

Curriculum Vitae

Mr Filippo Di Franco

Qualifications, Training, Accreditations

2021 CUBS Expert Witness Certificate (Civil)
2010 FRCS (General Surgery)
2010 MD - Newcastle University
2001 FRCSI
1995 MBBS - University of Catania

Present positions

2017 – present Consultant Upper Gastrointestinal and Laparoscopic Surgeon
North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust
2017 – present Director – Division of Surgery
North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust

Past Positions

2015 – 2017 Associate Medical Director – Surgery Division
Hinchingsbrooke Health Care NHS Trust
2011 – 2017 Consultant Upper Gastrointestinal and Laparoscopic Surgeon
Hinchingsbrooke Health Care NHS Trust
2005 – 2011 Higher Surgical Trainee
North East of England Rotation
2003 – 2005 Research Fellow in Oesophago-Gastric Surgery
Newcastle University

Principal Professional Specialisms

I specialise in general surgery and all aspects of benign upper gastrointestinal surgery and emergency general surgery, including laparoscopic/open surgery for gallstones, groin hernias, hiatus hernia, acid reflux and acute intra-abdominal conditions such as peptic ulcer disease, bowel obstruction and perforation, appendicitis, cholecystitis, pancreatitis, peritonitis and trauma. I am also a JAG accredited upper gastrointestinal endoscopist.

Awards and Other Professional Responsibilities

I have been awarded three Clinical Excellence Awards (two in 2016 and one 2018) points. I have been a member of the “Q” (quality) initiative of Health Foundation since 2018 and Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons since 2001. As Divisional Director for Surgery at North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust, I am responsible for the overall performance of the Division of Surgery which includes 15 Departments.

Published Book Chapters

I am the author of one book chapter in the Oxford Handbook of Clinical Surgery - 3rd Edition (Oxford University Press) and two book chapters in the Oxford Handbook of Operative Surgery – 2nd Edition (Oxford University Press).

Research Publications and Presentations

I have published some 22 papers in peer-reviewed journals on topics in general surgery. The majority of these papers relate to laparoscopic surgery and emergency surgery. Five of these papers were published in the British Journal of Surgery, which is one of the surgical journals with the highest Impact Factor. The research work I have been involved with has led to 29 presentations at national and international conferences.

Training as an Expert Witness

I hold the Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Expert Witness Civil Certificate (2021).

To complete my CUBS (Civil) I have undergone the following Bond Solon Expert Witness training courses:

- Excellence in Report Writing (2019)
- Courtroom Skills (2020)
- Cross-Examination Day (2020)
- Civil Law and Procedure (2020)