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Personal notes

Qualified St. Mary's Hospital 1964. Gained FRCS (Eng) 1970. Orthopaedic training Wessex 1970-1977. Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedics Nottingham 1977-2004, now retired.

Main interests have always been in Trauma always involved with AO from first course attended in Davos 1973 and involved in all the AO courses held in Nottingham from 1987-1997.

Emphasis on teaching principles and practical skills instruction in and out of the Operating Theatre.

I have always valued registrar training and in my dealings with all the above committees have tried to represent that where conflicts arise between service load and Training.

Married to physio (Tessa). Two adult children both work in Education. Outside interests involve Music (active involvement in Singing), Theatre, Fine Wine, Travel and walking.

Organisations / wider responsibilities

Previously-presently

Elected to BOA Council 1997-2000 and joined SAC during that time (1998).

Elected Chairman SAC 2002-2004.

Served on BOA Education Committee under Lester Sher's lead 2000-2002.

Examiner FRCS (Tr&Orth.) 1995 to date, and as Chairman SAC now on the Tr&O Intercollegiate Examining board.

Also have done my time as Trent Regional Specialty Adviser in T&O 1992-1997 and Clinical director successively at the two Nottingham hospitals from 1991-1997 BOA Linkman City Hospital Nottingham.

Fellowships

AO fellowship in Hanover Germany 1979

Published work

Papers on Skeletal Dysplasia, Ankle fusion, Ulna nerve decompression/transfer, Hip Replacement. Currently involved in a controlled trial comparing Charnley hips with an Uncemented Total hip Replacement in younger patients.

Essence of practice

Started as Paediatric Orthopaedic Consultant in 1977 but switched to mainly adult in 1981. Retained strong interest in Skeletal Dysplasia and took over the Nottingham Skeletal Dysplasia clinic when Ruth Wynne-Davies retired, and which I still run with others, namely Sunil Dhar and Mohnish Suri who is a Clinical Geneticist.

I have given up trauma call at 60, and am now involved with lower limb elective work especially of the hip. Interest in uncemented Hip replacement and more recently resurfacing procedures.