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Clinical experience

I qualified with Distinction in Medicine from King's College London in 2007 and commenced practice in anaesthesia in 2010. I was awarded the MacIntosh medal when I gained Fellowship of the Royal College of Anaesthetists in 2013. I completed clinical and academic training in London, Brighton and Nottingham and took up a consultant post in Nottingham in 2018.

I administer 200-500 general anaesthetics and around 200 regional anaesthetics (epidurals, spinal and nerve blocks) per year. I have training and experience in all anaesthetic subspecialties. My major clinical interests are regional anaesthesia, trauma management, neuroanaesthesia, airway management, perioperative medicine and risk assessment. In addition to these specialties I provide resuscitation, sedation and high acuity care to patients in the emergency department and around the hospital. These clinical activities account for approximately 70% of my working time. The rest of my time I spend in teaching, research and medicolegal practice. I no longer practice in chronic pain management, intensive care, neonatal, cardiac or obstetric anaesthesia.

Academic medicine

I have published around 50 scholarly articles and contributed chapters to several international anaesthetic textbooks, including highly cited work on complications of anaesthesia. I was awarded a PhD from the University of Nottingham for my thesis on the care of patients under sedation. I have delivered research and educational presentations to national scientific meetings on subjects including nerve injury, safe sedation and regional anaesthesia. As either Principal- or Co-Investigator I have been awarded research funding totalling £1.8M from awarding bodies including the National Institute for Health Research and the Medical Research Council.

Affiliations

- Fellow, Royal College of Anaesthetists
- Fellow, Higher Education Academy
- Member, Association of Anaesthetists
- Member, Regional Anaesthesia UK
- Member, Neuroanaesthesia and Critical Care Society of Great Britain and Ireland
- Member, Anaesthetic Research Society
- Member, Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland

Medicolegal activity

I am my departmental lead for Mortality and Morbidity review and have undergone training in Structured Judgment Case Review by Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. I completed training in civil law and procedure, report writing, and courtroom skills by Bond Solon in 2021. I accept instruction in civil litigation on behalf of both defendant and claimant.