# Abridged Curriculum Vitae

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Chair of Editorial Board, European Journal of Surgical Oncology

Past-Chair, Internal Medicine Programme of Care, NHS England

Past-Chair, NHS England HPB Specialised Commissioning Clinical Reference Group

Past-Chair, Colorectal Cancer Quality Standards Group, National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

Past-Chair, Colorectal Cancer Guideline Development Group, National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

Past-Surgical Chair, European Cancer Quality Assurance Group (EURECCA)

Past-Chair, Cancer Services Committee, Royal College of Surgeons of England

Past-Council Member, Association of Surgeons of Gt. Britain & Ireland

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#### **Brief Biography**

I was a Consultant General Surgeon at Aintree University Hospital NHSFT to which I was appointed in 2004 until I retired from full time NHS practice in 2018, and an Honorary Professor of Surgery at the University of Liverpool. Since that time, I have continued to work part time for NHS England and intend to do so for the foreseeable future. Prior to this appointment I was a Consultant Surgeon on the staff of the Royal Liverpool University Hospital to which I was appointed in 1990. I hold the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery of the University of London and DSc honoris causa from King George V University Medical School, Lucknow. I am a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the European Surgical Association. I am an Honorary Fellow of the American Surgical Association, the Chinese College of Surgeons, the Association of Surgeons of India and the Sri Lanka College of Surgeons. I am the President of the Mersey Medico-Legal Society and a Past President of the Liverpool and North West Society of Surgeons (2017-18), the European Society of Surgical Oncology (2012-14), the Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Gt. Britain & Ireland (2010-12), the British Association of Surgical Oncology (2005-7), and am a former Council member of the Association of Surgeons of Gt. Britain & Ireland, the British Society of Gastroenterology, and the United Kingdom & Ireland Neuroendocrine Tumour Society. I am Chair of the Editorial Board of the European Journal of Surgical Oncology. I am a past-Chair of the Royal College of Surgeons of England Cancer Services Committee, the Colorectal Cancer Guideline Development Group of the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence, the Colorectal Cancer Quality Standards Development Group of the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence, NHS England Specialised Commissioning Internal Medicine Programme of Care and NHS England Specialised Commissioning HPB Clinical Reference Group. I am the author of 10 textbooks of Surgery and over 260 peer reviewed scientific papers addressing issues within surgery. I have prepared >2000 reports to the Courts in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Hong Kong and the USA over the last 20 years addressing allegations of breach of duty, roughly 60% Claimant instructed. I have attended Court on 5 occasions to give evidence for medical negligence claims, the Court preferring my evidence on 4 occasions (2 Claimant instructed [including Spencer versus Hillingdon], and 2 Defendant instructed), and on the 5<sup>th</sup> case (Claimant instructed), the Court preferred my evidence on issues of Liability, but my evidence was unable to establish Causation. I have prepared over 800 reports to the Courts in England addressing personal injury claims.

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Date of Birth ~6th August 1955 - born Oldham, Lancs., United Kingdom

#### **Professional Education**

St George's Hospital Medical School, London University 1974-1979

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### **Professional Qualifications**

MB BS (London)	1979
FRCS (Edinburgh)	1984
FRCS (England)	1984
FMGEMS (ECFMG)	1985
MS (London)	1988
Certificate of Accreditation in General Surgery - RCS (England)	1991
DSc honoris causa (King George V University, Lucknow)	2015

# **Awards and Distinctions**

Anne Selina Fernee Scholarship, St George's Hospital Medical School	1974
Welcome Foundation Travelling Fellow	1985
Ethicon Foundation Travelling Fellow, RCS (England)	1985
Sir Arthur Hurst Travelling Fellow, British Digestive Foundation	1985
Amelie Waring Research Fellow in the Study of Pancreatic Disease,	1989
British Digestive Foundation	

Mayers Prize, Outstanding Alumni, Hulme Grammar School, Oldham Honorary Secretary, British Association of Surgical Oncology ACCEA B Award Lady Harding Orator, Maulana Azad Medical College, University of Delhi Ivor Lewis Orator, Welsh Surgical Society ACCEA Gold Award Guest of Honour, Scientific Sessions, College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka President, British Association of Surgical Oncology Honorary Fellow, College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka Guest of Honour, Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons of Taiwan N C Misra Medal, Indian Association of Surgical Oncology Kilroe Medal, The Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute, Manchester Honorary Fellow, Association of Surgeons of India Stanford Cade Medal, Royal College of Surgeons of England President, Association of Upper GI Surgeons Gt. Britain & Ireland Olav af Acrel Medal, Swedish Surgical Association ACCEA Platinum Award President, European Society of Surgical Oncology Chair, Editorial Board, European Journal of Surgical Oncology DSc honoris causa, King George V Medical University, Lucknow Ernest Miles Medal, Royal Marsden Surgical Society ACCEA Platinum Award renewal President, Liverpool and Northwest Society of Surgeons President, Merseyside Medico Legal Society Honorary Fellow, American Surgical Association Honorary Fellow, Chinese College of Surgeons European Society of Surgical Oncology Lifetime Achievement Award	1993 1996-9 2001 2003 2005 2005 2005-7 2006 2007 2008 2008 2008 2009 2010-12 2011 2011 2011 2012-14 2014 to date 2015 2015 2015 2017 2017 to date 2017 2017 2017
Honorary and Visiting Professorships  Hunterian Professor, Royal College of Surgeons of England Graham Coupland Visiting Professor, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney Visiting Professor, College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka Visiting Professor, Gujarat Cancer Centre, Ahmedebad Visiting Professor, Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi Visiting Professor, 2nd Army Hospital, University of Shanghai Visiting Professor, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York City Visiting Professor, People's Hospital, University of Beijing Visiting Professor, College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka Visiting Professor, Royal North Shore Hospital, University of Sydney Visiting Professor, University of Beijing Visiting Professor, Shanghai Cancer Centre Visiting Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Hangzhou Professor of Surgery, University of Liverpool Visiting Professor, South Central University, Changsha Visiting Professor, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre, New York City Visiting Professor, Fudan University, Shanghai Visiting Professor, Peking University International Hospital Visting Professor, Korea University Anam Hospital, Seoul	1993 1998 2003 2003 2003 2004 2005 2005 2005 2007 2008 2008 2011 2015 2017 2017 2017
Eponymous Lectureships Awarded	
Lady Harding Oration, Aulana Mauzad Medical College, University of Delhi Ivor Lewis Oration, Welsh Surgical Society N C Misra Oration and Medal, Indian Association of Surgical Oncology	2003 2003 2008

