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PERSONAL PROFILE

A highly experienced qualified Surgical Care Practitioner specializing in cardiothoracic surgery, teaching surgical skills; a registered nurse with 18 years post registration experience across a range of settings within the NHS and private sectors. Currently working as a Lecturer in Nursing and Healthcare – teaching Applied Nursing and Clinical skills on the undergraduate program and lecturing across the post registration and CPD programs. Also acting as expert witness for breach of duty and causation.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Registered Nurse (Adult) NMC

2010 National Diploma Examination for Surgical Care Practitioners in Cardiothoracic Surgery, Royal College of Surgeon & SCTS (Distinction)

2009 – 2010 Certificate of Advanced Study in Surgical Care Practice, Imperial College London (Distinction)

1998 – 2002 Master of Nursing (Hons), University of Nottingham (2:1)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Nursing and Midwifery Council **2002 – present**
- Royal College of Nursing **2002 – present**
- Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery (Associate) **2008 – present**

TRAINING COURSES ATTENDED

2015 Institute of Leadership and Management: Level 3 Certificate, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust

2009 Advanced Scrub Practitioner, National Association of Assistants in Surgical Practice, Royal Cornwall Hospitals, Truro.

2008 Key Instruction in Surgical Skills, National Association of Assistants in Surgical Practice, Welsh Institute of Minimal Access Therapy, Cardiff

2007 Mentorship Update Course, Nottingham School of Nursing

2006 IPR Assessors Course, Nottingham School of Nursing

2006 Principles of Pain Management (Level 3 module), Nottingham School of Nursing (1st)

2004 ALERT Course, Nottingham City Hospital

2003 Critical Care Skills Course, Nottingham City Hospital

EXPERT WITNESS BACKGROUND

Experience in NHS secondary and private sector. Associated with AMG Consultancy Services Limited since 2020, acting in the capacity of expert witness in a specialist field of nursing. Provides reports on Breach of Duty and Causation where able to do so. Attended the AMG Expert Witness Medico Legal training Nov. 2020.

(Awaiting on attendance at the Bond Solon certificated legal training courses: “Excellence in Report Writing” and “Court Room Skills - Witness Familiarisation”).

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Missing Link: The Role of the Cardiac Surgical Care Practitioner in Bridging the Service-Training Gap. A.H Walker, S.E Deacon & L Hadjinnikolaou. Oral Presentation at the Forum of the Society of Cardiothoracic Surgery in Great Britain and Ireland National Meeting. London, **2011**

Does Routine Preoperative CT-PET Improve on an Aggressive Surgical Approach to the Suspicious Solitary Pulmonary Nodule? E.W Peng, S.E Deacon, S. Muller, A Nakas, A.E Martin-Ucar, D. Waller. Oral Presentation at the Forum of the Society of Cardiothoracic Surgery in Great Britain and Ireland National Meeting. Liverpool, **2010**

Exploring the Impact of Lung Resection for Carcinoma on Health Related Quality of Life. S.E Deacon, L. Beggs, F.D Beggs, J.P Duffy, A.M Majewski & A.E Martin-Ucar. Oral Presentation and Poster at the Forum of the Society of Cardiothoracic Surgery in Great Britain and Ireland National Meeting. Liverpool, **2010 (Best Poster Prize)**

The Impact of Oesophagectomy for Carcinoma on Health Related Quality of Life. S. Deacon, A Martin-Ucar, L Beggs, J. Duffy, E. Black & D Beggs. Oral Presentation at the Forum of the Society of Cardiothoracic Surgery in Great Britain and Ireland National Meeting. Edinburgh, **2008**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022 – Present Lecturer in Nursing and Healthcare. Running the clinical skills and Applied Practice module for 1st Year undergraduate program, as well as teaching across the years and on the CPD and post graduate programs.

2021 – 2022 Hourly Paid Lecturer – Institute for Health and Allied Professions, Nottingham Trent University. Deliver teaching on the undergraduate Nursing and post-graduate courses as required.

2019 – Present Theatre Practitioner –Independent Health Group, Syston. Assess and plan care preoperatively for day cases - Scrub/assist intraoperatively - Deliver post-operative care, discharge safely.

2018 – 2020 Business Owner (franchise)/Class Leader, Mini Professors Science Classes Loughborough. Delivering Science classes to children aged 2 to 5 in parent/child classes and preschools.

2013 – 2018 Senior Cardiothoracic Surgical Care Practitioner (Band 8a), at Glenfield General Hospital, Leicester. Operating independently in cardiothoracic theatres undertaking chest opening and closure, harvesting conduit and acting as 1st or 2nd assistant as required - Planning and contributing to pre-operative assessment and postoperative care.

2011 – 2013 Cardiothoracic Surgical Care Practitioner (Band 7), at Glenfield General Hospital, Leicester. Operating in cardiothoracic theatres – harvesting conduit and acting as 1st or 2nd assistant as required - Planning and contributing to pre-operative assessment and postoperative care.

2009 – 2011 Trainee Cardiothoracic Surgical Care Practitioner (Band 6), at Glenfield General Hospital, Leicester. Training to develop skills of surgical care practitioner, working under supervision. Attending Imperial College London – completing the Certificate of Advanced Study in Surgical Care Practice

2008 – 2009 Thoracic Scrub Practitioner (Band 5), at Glenfield General Hospital, Leicester. Scrubbing for a range of thoracic surgical procedures - Managing theatre lists, staff time and resources appropriately.

2005 – 2008 Staff Nurse, Thoracic Surgery (Band 5), at Nottingham City Hospital, Nottingham. Planning, implementing and evaluating the surgical care of thoracic surgical patients, including high dependency/progressive care - Regularly take charge of the unit, and coordinate staff and patient movement.

2004 – 2005 Staff Nurse (RN2), for Healthstra Employment Agency - Nursing Australia Group, Sydney, Australia. Agency shifts in a number of settings including general surgery, medical, gynecological, urology and day surgery units.

2002 – 2004 Staff Nurse, Cardiothoracic Surgery (D then E grade), at Nottingham City Hospital, Nottingham. Plan, implement and evaluate programs of care for cardiac and thoracic surgical patients.