



MEDICOLEGAL CV CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	
Professional Qualification(s) BMBCh (Oxford 1992)	Professional Discipline Ophthalmology/Ophthalmic Surgery
Specialist Fields Paediatric Ophthalmology, Strabismus	Higher/Specialist Degree/Diploma FRCOphth 1996 PhD (University of Manchester) 1999
Areas of Particular Expertise Eye disorders in children and young people including Childhood Strabismus and amblyopia, Trauma, Congenital Cataract and Glaucoma, Genetic Eye Disorders, Paediatric uveitis, Neurometabolic disease and the eye, Cerebral Visual Impairment, Retinopathy of Prematurity.	
Experience in Specialist Area I have been a Consultant at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital since 2007 providing a general ophthalmic service and a tertiary referral service in clinical and surgical Paediatric Ophthalmology. I am currently an Honorary MAHSC Professor at the University of Manchester. Previous posts include Head of School of Ophthalmology Health Education North West until 2024, Greater Manchester Ophthalmology Clinical Research Network Lead, Clinical Lecturer in Ophthalmology to the University of Manchester (2000-2005) and Clinical Fellow in Paediatric Ophthalmology (2005-2007). I have authored or co-authored more than 80 research papers, 4 book chapter and have co-edited a textbook on genetics for ophthalmologists (Elsevier). I have carried out medicolegal work in ophthalmology since 2016 and have completed approximately 100 cases in the last 12 months (Clinical Negligence). I have been awarded the Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate. My work is approximately 55% claimant, 40% defendant and 5% joint and I have appeared in Court on 5 occasions in the last 5 years. I have been on the GMC medicolegal expert witness list since 2021 and worked for the Irish Medical Council, providing expert evidence in fitness to practice cases.	

Peer-reviewed publications (last 5 years)

Incidence, sociodemographic and presenting clinical features of childhood non-infectious uveitis: findings from the UK national inception cohort study.

Solebo AL, Kellett S, McLoone E, Petrushkin H, Gonzalez-Martin J, **Ashworth J**, Choi J, Pilling RF, Armon K, Warriar K, Sharma SM, Rahi JS; Members of the UNICORNS (Uveitis in Childhood National Cohort Study) Group; Members of the UNICORNS (Uveitis in Childhood National Cohort Study). Br J Ophthalmol. 2025 Apr 21:bjo-2024-326674.

Real-world outcomes of Voretigene Neparvovec: a single-centre consecutive case series.

Jalil A, Ferrara M, Lippera M, Parry N, Black GC, Banderas S, Ashworth J, Biswas S, Hall G, Gray J, Newman W, Ivanova T. Eye (Lond). 2025 May;39(7):1356-1363.

Stopping of adalimumab in juvenile idiopathic arthritis-associated uveitis (ADJUST): a multicentre, double-masked, randomised controlled trial.

Acharya NR, Ramanan AV, Coyne AB, Dudum KL, Rubio EM, Woods SM, Guly CM, Moraitis E, Petrushkin HJD, Armon K, Puvanachandra N, Choi JT, Hawley DP, Arnold BF; ADJUST Study Group. Lancet. 2025 Jan 25;405(10475):303-313.

Retinopathy in Mucopolysaccharidoses.

Noor M, Mehana O, Mata G, Aslam T, Parry N, McGrath O, Sornalingam K, Ghosh A, Jones S, Ashworth J. Ophthalmology. 2025 Apr;132(4):461-475.

Adalimumab (ADA) in Pediatric Non-infectious Uveitis: An Observational Study.

Ghanma RA, Steeples L, Pockar S, Sharma V, Chieng A, Ashworth J. Cureus. 2024 Apr 25;16(4):e59019.

Biomarkers of Glycosaminoglycans (GAG) accumulation in patients with mucopolysaccharidosis type VI-LeukoGAG, Corneal Opacification (COM) and Carotid Intima Media Thickening (CMT).

Sohn YB, Wang R, Ashworth J, Broqua P, Tallandier M, Abitbol JL, Jozwiak E, Pollard L, Wood TC, Aslam T, Harmatz PR. Mol Genet Metab Rep. 2023 Dec 28;38:101041.

Monitoring compliance to topical therapy in children and young people with uveitis.

Green EKY, McGrath O, Steeples L, Ashworth JL. Eye (Lond). 2024 Feb;38(3):572-577.

Ethambutol and visual assessment in England: current practice and recommendations.

MacVinish S, McMaster D, Moledina T, Tamne SK, Ashworth J, Anderson SR. Eye (Lond). 2024 Jan;38(1):112-117.

The Role of Genetic Testing in Children Requiring Surgery for Ectopia Lentis.

Musleh M, Bull A, Linton E, Liu J, Waller S, Hardcastle C, Clayton-Smith J, Sharma V, Black GC, Biswas S, Ashworth JL, Sergouniotis PI. Genes (Basel). 2023 Mar 25;14(4):791.

Temporal trends in the epidemiology of childhood severe visual impairment and blindness in the UK.

Teoh LJ, Solebo AL, Rahi JS; British Childhood Visual Impairment and Blindness Study Interest Group. Br J Ophthalmol. 2023 May;107(5):717-724.

The role of screening and surveillance in the detection of childhood vision impairment and blindness in the UK.

Solebo AL, Teoh L, Rahi JS; British Childhood Visual Impairment and Blindness Study Interest Group. Arch Dis Child. 2022 Sep;107(9):812-817.

Changes in Corneal Clouding Over Time in Patients With Mucopolysaccharidosis.

McGrath O, Sornalingam K, Aslam T, Ashworth J. Cornea. 2023 Aug 1;42(8):992-999.

