

## **MEDICO-LEGAL CV**

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I am Mark Julian Ashworth, I am a Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon, active in both NHS and private practice. My medical qualifications are MB ChB, FRCS, FRCS (Orth). I trained at Manchester University Medical School qualifying as a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in 1986 with two honours and one distinction grade at the second year MB examination in 1982. I also gained a Physiology BSc (Hons) 2(1) in 1983. I became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (FRCS) in 1992 and gained the higher qualification of FRCS (Orthopaedics) in 1997.

I trained in Trauma and Orthopaedic surgery for 6 years on the Oxford rotation, including a one-year fellowship in Adelaide, South Australia, in joint revision and sports medicine surgery in 1998. To a lesser degree I have trained in Plastic and Neurosurgery. I am on the Specialist Register and have practised as a Consultant in Trauma and Orthopaedic surgery since August 1999.

Approximately 30% of my clinical work is trauma and 70% is elective orthopaedic surgery. I have a special interest in revision joint replacement surgery of the hip and knee; young adult hip pain; hip & knee arthritis surgery and sports injury surgery.

I have been an honorary lecturer and I am currently a Clinical Fellow and examiner (Masters level) at the University of Plymouth.

## **Detailed scope of clinical practice:**

### **Hip joint pain and arthritis**

Joint preserving hip impingement surgery, (young adult hip pain management).

Hip arthroscopy both diagnostic & therapeutic.

Primary cemented, uncemented hip arthroplasty (replacement).

Revision from primary & resurfacing to cemented/un-cemented hip arthroplasty & impaction grafting.

Management of infected hip arthroplasty & fractures around hip replacements.

### **Knee arthritis**

Cemented total knee arthroplasty & (Oxford) unicompartmental knee arthroplasty.

Revision from primary to cemented/un-cemented knee arthroplasty (& impaction grafting) - including rotating hinge.

Management of infected knee arthroplasty & fractures around knee replacements.

### **Sports injury surgery**

Hip arthroscopy - therapeutic for labral tears and chondral injury.

Knee arthroscopy - meniscal repair/suturing, chondroplasty & microfracture.

Anterior cruciate ligament injury diagnosis and non-operative management (Since early 2017 I no longer perform ligament reconstruction surgery, having done so for 20 years prior to that).

### **Web Site:**

[www.hipandkneepain.org](http://www.hipandkneepain.org)

**Association Membership:**

The British Medical Association

The British Orthopaedic Society

The British Association for Surgery of the Knee

The British Hip Society

AO Educational Faculty (Association for the study of internal fixation)

Member of the **Faculty of Expert Witnesses**, 'the FEW' (Specialist info)

**Medico legal experience:**

I have been involved in the preparation of medico-legal reports since 1993, and regularly attend medico-legal conferences. My recent education in preparation of medical reports was provided by Professional Solutions Ltd March 2014, where training in preparation of medical negligence reports was given together with training in Concurrent Medical Evidence (Hot Tubbing). More recently, I attended the Specialist Info Medico-Legal Court Room Skills Course at 218 Strand, London on 22 October 2015. Currently approximately 60% of my personal injury reports are for the claimant, 20% for the defendant and 20% are jointly commissioned reports. My medical negligence reports are split 50:50.

As Clinical Director (and Deputy Clinical Director) of the Trauma & Orthopaedic Department of Torbay Hospital (2010 – 2016), I prepared reports in response to claims for negligence against the Trauma & Orthopaedic Department. These were used by the Torbay Litigation team and the NHSLA in answering the allegations.

My reports have been used as examples of good practice by Bond Pearce in educational seminars for other providers of medical reports.