).

12. Career History (summary)

- Sept 2020 – Present: Consultant General & Colorectal Surgeon — Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
- Aug 2014 – Aug 2020: Higher surgical training rotations across colorectal, upper GI, vascular, breast and general surgery (North West).
- Earlier posts include anatomy demonstrator and foundation/core training roles.

13. Publications

- AG Taib, A Kler, M Prayle, D Kanakalingam, M Fani, P Asaad. Appendicolith appendicitis: should we be operating sooner? A retrospective cohort study. *Ann R Coll Surg Eng* (2024).
- ESCP Eagle Safe Anastomosis Collaborative. Evaluation of a quality improvement intervention to reduce anastomotic leak following right colectomy (EAGLE): pragmatic, batched stepped-wedge, cluster-randomized trial in 64 countries. *British Journal of Surgery* (2024).
- ELF2 Study Group. Characterisation of older patients that require, but do not undergo, emergency laparotomy: a multicentre cohort study. *British Journal of Anaesthesia* (2024).
- A Kler, A Taib, S Hajibandeh, S Hajibandeh, P Asaad. The predictive significance of neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio in cholecystitis: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Langenbeck's Archives of Surgery* (2022).
- P Asaad, A O'Connor, S Hajibandeh, S Hajibandeh. Meta-analysis and trial sequential analysis of randomized evidence comparing general anaesthesia vs regional anesthesia for laparoscopic cholecystectomy. *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* (2021).
- COVIDSurg Collaborative. Mortality and pulmonary complications in patients undergoing surgery with perioperative SARS-CoV-2 infection: an international cohort study. *Lancet* (2020).
- Asaad P, Hajibandeh S, Rahm M, Johnston T, Chowdhury S, Bronder C. Should a colonoscopy be offered routinely to patients with CT proven acute diverticulitis? A retrospective cohort study and meta-analysis of best available evidence. *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* (2019).
- O Connor A, Asaad P. De Garengeot's hernia with appendicitis – a rare cause of an acutely painful groin swelling. *Journal of Surgical Case Reports* (2019).
- O Connor A, Asaad P. Unusual presentation of acute pancreatitis following high tibial osteotomy. *BMJ Case Reports* (2019).
- Hajibandeh S, Melhado R, Akhtar K, Hajibandeh S, Trivedi V, Asaad P. Landiolol hydrochloride for preventing postoperative atrial fibrillation. *Anaesthesia* (2018) 73:7.
- Gerrard AD, Brooks B, Asaad P, Hajibandeh S, Hajibandeh S. Meta-analysis of epidural analgesia versus peripheral nerve blockade after total knee joint replacement. *Eur J Orthop Surg Traumatol* (2017) 27:61.

14. Awards (selected)

- Silver award for Manchester University Year 5 Placements (2025).
- Best Poster Prize — Peri-operative Care of Older People Undergoing Surgery Meeting (2024).
- Quality Teaching Placement Award — Northern Care Alliance (2024).
- Bronze award for Manchester University Year 5 Placements (2024).
- Honorary Senior Lectureship Award — Edge Hill University (2024).

- School of Surgery Educator Excellence Award (2021/2022).

15. Referees

References available upon request.