

CURRICULUM VITAE

FOR MEDICO-LEGAL PURPOSES

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1994 to 2012 Consultant Plastic, Hand & Reconstructive Surgeon
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SUMMARY

- Mr Porter is a Consultant Plastic Surgeon with special expertise in hand injuries, diseases of the hand, soft tissue injuries and scarring.
- Mr Porter commenced medicolegal work for complex personal injury in 1996.
- Scarring was one of the issues in two thirds of the medical reports written by Mr Porter.
- Mr Porter has given evidence in Court for one clinical negligence case and at two employment tribunals.
- Mr Porter has undertaken the training and passed the examinations for the Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate. His name appears on the national register of university certificated expert witnesses.
- Mr Porter is registered for GDPR.

GENERAL INFORMATION

General Surgery Training 1970 - 1980

I had General Surgery training at registrar level, at the Warneford Hospital Leamington Spa, the Royal Free Hospital in London and St Alban's City Hospital.

Plastic Surgery Training 1981 - 1991

I was trained in Plastic Surgery at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, where I was Senior House Officer, Registrar, Locum Senior Registrar and an Honorary Registrar for research purposes. I had short periods of registrar training at Chepstow, Newcastle and Bradford. My training was completed, with two years at the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. I had training in emergency surgery, particularly the management and rehabilitation of patients with severe hand injuries. I had training in the complete range of Plastic Surgery including all hand conditions, head and neck surgery, skin cancer, breast reconstruction, burns and cosmetic surgery.

Research Experience

During my period of training, I published seventeen papers, either as first author or one of two authors. I have written a thesis, for a Master of Surgery Degree.

Consultant Experience

- 1) From 1991 to 1994, I was Locum Consultant for the waiting list initiative at Odstock Hospital Salisbury and Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital Alton. I treated a variety of surgical problems, including a large amount of cosmetic surgery, which was permitted on the NHS at the time. I also undertook trauma surgery, principally for hand injuries and road traffic accidents.
- 2) I was a substantive Consultant in Plastic Surgery, at Sandwell General Hospital, from October 1994 until my retirement from clinical practice in March 2012.

I had a special interest in emergency and elective hand surgery. I organised hand clinics, multidisciplinary with rheumatology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and neurophysiology. I developed an interest in the long term rehabilitation of hand surgery patients, in cooperation with colleagues in occupational therapy.

I had an interest in breast surgery, including breast reconstruction, breast reduction, breast augmentation and the treatment of breast asymmetry. I saw these patients at a weekly clinic in the Breast Unit.

I treated patients with all types of skin cancer. I took part in a skin cancer multidisciplinary team (MDT).

I treated soft tissue injuries, including facial injuries and soft tissue disruption associated with compound fractures. I managed patients with burns which did not threaten life. I gave advice to patients with scarring.

On the National Health Service, I performed cosmetic surgery permitted by the purchasing authorities. I took part in negotiations, to set up these purchasing arrangements for NHS cosmetic surgery. I continued to perform breast surgery and abdominoplasty, on the NHS, up to the time of my retirement.

- 3) I was the training representative for Sandwell, from 1996 to 2010. This involved the training and supervision of specialist registrars and representing Sandwell on the West Midlands Training Committee for Plastic Surgery. For the last two years, I was Chairman of the West Midlands Plastic Surgery Training Committee.
- 4) I was in private practice, from 1995 until 2008, working at the Droitwich Spa Hospital and the Wolverhampton Nuffield Hospital. Most of this private practice involved cosmetic surgery, including breast surgery, facial surgery, abdominal surgery, rhinoplasty and liposuction.

MEDICO-LEGAL WORK

I have written personal injury and clinical negligence reports, on a regular basis, since 1996 and I have produced approximately 4400 medical reports, up to October of 2020.

When I commenced medico-legal work, I obtained basic training in report writing, from the Medico-Legal Training Service. After retiring from clinical practice, I had further continuing medical education, with the objectives of keeping up to date with my areas of sub-specialisation in Plastic Surgery and updating my skills and knowledge of medico-legal practice. I have taken examinations in Law and Practice, Cross Examination Skills and Report Writing and I have been awarded the Cardiff University/Bond Solon expert witness certificate.

After appropriate assessment and appraisal, I revalidated with the General Medical Council in October of 2014. I have since had yearly assessment and appraisal in line with GMC rules and my revalidation was renewed on October of 2020. I have taken part in Mandatory Training and have completed modules in Equality and Diversity and Information Governance.

In personal injury I see clients who have sustained hand injuries (including metacarpal and phalangeal fractures), injuries to nerves, blood vessels and tendons in the upper limb, other soft tissue injuries, facial injuries (excluding fractures), scarring and burns.

I have withdrawn from clinical negligence work. I do not see clients who have undergone unsatisfactory cosmetic surgery, botox, filler injections or liposuction. I do not undertake criminal work. I will not see new personal clients after April 1st 2021.

<u>Approximate percentage of instructions from:</u>	Defendants	10%
	Claimants	80%
	Joint Instructions	10%

Waiting Time:

Approximately two to three weeks. Special appointments can be negotiated for clients who have difficulty with clinic times, or who travel a long way for appointments.

