

# Curriculum Vitae

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## **AREAS OF MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERTISE**

### **Neurosurgery & Spinal Surgery**

Spinal Surgery  
Cauda Equina Syndrome  
Spinal Injury  
Spinal Tumours  
Whiplash in Personal Injury  
Head Injury

## **PRESENT APPOINTMENT**

### **Consultant Neurosurgeon & Spinal Surgeon**

Department of Neurosurgery  
James Cook University Hospital  
Marton Road  
Middlesbrough TS4 3BW

### **Spinal Surgeon to the Golden Jubilee Spinal Injuries Unit**

### **Previous Clinical Director for Neurosurgery & Spinal Surgery**

## **EDUCATION**

### **Bedford Modern School**

1981 - 1990

### **Fitzwilliam College Cambridge University**

1990 - 1993

### **St. George's Hospital Medical School University of London**

1993 - 1996



## **QUALIFICATIONS**

**Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons  
Of England (Surgical Neurology)** 2005

**Master of Arts (Cantab.)** 2000  
University of Cambridge

**MB BS** 1996  
University of London

**Cardiff University Bond Solon Civil Expert Certificate** 2015  
Cardiff University

## **NEUROSURGICAL AND SPINAL SURGERY TRAINING**

**Spinal Fellow** **Royal Adelaide Hospital**

**Specialist Registrar** **Royal Hallamshire Hospital /**  
**Neurosurgery** **Hull Royal Infirmary**

## **SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

General Medical Council 4317306

British Association of Spinal Surgeons

European Spine Society

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## **EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE**

### **Clinical:**

- Appointed to the Spinal Fellowship at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the Adelaide Centre for Spinal Research (Australia) under Professor Robert Fraser.
- Full time consultant spinal surgeon in the National Health Service.
- Past chair of the North East Spinal Network Board
- Previous Clinical Director for Neurosurgery and Spinal Surgery.
- Past member Clinical Reference Group for Complex Spinal Surgery.
- Author of NHS England commissioning policy Cervical Disc Replacement for Cervical Radiculomyelopathy.
- Invited to give international lectures at Eurospine and AO Spine.
- Invited faculty on Future Leaders of Spine, Cambridge 2019
- Appointed Training Programme Director for North East (Neurosurgery) April 2022

### **Medico-legal:**

- Undertaken comprehensive Expert Witness training with Bond Solon.
- Holds the Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate (Civil).
- Clear understanding of the roles required of the Expert Witness by both the solicitors and the Court.
- Instructed in over 150 reports in the past three years.
- Invited to lecture on Spinal Surgery to the 31<sup>st</sup> AvMA Annual Clinical Negligence Conference.

## **RECENT RELEVANT TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Medical:**

Eurospine (Liverpool)	2013
Minimally Invasive Spinal Surgery (Switzerland)	2013
AO Masters Course in Spinal Surgery (Switzerland)	2014
Canadian Spine Society Annual Meeting (BC)	2016
Eurospine (Berlin)	2016
British Association of Spine Surgeons (Manchester)	2017
Canadian Spine Society Annual Meeting (Alberta)	2018
Britspine (Leeds)	2018
Canadian Spine Society Annual Meeting (Toronto)	2019
Eurospine (Milan)	2022
Canadian Spine Society Annual Meeting (Quebec)	2023
Society of British Neurosurgeons (London)	2023

### **Medico-Legal:**

Civil Procedure Rules Certificate Parts 1 and 2	2013
Excellence in Report Writing	2013
Witness Familiarisation and Courtroom Skills	2013
Duties and Requirements of Medico-Legal Expert Witnesses	2013
Cross-examination of Expert Witness Training	2014
Law and Procedure	2015
Bond Solon Annual Expert Witness Conference	2017
Witness Familiarisation and Courtroom Skills	2018
Discussion Between Experts (Bond Solon)	2019
Surgery and the Law (Royal College of Surgeons)	2019
Bond Solon Annual Expert Witness Conference (Virtual)	2021
Bond Solon Annual Expert Witness Conference (Virtual)	2023