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### Personal notes

After schooling in South Manchester I attended Manchester University. I took a degree in Physiology before completing medical studies in 1981. As an undergraduate I developed a keen interest in Orthopaedics and enjoyed an elective period at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre and John Radcliffe Hospitals in Oxford.

House jobs were undertaken in Manchester where I had the opportunity of working in the University Department of Rheumatology giving me insight into the medical approach to my chosen specialty and awaking a particular interest in rheumatoid arthritis. Further training took place in Bristol and Manchester before coming to Newcastle as a surgical registrar in 1985. Here I met Professor Jack Stevens who further encouraged me to pursue Orthopaedics as a career. My Orthopaedic training took place in the North East at both registrar and senior registrar level. I had the wonderful opportunity to undertake a Research Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in the USA, followed by an AO Fellowship in Berlin.

I completed training in 1994 and took up a consultant post at the Wansbeck Hospital in Ashington where I was keen to develop my practice as a general orthopaedic surgeon with interests in upper limb, and foot and ankle disorders. During this time my particular interest in foot and ankle developed and in 1997 I moved to Newcastle to specialise in this field. I now lead a multidisciplinary team providing care for routine and complex foot and ankle disorders.

### Organisations / wider responsibilities

#### Previously

Member – Regional Specialty Training Committee (Registrar Representative, Senior Registrar Representative, Consultant Representative Northumberland then Newcastle)

#### Presently

Hon Clinical Lecturer

Training Programme Director for Trauma and Orthopaedics

Member – Education Committee of the British Orthopaedic Association

Secretary – Education Committee of the British Orthopaedic Foot Surgery Society

Secretary – North of England Surgical Society

#### Fellowships and Awards

Medical Science Scholarship, 1977-78

Medical Research Council Award, 1977-78

Spastics Society Prize, 1980

B.O.A. De Puy International Orthopaedic Traveling Fellow, 1992

John Charnley Trust Award, 1992

AO-International Travelling Fellow, 1993

European Foot and Ankle Society Research Prize, 2002

### Published work

Blood flow in bone, Elbow Trauma and Imaging, Foot and Ankle Disorders, Structure and Function of the Foot, Education and Training

### Essence of practice

My practice is now almost entirely devoted to adult foot and ankle disorders. A wide spectrum of problems is covered including rheumatoid disease, neurological conditions, diabetes and trauma. The practice attracts many tertiary referrals.

### Expectations of trainees

I'm looking for trainees who are	I am irritated by trainees who
Keen to learn and involve themselves with clinical, audit and research activities, and who are prepared to question and discuss my clinical decisions.	Promise to do things but fail to deliver.