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I am a Registered Medical Practitioner with a License to Practise.

I was appointed Consultant Histopathologist and Cytopathologist to St James's University Hospital, Leeds (now part of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust – LTHT) and Hon. Senior Lecturer in Pathology to the University of Leeds in February 1990.

Between 1992 and 1996 I was Head of Cytopathology, and between 1999 and 2001 I was Chairman of Diagnostic Services in Cellular Pathology, at St James's University Hospital.

Between 2001 and 2005 I was Divisional (subsequently Deputy) Medical Director in The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

Until December 2016, I was Lead Pathologist for Melanoma Skin Cancer at the Leeds Cancer Centre and a core member of the Gynaecological Cancer Centre and the Specialist Skin Cancer Centre MDTs.

From 2016-18, I was Consultant Histopathologist at Harrogate District Hospital.

I was Medical Lead for the West Yorkshire Cervical Cytology Screening Service until 2020 and a member of the LTHT Colposcopy MDT until 2022.

I am currently Consultant Cellular Pathologist at Nuffield Hospital Leeds and Spire Hospital. My practice is now sub-specialised to gynaepathology, dermatopathology and cytopathology.

I graduated MB ChB at the University of Birmingham, UK in 1981 and was appointed Lecturer in Pathology to the University of Birmingham in 1983. I became a Member of the Royal College of Pathologists (RCPath) by examination in 1988 and a Fellow in 1997. I was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine (University of Birmingham) by thesis in 1992 and the Diploma in Health Services Management (University of York) in 1994. I am author of 80 papers/abstracts in peer-reviewed journals and 3 book chapters.

I have been a Member of the British Association for Cytopathology (formerly British Society for Clinical Cytology) since 1990 and from 1997-2000 was a Member of the governing Council. I am also a Member of the Leeds and West Riding Medico-Legal Society, a Member of the British Society for Dermatopathology, a Member of the British Association of Gynaecological Pathologists and a Member of Melanoma Focus.

From 1993-1997 I was a Regional Secretary of the Association of Clinical Pathologists.

In 1998 I was elected Chairman of the Yorkshire Histopathology Network.

In 1999 I was appointed to the Cytopathology sub-committee of the RCPATH.

In 2001 I was elected to the Northern Regional Council of the College, becoming Chairman in 2004.

From 2004-2007, I served as a Member of the RCPATH Council. Until 2022 I was an Examiner for the RCPATH and formerly, for the NHS Cervical Screening Programme.

From 1999-2012, I was a Laboratory Inspector/Assessor for Clinical Pathology Accreditation (UK) Ltd.

From 2011-2015, I was Director of Professional Standards for the Royal College of Pathologists.

I have been preparing medicolegal reports since 1995 for both Claimant and Defendant, have attended a number of case conferences and have given expert evidence under cross examination in the High Court. Historically, my caseload has been 75% claimant, 25% Defendant, but in last few years greater predominance of Claimant cases. I specialize in Cytopathology, Dermatopathology, and Gynaepathology.

My clinical negligence caseload has been breach of duty (usually), breach and causation (often), and causation (occasionally). I prepare 50-70 reports per annum. I have given evidence 4 times in Court, 3 times for Defendant (1/3 defendant succeeded), and once for claimant (defendant succeeded). In 2 cases (both acting for Defendant) histology/cytology was a key aspect of the case (1 successful defence, one unsuccessful).

Over the past 28 years, I have carried out over one thousand post mortem examinations at the request of HM Coroner and on many occasions have given evidence in Court, sometimes under cross-examination, at Coroner's inquests. I am a member of the Expert Witness Institute.