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EDUCATION:

Birkenhead School, Cheshire, England 1959 – 1973
Head of School, Head of House and Head of Combined Cadet Force
Represented School at Rugby, Cricket, Hockey, Swimming and Athletics

MEDICAL SCHOOL:

Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, London, 1973 – 1978
Vice President Students Union and Secretary Rugby Club
McLeod Cup 1977 for the greatest contribution to the medical school for the year
Represented Hospital at Rugby, Cricket and Hockey

QUALIFICATIONS:

MBBS (London) 1978
LRCP MRCS (England) 1979
Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (Glasgow) 1984
Accredited as Consultant in Orthopaedic Surgery 1992
Fellow of British Orthopaedic Association 1992
Deputy Editor of International Orthopaedics 2013

MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

I have been compiling medico legal reports since 1990. During time spent in Australia and in Somerset (1993 – 1998) I was compiling approximately 50 to 60 reports a year. This rate slowed during my time in Frimley Park Hospital due to a heavy clinical commitment.

Since 2003 I have been providing approximately 150 to 200 reports a year for both defendant and claimant; my ratio is approximately 50%. I write orthopaedic reports in regards to most orthopaedic conditions including lower and upper limb. My main speciality is in spinal disorders.

I have given evidence in court on a number of occasions and do so approximately once a year. I regularly attend barristers' conferences in person or via the telephone.

I am on the 1st Tier on the APIL Register and provide reports in personal injury.

I have attended the Bond Solon Annual Expert Witness Days and training with Premex via their Expert Seminars.

I have attended further training days including those with Lynden Alexander, Specialist Info and the Cambridge meeting, 'A conversation between the law and medicine'.

I attend several such training days a year.

I obtained the Cardiff University/Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate in 2009.

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MEDICO LEGAL EXPERIENCE cont.:

I am a member of the Expert Witness Institute and Expert Witness.

I have lectured to barristers and solicitors both in their offices and chambers and via a SpineWorks Conference in the Royal Society of Medicine.

I am registered with MEDCO.

I am a member of the Editorial Board of the Expert Witness Institute and a member of the Editorial Committee

MEDICAL CAREER:

My house jobs were at Charing Cross Hospital, London and the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth between February 1979 and February 1980. Following this I underwent surgical training in the Royal Navy with experience in general surgery and orthopaedics and a six-month attachment as a plastic surgeon in Derriford Hospital, Plymouth.

Royal Naval service also saw me as the Surgeon to the Royal Naval Gulf Patrol in 1983 – 1984 and Surgeon to the Royal Naval Hospital in Gibraltar in August 1986 to November 1987. I left the Royal Navy in 1989.

In 1989 I emigrated to New South Wales in Australia as an Orthopaedic Specialist to the Australian Army. I served between December 1989 and August 1990 as a Lieutenant Colonel in the RAAMC.

I returned to the UK as a Senior Registrar and Lecturer in Orthopaedic Surgery at Southampton General Hospital between August 1990 and August 1992 to finish my orthopaedic training in the UK.

I accredited as an Orthopaedic Surgeon on 1 August 1992, becoming a Fellow of the British Orthopaedic Association.

I returned to Brisbane in August 1992 as a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon to the Australian Army. I left the Australian Army in December 1993 working in full time private practice in Brisbane. I had visiting rights in a number of private hospitals and as a visitor to the Royal Brisbane Hospital.

I was appointed Senior Clinical Lecturer in Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Queensland in 1992.

In December 1995 I returned to the United Kingdom taking up the post of Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon with interests in Spinal Surgery at the East Somerset Trust, Yeovil. In October 1998 I took up the post of full time spinal surgeon to Frimley Park Hospital.

I left the National Health Service in August 2003 to set up a full time private practice, Spineworks Ltd. The aim was to provide high quality of care to patients, using a multi-disciplinary approach.

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LEARNED SOCIETIES:

Deputy Editor International Orthopaedics
British Orthopaedic Association – Fellow
British Association of Spinal Surgeons
Member, Society for Back Pain Research
Société Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie (S.I.C.O.T.)
APIL – First tier
Editorial Board, Expert Witness Institute
Member, Expert Witness
Royal Society of Medicine - Regional Fellow
South East Spine Club (Founder Member)

COURSES & MEETINGS ATTENDED AND LECTURES GIVEN:

I regularly attend the above societies of which I am a member. These are the British Association of Spinal Surgeons, the Spine Society of Europe, the British Orthopaedic Association and Society for Back Pain Research. I also attend Britspine which is a meeting of the combined spinal societies. I have presented papers at the British Association of Spinal Surgeons and South East Spine Club and I have also presented at Britspine.

