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## Personal notes

In brief, I graduated in medicine from Charing Cross Hospital Medical School (University of London) in 1981 and completed my Specialist Higher Surgical Training in Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery in 1991. I then did a Clinical /Research Trauma Fellowship at the renowned Sunnybrook Trauma Centre in Toronto, Canada.

I have been in clinical practice as a Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford since 1992. I also held a consultant appointment at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford in post-injury reconstruction surgery and was an Honorary Senior Clinical Lectureship in Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery until 2004 when I was elected as Professor of Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery in the University of Oxford. I was the co-founder of the unique consultant delivered Oxford Trauma Service established in 1993 and my clinical practice is exclusively with the immediate treatment, rehabilitation and reconstructive surgery of patients sustaining musculo-skeletal and soft tissue injuries. Unlike most orthopaedic surgeons my practice is dedicated to those patients who have sustained injuries. My practice reflects Oxford's role as a regional and national referral centre for complex trauma and multiply injured patients; I particularly receive referrals for pelvic and acetabular reconstruction, complex fractures and for the treatment of fracture complications.

As a person, it's energy, hard work and always one step ahead of the medical political game. "NHS watching" is a productive sad pastime.

## Organisations / wider responsibilities

- 1992-95, 2003- Clinical Director of Trauma Services, John Radcliffe Hospital.
- 1994 Specialist Adviser to Health Authorities Acute Services Review.
- 1994 Advisor to the King's Fund: Acute Hospital Futures Report.
- 1995 Member of the Audit Commission: Accident and Emergency Services Review.
- 1995-98 Chairman of Critical Care Services, John Radcliffe Hospital
- 1996-97 A Member of the Combined BOA and BAPS Working Party on Open Tibial Fractures.
- 1996-97 President of the British Trauma Society.
- 1998-01 Member of the Working Party of the RCS/BOA on the Standards of Trauma Care in the UK
- 1997 Royal College of Surgeons Regional Specialty Adviser for the Oxford Region.
- 1998 Medical Adviser to the A.A. Foundation for Road Safety Research.
- 2000 - Royal College of Surgeons member Trauma & Orthopaedic SAC
- 2001-03 Chairman of AUK Long Bone Specialty Group
- 2001 NHS Ombudsman appointed independent review expert
- 2002 - Trauma Audit and Research Network (TARN) National Executive and Board Member
- 2003 - Adviser to NHS Chief Executive on "Managing for Excellence" evolution
- 2004 - Chairman UK AO Advances Course
- 2005- RCSE PMETB Quality Assurance Advisory Group
- 2005- DoH Trauma & Orthopaedic HRG Advisory Group

## Related Research and Teaching:

I have a particular interest and have published research relating to the care of the multiply injured patient, acetabular and pelvic fractures, fractures in the elderly, limb fracture surgery, fracture biomechanics, accident prevention and clinical outcome studies of orthopaedic trauma surgery techniques. In 2003 I founded the Kadoorie Centre for Critical Care Research and Education focusing on outcomes of treatment in the injured patient and established the Oxford Trauma Research Group. Since 1992 I have been a regular faculty member and lecture each year on national and international orthopaedic trauma surgery courses at both basic and advanced level. I currently chair the U.K. National AO Advanced Fracture Surgery Courses

## 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 and show good multidisciplinary team support	Want without giving; don't take the opportunity to maximise training opportunities