



# Curriculum Vitae

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Consultant Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgeon

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Date of Birth: 31 July 1947

Family                              Married, Four children.  
Medical School                      St. Thomas' Hospital, London University

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MDU:                                 Registration No. 096202

Qualifications:                      M.B., B.S. (London)                      June 1971  
   L.M.C.C. (Canada)                      June 1974  
   F.R.C.S. (England)                      May 1976

Date of Accreditation                      June 1987  
   ATLS 1996, 2004

Awards:                              Ethicon Travelling Scholarship 1982  
   Research fellowship St. Thomas' Hospital  
   Endowments 1984 and 1986.

   Royal College of Surgeons travelling  
   fellowship 1987

**Member:** British Orthopaedic Association  
British Society for surgery of the hand  
British Medical Association  
Naughton Dunn Society  
Birmingham Medicolegal society  
Warwickshire Medicolegal society

**Present Appointments:**

(1987-Present) Consultant Trauma, Orthopaedic & Hand Surgeon  
University Hospitals of Coventry & Warwickshire  
NHS Trust

**Past Appointments:**

Clinical Director Trauma and Orthopaedics  
Council Member British Society for surgery of the  
Hand  
Clinical Tutor Coventry & Warwick Hospital  
Surgical Tutor (RCS England)  
Higher Surgical training committee (West Midlands)

**Orthopaedic Training:**

Oct 1979 - April 1982 Orthopaedic Registrar St Thomas' rotation.

April - July 1982 Visiting Fellow Microvascular and Spinal  
Centres  
Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth (Ethicon Travelling  
Scholarship)

July 1982 - Jan 1983 Orthopaedic Fellow Hong Kong University  
Children's and Spinal Orthopaedics

Feb 1983 - Oct 1983 Hand and Plastics research SR Aberdeen  
Oct 1983 - Oct 1984 Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery Brighton  
Oct 1984 - July 1985 Research Senior Registrar Orthopaedics,  
St Thomas' Hospital, London  
July 1985 - Sept 1987 Senior Registrar, Orthopaedics,  
Guys and St Thomas' Hospitals, London

Sept - Nov 1987

Visiting Fellow, Hand Surgery Louisville and Indianapolis, USA. (RCS traveling fellowship)

### **Clinical Experience:**

After pre-registration training I was a casualty officer in London, a GP for a year in the UK and Canada and then a surgical registrar for four years in the specialities of general surgery, gastro-intestinal, vascular, urological and paediatric surgery. Orthopaedic training centred on the St Thomas' hospital programme in London and with extensive training in the rest of the UK and abroad

### **Present and Immediate Past:**

I am a consultant Orthopaedic and Trauma surgeon (General and upper limb) in Coventry and Warwickshire. I was the Clinical Director for Orthopaedics and Trauma for the UH C&W NHS Trust for nearly 6 years (1998-2005). I am in full time NHS practice , trauma and elective.

This unit is sizeable and expanding. It provides services for Coventry, Rugby and parts of Warwickshire. The unit has a heavy trauma workload and provides high quality integrated elective care in the majority of sub-specialities in Orthopaedics. The unit has twenty one orthopaedic consultants and associated junior staff. In 2002 an Academic unit was established with the appointment of Professor Damian Griffin as Professor of Orthopaedics (at Warwick University). The majority of Warwick University medical students are taught Orthopaedic surgery in our unit.

I have accumulated experience in all the main areas of Trauma and Orthopaedic surgery; Hip and Knee, Shoulder, Elbow, Hand, Spinal, Foot and Paediatric

### **Hand and Upper limb Surgery:**

In addition to General Trauma and Orthopaedics my specialist interest is in hand and upper limb surgery. About 70% of my workload is now upper limb.

### **Audit and Continuing Medical Education:**

Regular monthly audit meetings and attendance at meetings and training sessions to keep CME in date. Our unit has a yearly appraisal programme.

### **Teaching:**

Regular commitment, Orthopaedic surgeons in training, medical students and others. Lecturing on outside courses, including legal seminars on personal injury.

### **Publications / Research:**

Peer reviewed research and clinical publications in general orthopaedic and hand journals. Also Presentations to societies, book reviews etc.,

My research interests are in hand injuries, particularly tendon damage.

### **Medicolegal Practice:**

I have been providing medical reports for Personal Injury cases and Medical negligence for over 20 years. This is a good proportion and an enjoyable part of my private practice, and amounts to about 300 reports per year. My reports are independent, impartial and addressed to the court. I have never signed a formal contract with any medico-legal agency but I do very occasionally accept instructions from them. Almost all of my work is direct referral from solicitors. My instructions are split approximately 50/50 between defendant and claimant. An increasing number are joint reports. I have attended court on a number of occasions over these years and given expert evidence in court when requested.

**Fees:** All fees have attracted VAT since March of 2007

For up to date information please contact the Medicolegal service at Oak House (024 7656 1968) but as of October 2008 the usual fees are:

£400 - £450	Review of casenotes only (unless very complex and time consuming)
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£450-£475	Joint reports with other consultants at the Court's request
£450-£500	For the majority of reports when the patient is seen and a review of medical records is needed. VAT is now added to each report. There would be additional fees for the occasional complex cases or if there are extensive medical records to review. I have only rarely charged more than £600 for non-negligence cases. I accept all requests for reports on a cab rank principle unless the report is clearly better done by another specialist when I will advise the solicitors accordingly.

### **Cancellation charges for failure to attend for examination:**

No fee is charged for one missed appointment for examination since in my experience this is often the result of a communication error. However if, unusually, a patient fails to come for a second arranged appointment a fee of £400 is charged.

### **Other fees:**

£1000 - £1500	For medical negligence reports, depending on the complexity.
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### **Court fees:**

£850	Court attendance, half day in court, plus travel and accommodation expenses if incurred.
£1700	Full day in court plus travel and accommodation expenses if incurred.

**Court Case Cancellation:**

No fees are charged if notification of cancellation is received more than 7 calendar days before the proposed trial date. It is much appreciated if as much notice as possible can be given so my normal clinics and operating can continue. The NHS insists on 8 weeks notice of cancellation of clinics and operating lists. It is possible to arrange alternatives at shorter notice but this does represent a real problem for NHS Consultants who also do medicolegal work.

One half day fee (£850) is charged for cancellation and preparation etc if booked attendance at a court case is cancelled less than 7 calendar days before the first day of the trial.