

Medico-LEGAL CV (December 2024)

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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 surgery and Neurosurgery. I am on the Specialist Register and have practised as a Consultant in Trauma and Orthopaedic surgery since August 1999.

Until February 2022, approximately 30% of my clinical work was trauma and 70% was elective orthopaedic surgery. Since February 2022, my practice has concentrated on 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. My patient management and innovation has been recognised by my NHS employer; I have been awarded 7 ‘clinical excellence awards’.

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

Web Site: www.hipandkneepain.org

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).

Association Membership:

The British Orthopaedic Society

The British Hip Society

The British Association for Surgery of the Knee

Girdlestone Orthopaedic Society

Full member of the **Expert Witness Institute** (MEWI)

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

Medico legal experience:

I have prepared medico-legal reports since 1992 and I regularly attend medico-legal conferences. I have given evidence in court on 4 occasions, most recently in December 2024 (over 2 days at the **Royal Courts of Justice**) and attended court on 2 other occasions where the case was settled immediately prior to entering court. I have prepared 120 reports on 90 cases in 2024. In 2019 I was admitted as a full member of The **Expert Witness Institute**.

Approximately 60% of my **personal injury reports** are for the Claimant, 35% for the Defendant and 5% jointly commissioned. I prepared 55 personal injury reports in 2024. My reports have been used as examples of good practice by Bond Pearce in educational seminars for other providers of medical reports

I reported on more than 35 **medical negligence** cases in 2024, totalling more than 65 separate reports. I confirm I am still practising within my speciality. My negligence reports are split 60:40 (Claimant:Defendant). I began preparing medical negligence reports in response to claims for negligence against the Trauma & Orthopaedic Department in 2010. These were used by the Torbay Hospital Litigation team and the NHS Litigation Authority, now NHS Resolution. This was in my role as Clinical Director of the Department (2010 – 2013). I began preparing negligence reports on behalf of solicitors and their clients in 2014.

Recent Medico-legal training:-

Expert Witness Institute – Expert evidence in court	November	2024
Legal Training Consultancy – Clinical negligence Update	July	2024
Bond Solon - Expert witness conference	2016,	2021 & 2023
British Orthopaedic Association - Medico-legal aspects of Trauma & Orthopaedic care	2021	& 2023
Iconic Media Solutions Specialist Info – Medico-legal conference	June	2023
Expert Witness Institute - Confidence in the courtroom	February	2023
Expert Witness Institute – Law for experts/report writing, courtroom skills	March	2019
British Medical Association - Medico-legal conference	March	2019
SpecialistInfo – Medico-legal courtroom skills course at 218 Strand, London	October	2015
Pro Sols Ltd - Negligence report training with concurrent medical evidence (Hot Tubbing)	March	2014