

Medico-legal Curriculum Vitae

Sub-specialist in Urogynaecology

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PERSONAL AND CONTACT DETAILS

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PRESENT APPOINTMENT

February 2002 to July 2016	Consultant Urogynaecologist (Sub-specialist), Liverpool Women's Hospital, Crown Street, Liverpool L8 7SS.
July 2016- present	Consultant Urogynaecologist, St Michael's Hospital Bristol BS2 4ED.

ACADEMIC RECORD

1984 - 1987	St. John's College, Cambridge University. M.A. (Cantab), Class II:I
1987 - 1989	Cambridge Clinical School. Final M.B. B.Chir. December 1989.
1993	J.C.C. General Certificate in Contraception and Family Planning.
1996	M.D. (Cantab) Title of Thesis: 'Human Papillomavirus, p53 and Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor: Do They Add Prognostic Information in Cervical Cancer?'
1997	Part II M.R.C.O.G.
2002/2007	Training in Psychosexual and Imago Relationship Therapy

AWARDS

1993	Florence and William Blair-Bell Memorial Fellowship
1998	Ethicon/RCOG Travel Award (for minimal access surgery)
2001	Bernhard Baron RCOG Travel Award (for pelvic floor surgery)
2022	Elizabeth Garrett Anderson NHS leadership award

TRAINING SUMMARY

I completed Subspecialty Training in Urogynaecology with Mr D Richmond in October 2001, and took up my consultant post in February 2002. I gained experience of the full range of Urogynaecological surgery and our department also recruited to the RCT of Burch and TVT for 2 years. During my subspecialty training, I visited the Urology Department of Miss C Evans at Glan Clwyd Hospital, North Wales, on a weekly basis where I attended female urology clinics, ward rounds and videocystometry investigations. I assisted at complex female urological procedures such as fascial sling, ileal conduit, clam cystoplasty, detrusor myectomy, artificial urinary sphincter surgery and fistula repairs and reached the stage where I completed 4 conduits under supervision. I also completed attachments in Radiology, Renal Medicine, Medical Physics, Spinal Injury, Geriatrics, Neurophysiology, Statistics and Anatomy. I completed a longer colorectal attachment at the Royal Liverpool Hospital, including colorectal surgery, clinics and experience in anorectal investigations. In addition, I was awarded a Bernhard Baron fellowship to visit Mr Bob Shull in Temple, Texas, through which I gained a new perspective of pelvic floor surgery.

In my consultant post, I have a subspecialty timetable for Urogynaecology, which includes 1 Urodynamics session, 2 Urogynaecology clinics, a Perineal clinic, and 2-3 sessions in theatre each week (6-7 clinical sessions). I see a wide range of urogynaecological problems including tertiary referrals from around the Mersey and Cheshire SHA, and perform the whole range of prolapse and incontinence surgery including sacrospinous fixation, sacrocolpopexy and sacrohysteropexy, TVM, TOT, Burch colposuspension and injectables as well as routine primary surgery. More and more procedures are becoming complex pelvic floor repairs with suspension and continence procedures combined in the same patient. In the department, there are three other Urogynaecologists and we have a weekly MDT to discuss difficult cases.

MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

I have attended two medico-legal courses (2008), with Jonathan Dingle and Robin de Wilde QC, both run by the Specialist Info company. Both gave us a good grounding in report writing and the duties of an expert witness. The second of these involved demonstration of cross-questioning techniques. I have also had experience in court as a witness in a negligence case (when working as an SHO) and as the Foreman of the Jury at Liverpool Crown Court in October 2005, in a case lasting 3 weeks.

I undertake personal injury and clinical negligence work for both Claimant and Defendant or with Joint instructions, preferring to provide an opinion on Urogynaecology cases, in which I have special expertise.

I can undertake 12 reports per year, with a turnaround time of 6 to 8 weeks.

I also have experience of writing guidelines, consent forms and in performing Health Care Commission investigations, which all come under my previous remit as the Clinical Governance Chair for the British Society of Urogynaecology (BSUG).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

I was the Lead Clinician involved in setting up an Integrated Regional Continence Service for Mersey and Cheshire Strategic Health Authority. We are continuing to work with the PCT and PBC consortia to develop Clinical Assessment Services in primary care.

I was the Chair of the Clinical Governance committee for BSUG and have previously been the Chair of the Guidelines Committee and first author of three green-top guidelines: Third and Fourth Degree Tear Repair, Surgical Management of USI, Vault Prolapse. As Clinical Governance Chair, I developed the accreditation mechanism for Urogynaecology Units.

I locally ran a number of workshops to demonstrate third degree tear repairs in pig bottoms for the regional registrars. I am a reviewer for the Cochrane Pregnancy and Childbirth Group. I was the Secretary of the Mersey Urogynaecology Society (MUGS).

I have recently completed the NHS leadership academy Elizabeth Garrett Anderson programme and received my leadership award as well as submitting an MSc on dysfunctional surgical teams.

In addition to work, I am married and have two children aged 19 and 15. I have 3 horses at home.

MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIETIES

I am a member of the International Continence Society (ICS) UK, International Urogynaecology Association and British Society of Urogynaecology.

PUBLICATIONS SUMMARY (for full summary see main CV)

ADAMS E J, MASTERTON R G, STRIKE P W, GREEN A D.

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REFEREES on application

Terms of engagement

I adhere to BMA recommendations on terms of engagement for medico-legal practice.

An invoice and copy medical report will be emailed to Solicitors and once the invoice has been paid a signed, hard copy will be posted to Solicitor within 7 days.

As of 1/4/2020 I currently charge 300 sterling per hour for medical consultations, personal injury and medical negligence reports (with notes obviously), including conferences with counsel. Please note, there will be a £50 sterling charge if client fails to attend medical examination appointment, to cover room fees and administration costs.

In court cases, I would charge 600 sterling per half day plus travel expenses, and a half day fee is payable in the case of cancellation within one week of the court date, owing to the difficulty of re-booking clinical work/surgery.