GENERAL AND MEDICAL EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Education:	Cheltenham College Junior School	1954 - 1959
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	Kings College, London	1964 - 1966
	Kings College Hospital Medical School	1966 - 1969
Qualifications:	MB BS London	1969
	MRCS LRCP	1969
	FRCS England	1974
	AKC	1969
	MS University of Southampton	1987
	FRCS Plast	1994
	Bond Solon Cert MR Part 35	2013
	Cardiff University/Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate	2013
Membership of Societies:	British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (BAAPS)	1996-2008
	Regional Fellow Royal Society of Medicine	
	Medical Defence Union (Number 088308C)	

Medicolegal Courses Attended:

Report Writing and Giving Evidence	MLTS*	2 May 1996
Equal Opportunities – Heartlands Hospital 1997	Sandwell	19 February
Anatomy of a Case - Survival Skills for Medical Practitioners	MLTS	1 May 1997
How to Write a Report 1997	MLTS	13 November
Risk Management in Plastic Surgery 1997	BAAPS	14 November
Civil Justice Reforms 1998	MLTS	14 October
Report Writing after Woolf - A Guide for Experts Day in Court	MLTS Academy of Experts	15 July 1999 8 March 2000
New Millenium New Demands	MLTS	9 March 2000
Courtroom Skills Training	Bond Solon	12 June 2002
Equal Opportunities in Recruitment and Selection Deanery Review Panel Member Training, West Midlands Deanery	PGM&DE	24 July 2002 10 Nov 2010

(*MLTS - Medico-Legal Training Service)

Continuing Medical Education since 2012:

Premex Expert Seminars Clinical Negligence	The Reebok Stadium, Platinum Suite, Bolton	Thurs 20 Sept 2012
Premex Expert Seminars The Expert Annual Conference	The Royal College of Physicians, Regents Park, London	Thurs 25 Oct 2012
The Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference	The Church House Conference Centre, Westminster, London	Fri 9 Nov 2012
Premier Medical and Premex Cert MR Part 1 in Civil Procedure Rules		February 2013
Derby Hand Course	Breadsall Priory Hotel	23 & 24 May 2013
Current Concepts in Aesthetic Breast Surgery	Royal Society of Medicine	1 October 2013
Training in literature searching	Library Royal society of Medicine	21 October 2013
The Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness conference	Church House Conference Centre Westminster London	8 November 2013
Premex Expert Witness Conference	National Exhibition Centre Birmingham	21 November 2013
London Breast Meeting	Royal College of Physicians, London	4-6 September 2014
Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference	Church House Conference Centre, Westminster	7 November 2014
Premex Expert Witness Conference	National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham	11 November 2014
Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference	London	6 November 2015
Premex Expert Witness Conference	NEC, Birmingham	17 November 2015
The Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference	Church House Conference Centre, Westminster	4 November 2016
Premex Expert Witness Conference	NEC, Birmingham	15 November 2016
Derby Advanced Hand Course	Royal Derby Hospital	18-19 May 2017
Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference	London	10 November 2017
Story Telling in Medicine	Royal Society of Medicine, London	21 September 2018
Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference	London	9 November 2018
Medical Stories and the Public	Royal Society of Medicine, London	12 November 2018
Premex Expert Witness Conference	NEC, Birmingham	13 November 2018
Bond Solon – Discussion between Experts – Training Course	St Pancras Meeting Rooms, London	8 April 2019
Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference	London	7 November 2019
Premex Expert Witness Conference	NEC Birmingham	27 November 2019
Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference	On line conference	3 November 2020

Training for the Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate:

Module 1 Excellence in Report Writing
 De Vere Holborn Bars London

10 June 2013

Module 2	Witness Familiarisation – Courtroom Skills De Vere Holborn Bars London	11 June 2013
Module 3	Cross Examination Day De Vere Holborn Bars London	12 July 2013
Module 4	Law and Practice 1 Novotel Hotel Manchester	12 September 2013
Module 5	Law and Practice 2 Novotel Hotel Manchester	13 September 2013

CONTACTING MR PORTER

- 1) Referrals by telephone should go to Benara Rahman’s mobile telephone number.
- 2) Referrals by e-mail and other correspondence should go to Benara Rahman’s e-mail number. This is the preferred method of communication.
- 3) **Please do not send postal correspondence to the Droitwich Spa Hospital, Sandwell General Hospital, the Apollo Surgery, or to the Summerfield Road Consulting Rooms. If paper correspondence cannot be avoided, please consult Benara Rahman to find out the correct address.**

The Civil Procedure Rules Expert Report Declaration

I am aware of the requirements of Part 35 and Practice Direction 35, the Protocol for the Instruction of Experts to Give Evidence in Civil Claims and the practice direction on pre-action conduct. I have obtained **Part 1 of the Bond Solon Certificate of Medical Reporting in Part 35 and the Cardiff University/Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate** to evidence my understanding and compliance of the above requirements.

