
CURRICULUM VITAE

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- Lancashire Clinic, 8 Church Road, Lytham St Annes. FY8 5LH.
- 76 Gartside Street, Manchester. M3 3EL.
- The Physio and Therapy Rooms, 5 Cromwell Terrace, Gisburn Road, Barrowford. BB9 8PT
- Ready Health, 22 High Street, Standish, Wigan, WN6 0HL
- The Consultation Rooms, 36 Chorley New Road, Bolton, BL1 4AP.

QUALIFICATIONS

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| • LLM (Medical Law & Ethics) De Montfort University. | November 2018 |
| • MFSTEd (RCS Edinburgh). | July 2018 |
| • FRCS (Trauma & Orthopaedics). | November 2009 |
| • Diploma in Sports and Exercise medicine (DFSEM, UK) (Faculty of Sport & Exercise Medicine, UK). | May 2025 |
| • Fellowship of the European Board of Orthopaedics & Trauma (FEBOT). | October 2009 |
| • FRCS; Royal College of Surgeons, England, UK. | April 2011 |
| • DNB (Orthopaedics); India. | December 1998 |
| • M.S. (Orthopaedics); University of Mumbai, India. | January 1998 |
| • MBBS (Trichur Medical College, Kerala, India). | 1986-1993 |

CURRENT NHS APPOINTMENT

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon based at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary (University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust) since August 2011.

SUBSPECIALITY INTEREST

- Upper limb.
- General trauma.

MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIETIES

- British Orthopaedic Association.
- British Elbow and Shoulder Society.
- Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.
- Member of the Faculty of Surgical Trainers, RCS Edinburgh.
- British Medical Association.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Medicolegal Report Writing Experience:

I have been writing medicolegal reports writing since 2012. This is a mixture of personal injury and clinical negligence, for both claimant and defendant. I aim to produce high quality, unbiased reports within the accepted time frames.

Medicolegal Faculty Experience:

- Presentation on “**How to avoid Litigation**”, British Elbow and Shoulder society annual conference, Gateshead, 25th June 2026.
- Faculty for “**An Introduction to Coronial Law and Mock Coroner's Inquest**” – 17th September 2024 at the British Orthopaedic Association Annual Congress, Birmingham.
- Co-author of “**Practical guidance for Orthopaedic surgeons preparing expert medicolegal reports**”-May 2024 (On behalf of the British Orthopaedic Association) at <https://www.boa.ac.uk/standards-guidance/medico-legal-resources/expert-witness-guidance.html>
- Faculty for the “**Law for orthopaedic surgeons-avoiding jeopardy**”- course run by the British Orthopaedic Association: 16th June 2021, 5th May 2022, 12th October 2022.

- **Clinical negligence fundamentals** presentation given to Surgical specialty Board in General Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh: 24th April 2024.
- Medicolegal Issues in Shoulder Surgery, 19th September 2019, Slater & Gordons, Manchester to an audience of solicitors.
- Medical Malpractice Update-Royal Lancaster Infirmary, 14th October 2019 to doctors, nurses and other staff.

POSITIONS HELD

- Member Medicolegal Committee, British Orthopaedic Association - 2020 to 2025.
- Performance assessor for General Medical Council - Feb 2022 to date.
- Member, Surgical Specialty Board, Trauma & Ortho, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, 2023- 2026.
- Regional Specialty Professional Advisor for Trauma & Orthopaedics (Royal College of Surgeons, England) - August 2022 to 2026.
- Member BMA, Northwest Regional Council Member- September 2022 to July 2025.
- Examiner for FRCS (Tr & Orth)- Joint committee on intercollegiate examinations, UK.
- Hon. Lecturer, Lancaster University.
- MRCS Examiner, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.
- Member of Appointments Advisory Committee, Royal College of Surgeons of England.
- Member, Faculty of Surgical Trainers, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.
- Recognised trainer of junior doctors.

EXPERIENCE

I am a Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon as well as a member in good standing of the British Orthopaedic Association, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

I always endeavour to achieve excellence, as evidenced by my experience and qualifications. For example, my master's degree in medical law (LLM), which I completed in November 2018 with merit, made me one of a select group of NHS Consultants holding such a qualification. Modules included 'Introduction to Healthcare Law and Ethics', 'Patient Safety', 'Quality and Professional Regulation in Health', 'Medical Negligence', 'Expert Evidence', 'Coroner's Law', and 'Consent and Incapacitated Patients'. As such, I can now critically analyse medical records and academic legal commentary to buttress or negate any point of law in question. I have also given lectures on clinical negligence regionally and nationally.

My interest in trauma inspired me to become part of the Orthopaedic Trauma on-call service at my local hospital in Lancaster. My other roles include being an examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and a member of the Appointments Advisory Committee for the Royal College of Surgeons of England, overseeing consultant appointments in Trauma & Orthopaedics. I am also a Performance Assessor for the General Medical Council (GMC).

During my studies, I wrote a 15,000 word dissertation on the topic "Rationing of healthcare in the United Kingdom state-funded care system and its impact on human rights in comparison with other developed nations", which gave me a unique insight into the legal issues that arise when human rights conflict with healthcare delivery.

RELEVANT TRAINING

- Premex , Leading by example medicolegal update conference, 20th November 2025, Manchester.
- Premex , Leading by example medicolegal update conference, 21st November 2024, Bolton.
- Causation and Case Law update- Bond Solon /Medco, 16th September 2024.
- Civil Law and Procedure rules Part 1- Bond Solon /Medco, 16th September 2024.
- Civil Law and Procedure rules Part 1 and 2 (Medco mandatory training), 24th June 2023.
- Bond Solon- Legal Update for Expert Witnesses 2020, 22nd January 2021.
- AvMA (Action Against Medical Accidents) clinical negligence training, 30th/31st January 2020.
- Premex Plus Clinical Negligence Conference, 28th November 2019, Birmingham.
- Completed LLM in Medical Law & Ethics from De Montfort University, Leicester, December 2018.
- Bond Solon- Clinical Negligence Training (organised by Premex Plus), 18/19th October 2018, Birmingham.
- Medicolegal Expert Witness: clinical negligence course by Barrister, Jonathan Dingle-(CPD approved by Royal College of Physicians – RCP no. 108830), Manchester, 17th November 2016.
- NCAS Lead Assessor or Just In Time Training, 28th July 2017, London.
- NCAS Lead Assessor Training, 18th to 20th October 2016, London.
- Bond Solon Part 1 of the Certificate of Medical Reporting: The Civil Procedure Rules Expert Witness Certificate, March 2014.

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

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