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Personal notes

I spent my childhood in Johannesburg, South Africa. After military service I went to the University of Witwatersrand to study Architecture but at the ends of my first year decided to pursue a career in medicine. My first four post registration years were spent in a mission hospital in Nqutu, Zululand during politically turbulent times. At that point I was responsible for all forms of surgery. My mentor was Anthony Barker a truly wise and compassionate man. The hospital, and its travelling clinic (van) was the only healthcare facility for an area the size of Northumberland.

I was aware of my shortcomings as a surgeon and moved to London in 1978 with my family to see civilisation first hand and to seek Surgical Education and Training.

Post FRCS in 1980 I met Jack Stevens (an inspirational teacher) and joined the Northern Regional Orthopaedic Training programme. Gaining a CCST in 1985 I moved to Ashington where although pursuing a lifelong passion in Hand Surgery I continued to work as a generalist

Organisations / wider responsibilities

Previously

Surgical Tutor
Council member BOA
Member, Secretary, Chairman Education Committee BOA
Regional Speciality Advisor RCS

Presently

Hon Clinical Lecturer
Regional Advisor in Surgery RCS
Chair BST committee
Member Competence working party BOA/SAC
Member DOH manpower working party
Member RCS working parties (BST, Role of Regional Representatives, Curriculum Group BST)

Fellowships

Northern Region Research Fellow 1981

Published work

Hip Fractures, Ankle Fractures, Humeral nonunion, Scaphoid nonunion, Hip Arthroplasty, Knee Arthroplasty, Outcome in Hip and Knee arthroplasty, Carpal tunnel outcome, Quality of Life measures, Surgical treatment of Talipes.

Wrist arthrodesis and arthroplasty, Revision Hip surgery, Work Related Disorders, Education and Training for PRHOs and SHOs, Surgeon Educator

Essence of practice

I am an enthusiastic Traumatologist. Hand surgery is my principal subspecialty. I maintain an interest in the management of poly arthritis or Rheuma surgery, I provide a degenerative spinal service

Expectations of trainees

I'm looking for trainees who	I am irritated by trainees who are
Work hard, are patient centred, are enthusiastic for knowledge and experience	Lazy and arrogant