

Mr. Vijay Joshi

Qualifications: MBChB, LL.B (Hons) FRCSEd (C-Th), PgCert (Medical Law)

Current Position: Consultant in Thoracic Surgery

GMC: Full: 6163569

Indemnity: MPS: 326054 (full medicolegal cover)

Clinical Practice and Experience

I was appointed as a Consultant in Thoracic Surgery at the Wythenshawe Hospital; part of the Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) in 2018. I completed a 2-year advanced surgical fellowship at the prestigious Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, USA as well as an observership at the University of Toronto and a robotic/minimally invasive fellowship at James Cooke University Hospital prior to being appointed as a Consultant. I am the divisional lead for our morbidity and mortality governance process. I am a member of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (MPTS), which hears regulatory cases brought forth by the GMC. I helped develop our One-Stop Lung Cancer Clinic for high-risk lung cancer patients and I lead our sarcoma / chest wall surgery service at MFT. Additionally, I provide acute trauma care for chest injuries as part of the Greater Manchester service.

Clinical Interests

My clinical focus is in minimally invasive surgery, thoracic surgical oncology and chest trauma. I treat patients who require pleural surgery (including effusions, empyema and pneumothorax), thymic surgery, diaphragm palsy and hernia, chest wall tumour resection and reconstruction, lung volume reduction, airway and tracheal procedures as well as emergency thoracic surgery; including chest wall trauma. I have acquired experience in upper gastrointestinal surgery, complex diaphragmatic hernia, mesothelioma, and extra-corporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) as part of my extensive training background. I am also consulted by paediatric surgeons to advise or assist in cases involving thoracic pathology in children.

Teaching and Training

I frequently present research at professional conferences, and I have also been invited to give medico-legal related talks in Thoracic Surgery internationally to both doctors and lawyers. I have mentored both regional and international medical students and I mentor both junior doctors and those ready for consultant level practice. I have received two silver awards from Manchester Medical School for my skills as an educator.

Summary of Publications

I regularly undertake clinical research and I have over 40 published manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals as well as a book chapter. Areas include: lung cancer, chest wall surgery, post-operative complications, pneumothorax, minimally invasive techniques (VATS), thymic surgery, extra corporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), robotics, diaphragmatic hernia, wound infections, trauma, post-operative complications, and airway intervention. My research is presented at both national and international forums.

Memberships of Professional Bodies and Learned Societies

Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh)

European Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Medical Protection Society

Chest Wall Injury Society

Prizes and Awards

Gold Award – Northwestern Deanery School of Surgery

Professor Robert Roaf Scholarship Prize – University of Liverpool Medical School

Thomson Reuters Law Prize - Nottingham Law School

Silver Award for teaching – Twice awarded by University of Manchester Medical School

Clinical Excellence Award from Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

Medico-Legal

I have undergone expert witness training with Bond Solon and I have attained the Cardiff University Bond Solon (CUBS) Civil Expert Witness Certificate. I have completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Law with Northumbria University Law School and an LL.B (Hons) at Nottingham Law School. I have full medico-legal indemnity and attend medico-legal conferences every year to keep my knowledge up-to-date.