Tubulointerstitial nephritis and uveitis in children during the COVID-19 pandemic: report of four cases.

Sakhinia F, Brice V, Ollerenshaw R, Gajendran S, Ashworth J, Shenoy M. J Nephrol. 2023 Jun;36(5):1451-1455.

Update on the systemic management of noninfectious uveitis in children and adolescents.

Leal I, Steeples LR, Wong SW, Giuffrè C, Pockar S, Sharma V, Green EKY, Payne J, Jones NP, Chieng ASE, Ashworth J. Surv Ophthalmol. 2024 Jan-Feb;69(1):103-121.

Bi-allelic mutation of CTNNA1 causes a severe form of syndromic microphthalmia, persistent foetal vasculature and vitreoretinal dysplasia.

Taylor RL, Soriano CS, Williams S, Dzulova D, Ashworth J, Hall G, Gale T, Lloyd IC, Inglehearn CF, Toomes C, Douzgov S, Black GC. Orphanet J Rare Dis. 2022 Mar 4;17(1):110.

Paracentral Acute Middle Maculopathy in A Young Girl Treated with Interferon-Beta for Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma.

Giuffrè C, Syed S, Pockar S, Ashworth JL, Steeples LR. Ocul Immunol Inflamm. 2022 Feb 24;1-5

MPS VII - Extending the classical phenotype.

Oldham A, Oxborrow NJ, Woolfson P, Jenkins P, Gadepalli C, Ashworth J, Saxena A, Rothera M, Hendriksz CJ, Tol G, Jovanovic A. Mol Genet Metab Rep. 2022 Oct 20;33:100922

Management of Corneal Clouding in Patients with Mucopolysaccharidosis.

McGrath O, Au L, Ashworth J. J Clin Med. 2021 Jul 24;10(15):3263.

Cataract management in children: a review of the literature and current practice across five large UK centres.

Self JE, Taylor R, Solebo AL, Biswas S, Parulekar M, Dev Borman A, Ashworth J, McClenaghan R, Abbott J, O'Flynn E, Hildebrand D, Lloyd IC. Eye (Lond). 2020 Dec;34(12):2197-2218.

Areas of agreement in the management of childhood non-infectious chronic anterior uveitis in the UK.

Solebo AL, Rahi JS, Dick AD, Ramanan AV, Ashworth J, Edelsten C; Members of the POIG Uveitis Delphi Group. Br J Ophthalmol. 2020 Jan;104(1):11-16.

Management of paediatric ocular inflammatory disease in the UK: national survey of practice.

Solebo AL, Rahi JS, Edelsten C, Ashworth JL, Dick AD; Paediatric Ocular Inflammation Group. Eye (Lond). 2020 Mar;34(3):591-592.

Clinical utility of genetic testing in 201 preschool children with inherited eye disorders.

Lenassi E, Clayton-Smith J, Douzgou S, Ramsden SC, Ingram S, Hall G, Hardcastle CL, Fletcher TA, Taylor RL, Ellingford JM, Newman WD, Fenerty C, Sharma V, Lloyd IC, Biswas S, Ashworth JL, Black GC, Sergouniotis PI. Genet Med. 2020 22(4):745-751.

Diagnostic yield of panel-based genetic testing in syndromic inherited retinal disease.

Jiman OA, Taylor RL, Lenassi E, Smith JC, Douzgou S, Ellingford JM, Barton S, Hardcastle C, Fletcher T, Campbell C, Ashworth J, Biswas S, Ramsden SC; UK Inherited Retinal Disease Consortium, Manson FD, Black GC. Eur J Hum Genet. 2020 28(5):576-586.

Research Undertaken	Portfolio adopted studies into genetics of childhood cataract, retinopathy of prematurity and eye disease in neurometabolic disorders. I am principal investigation for industry funded research studies into paediatric eye disease, and have received research grants which provide funding for a research fellow. I was Ophthalmology lead for the Greater Manchester Clinical Research Network until 2023.
Details of Teaching/Training Others	I was Head of the School of Ophthalmology until 2024 and prior to this was Training Programme Director for Health Education North West. I supervise/train Specialist Registrars and 2 current Fellows in Paediatric Ophthalmology, and am active in supervision of research fellows and teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate level. I am an examiner for the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, and a member of the RCOphth Curriculum committee and Paediatric Ophthalmology sub-committee. I was a member of the steering committee for the European Reference Network for rare Eye diseases (EYE-ERN) and was co-chair for paediatric ophthalmology. Founder member of the UK Paediatric Ocular Inflammation Group (2018). I am a member of the American Association of Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS) and British and Ire Paediatric Ophthalmology Society (BIPOSA). I am Education Officer for BIPOSA.
Continuing Training CME/CPD	Annual programme monitored by Royal College of Ophthalmologists

MEMBERSHIPS ETC	
Committee Memberships	Member of RCOphth Curriculum Committee Member of Paediatric Ophthalmology Subcommittee BIPOSA Executive Committee Previous Chair of Specialist Training Committee HENW Previous Chair of North West Clinical Research Network for Ophthalmology and Manchester Royal Eye Hospital Research Committee
Professional Memberships	Fellow of Royal College of Ophthalmologists Member of AAPOS (American Association for Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus) Member of British Isles Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus association (BIPOSA) British Medical Association UK Eye Genetic Group (UK EGG)
Other Areas of Special Interest	UK Paediatric Ocular Inflammation Group. Guardian of Safe Working, Manchester Foundation Trust from 2016-2018 Education lead Manchester Royal Eye Hospital from 2014-2016 Safeguarding lead MREH from 2013 College Tutor MREH until 2014 Training Programme Director Ophthalmology Health Education North West from 2014 Head of School of Ophthalmology until 2024
Languages	English