I have been guest editor of a spinal special edition of International Orthopaedics and published several more papers including one on cauda equina. I have written a number of editorials for International Orthopaedics.

I initially organised the South West Spine Club when I was in the south west of England and founded and organised a South East Spine Club, which meets on a regular basis to this day. These meetings provide an opportunity to present papers, discuss new advances in treatment and review difficult cases. In addition, I attend the Spinal Multidisciplinary Team Audit Meeting of the Hampshire Clinic on a regular basis. I have organised general practitioner workshops and meetings via our organisation, SpineWorks, which are also open to physiotherapists, chiropractors and osteopaths.

In the past I have lectured on spinal disorders at St Mary's University College, Twickenham. I have further lectured to lawyers in their chambers, insurance companies and held a medico-legal conference at the Royal Society of Medicine.

MEDICAL INTERESTS:

Whilst in the Armed Services and NHS I performed the full range of trauma surgery with joint replacement, upper and lower limb surgery with particular emphasis on the knee.

My post as Consultant Orthopaedic and Spinal surgeon, at Frimley Park Hospital, comprised of cold and acute spinal surgery. I was on duty for all orthopaedic trauma in rota with my colleagues. The spinal unit consisted of two full-time spinal surgeons and one part-time. All spinal procedures were undertaken including deformity, tumour, trauma and degenerative conditions.

I hosted regular spinal meetings at Frimley Park Hospital and taught local Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeons who had an interest in spinal surgery. I also lectured on spinal surgery to the Southern Radiology Society, Rheumatological Society and to Osteopaths.

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MEDICAL INTERESTS:

I resigned from the NHS in 2003 to concentrate on setting up SpineWorks, with the aim of providing high quality spine care and a team approach towards management of back and neck problems.

In the past I carried out the full range of orthopaedic and spinal operations including decompressions, spinal fusions, spinal stabilisations and disc surgery. These were from both anterior and posterior techniques involving the cervical and lumbar spines. My major interest at that time was in non-fusion technology and stabilisation surgery. I also developed an interest in minimally invasive techniques. I hosted surgeons from abroad to teach up-to-date approaches and operative techniques. I was the first surgeon in the UK to use the AXIALIF technique and X-Stop decompression. I lectured internationally on these techniques and at the relevant workshops.

I have been filmed for Sky News and have appeared in the national press in regards to spinal procedures. I have articles on the BBC web site. Previously I have been involved with the Back Show held annually in Olympia, London.

PRESENT POSITION:

I am a Consultant Spinal Orthopaedic Surgeon and Medical Director of Spineworks Ltd, a private orthopaedic spine practice, which aims to provide the highest quality of care and treatment to patients with back and neck problems. Although I have over 30 years' consultant level experience in spinal surgery, I no longer perform open surgical procedures and have not done so since April 2013. However, I continue to specialise in investigation, assessment and treatment of spinal disorders. My focus now is pain management and non-surgical intervention & I regularly perform procedures such lumbar epidurals, facet joint injections, nucleoplasty and prolotherapy.

In September 2008 I was a finalist in the Independent Health Care Awards, held in London, in the category Best Medical Practice.

I attend courses and lectures throughout the year in keeping with revalidation and continuing practice development. I have revalidated, as required by the GMC, until February 2027 and complete annual appraisals.

I am a past examiner in orthopaedic surgery for Société Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie and occasional lecturer in spinal surgery on the South Thames Circuit.

I am Deputy Editor of the journal International Orthopaedics, an orthopaedic peer reviewed journal. I review, edit and correct the English of all submitted articles. I have also published several articles in the Journal and have been Guest Editor for the Spine Special issue in June 2016. I perform peer review of articles submitted to the journal. I have written a chapter for a book on orthopaedics. I have been the Guest Editor for the special edition on Orthopaedics in the developing world.

Previously I held the post of Senior Clinical Lecturer at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia and I have also lectured at the University of Surrey.



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