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Education:	Beachwood Boys High School	1979 - 1983
	University of Natal	1984
	University of the Witwatersrand Medical School	1985 - 1989
Qualifications:	MB ChB (Wits)	1989
	Diploma in Anaesthesia of the College of Medicine of South Africa	1992
	Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists	1997
	Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice (World Institute of Pain)	2005
	Fellow of the Faculty of Pain Medicine	2007
NHS employment:	Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust	2002 - 2013 Oxford
	University Hospitals NHS Trust	2013 - present
Medicolegal practice:	Manor Hospital, Headington (Oxford) Ten Harley Street Consulting Rooms, London	

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Professional qualifications: I qualified MBBCh at University of the Witwatersrand in 1989. After qualifying in South Africa, I spent 2 years as a general practitioner in both rural and urban communities. I moved to the UK in 1994 and was elected a fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (FRCA) in 1997 having passed the required examinations. I was elected a Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice of the World Institute of Pain (FIPP) in 2005. I was granted Foundation Fellowship of the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (FFPMRCA) in October 2007.

NHS Consultant appointments: I was appointed as a Consultant in Anaesthetics and Pain Management at Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust in 2002 until 2013, after which I was appointed to a consultant position in Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust. I have had a significant pain management clinical role since 2002 and have combined this with an anaesthetic commitment in primarily neuro-anaesthesia, complex spinal anaesthesia and gynaecological oncology anaesthesia.

NHS practice: My NHS duties have included the management of chronic pain at the Plymouth Pain Management Centre and then at Oxford Pain Management Centre. Both NHS services are interdisciplinary / multidisciplinary combining the services of medical consultants, specialist nurses, clinical psychologists and physiotherapists. I continue to work for the NHS on a full-time basis.

Specialist medical interests: I have extensive experience in the management of a wide range of painful conditions including those that can result from personal injury. This experience includes clinical problems such as complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), chronic pain syndromes, neuropathic pain, lumbar spinal pain & sciatica, thoracic spinal pain, cervical spinal pain & whiplash, shoulder pain, chronic pelvic pain, chronic pain after surgery & trauma, and complex opioid drug management cases. I have a particular interest in interventional pain management.

I have a particular expertise in interventional pain management: my experience includes a range of injections, radiofrequency techniques, spinal cord stimulation (SCS) and intrathecal drug delivery (ITDD) techniques.

Educational & training roles: In addition to an active involvement with local training & education, I have presented at local and national meetings including those of the Association of Anaesthetists of UK and Ireland. I am an Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer at the University of Oxford. I have regular medical student teaching commitments.

Additionally, I am an examiner for both the World Institute of Pain and the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Royal College of Anaesthetists.

I have also made presentations internationally e.g. at the Neuromodulation Society of UK and Ireland meetings in Germany (2013).

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Membership of professional organisations:

- British Pain Society (BPS)
- British Pain Society Medicolegal Special Interest Group
- International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP)
- World Institute of Pain
- International Neuromodulation Society (INS)
- Neuromodulation Society of UK & Ireland (NSUKI)
- British Medical Association
- Medical & Dental Defence Union of Scotland (MDDUS) (Clinical and medicolegal indemnity cover)

Positions of responsibility:

I was clinical lead for the Pain Management service (Plymouth Hospitals) from 2007 to 2013. I was actively involved with NHS management for local commissioning of services during this time. I have also organized a number of international meetings for specialists in ITDD and SCS. I was the consultant representative on the South West Regional BMA Consultant Committee from 2005-09. I was vice chairman of the Group of Anaesthetists in Training from 1997-2000 and in this capacity served on the council of the Association of Anaesthetists of UK and Ireland and the Royal College of Anaesthetists.

Medicolegal report writing experience: I have been preparing expert evidence for the Court in matters of personal injury and medical negligence for thirteen years, and I currently examine between 2 - 4 claimants each month. My reports most commonly relate to complex cases with symptoms of chronic pain persisting beyond the expected healing period associated with much more disability than might be expected.

I receive instructions from both claimant and defendants in a ratio of 40:60.

Courtroom experience and provision of oral evidence: I have presented evidence at Plymouth Coroner's court on four occasions in the last 10 years.

Lectures & educational meetings: I am available to lecture on the medicolegal aspects of pain management and other pain issues.

Membership of expert witness organisations: I am a member of the Society of Expert Witnesses and the Expert Witness Institute and am listed on the UK Register of Expert Witnesses.

Medicolegal Training and Courses attended:

I am currently a post-graduate student at De Montfort's University, Leicester studying for a Masters in Medical Law. Modules undertaken: Introduction to Medical Law, Expert Evidence and Medical Negligence.

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Medicolegal Training and Courses attended (continued):

- Medical & Legal Training Services, "Report Writing & Expert Evidence." London, March 2003.
- Exeter Medico-Legal Society. "A Medical and Legal day." September 2006.
- Medicolegal Expert Witness Course, London, September 2009.
- Exeter Medicolegal Society Conference. "Litigation and How to avoid it." September 2009.
- 2nd, 3rd 5th Medicolegal Conference, Peterhouse, Cambridge, 2012/13/15.
- Pain Expert Limited Conference, October 2016.
- Pain Expert Limited Conference, October 2017.
- Pain Expert Limited Conference, October 2018.

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