Kilroe Lecture and Medal, Christie Hospital, Manchester	2008
Stanford Cade Lecture and Medal, Royal College of Surgeons of England	2009
British Journal of Surgery Lecture, Swedish Surgical Association	2011
Distinguished Visitor, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	2015
British Journal of Surgery Lecture, Swiss Surgical Association	2015
Ernest Miles Lecture and Medal, Royal Marsden Surgical Society	2015
British Journal of Surgery Lecture, Society of University Surgeons	2018

# Membership of Learned Societies

President, Mersey Medicolegal Society

Past President (2017-18), Liverpool and Northwest Society of Surgeons

Past-President (2012-14), European Society of Surgical Oncology

Past-President (2010-12), Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Gt. Britain and Ireland

Past-President (2006-7)), British Association of Surgical Oncology

Past-Council Member, Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (2010-2014)

Past-Council Member, UK & Ireland Neuroendocrine Tumour Society (2005-2012)

Past-Council Member, British Society of Gastroenterology (2010-2012)

Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh 1984

Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England 1984

Fellow, European Surgical Association 2006

Honorary Fellow, American Surgical Association 2017

Honorary Fellow, Chinese College of Surgeons 2017

Honorary Fellow, Association of Surgeons of India 2005

Honorary Fellow, Sri Lanka College of Surgeons 2006

Member, Independent Doctors Federation 2018 to date

Member, European Neuroendocrine Tumour Society 2005 to date

Member, American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)(2000-2018)

Member (Founder) of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association 1988

Member of Convocation, University of London 1979

Member of the British Medical Association 1979 to date

Member of the Liverpool Medical Institution 1991 to date

#### Clinical Practice

Since my consultant appointment over 30 years ago, I developed an upper gastrointestinal surgical service (primarily oncological) with a major interest in hepato-biliary disease. Having moved to University Hospital Aintree in 2004, our new hepato-biliary unit has become one of the largest in the UK, performing ~200 liver resections per year. I have personally performed over 1000 elective hepatectomies for cancer with a hospital mortality rate of ~1%. My practice has been externally audited by Liverpool Health Authority and the European Liver Metastasis Resection Registry. These audits have demonstrated that one year survival following hepatectomy for colorectal metastases, in my hands, exceeds 90%, 5 year survival 42% and 10 year survival 22%. Furthermore, I have one of the largest personal experiences in the UK of biliary reconstruction following cholecystectomy bile duct injury, and a major tertiary referral practice for hepato-pancreato biliary trauma. This work has allowed me to become co-co-Principal Investigator of a number of major European clinical trials in hepato-biliary surgery.

Because of my HPB interest and my laboratory research with James Thompson in Galveston and Nobel Laureate Andrew Schally in New Orleans, I have built up a significant practice in GI neuroendocrine tumours, in particular symptomatic carcinoids. These patients are now managed jointly in our supra regional clinic between myself and colleagues in Nuclear Medicine and Endocrinology. Currently we have managed over 400 such patients

and have one of the largest UK experiences of I-MIBG and <sup>90</sup>Y-DOTATOC therapy for control of symptoms in these patients.

Since I retired from full time NHS clinical practice in 2018, I am now employed part time by NHS England as an assessor for NHS consultant national Clinical Excellence Awards.

## Medico-Legal Practice

I have maintained an active medico-legal practice since 1995, initially working in the field of personal injury but for last twenty or so years, predominantly in the field of clinical negligence. To date I have provided over 2500 reports to the courts in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Hong Kong, St Helena and the United States dealing with issues of liability, causation, condition and prognosis on cases of alleged clinical negligence, 60% Claimant instructed. I have been to Court on 5 occasions for medical negligence claims, the Court preferring my evidence on 4 occasions (2 Claimant instructed [including Spencer versus Hillingdon], and 2 Defendant instructed), and on the 5<sup>th</sup> case (Claimant instructed), the Court preferred my evidence on issues of Liability, but my evidence was unable to establish Causation. My areas of expertise in clinical negligence include abdominal surgery, surgical gastroenterology and in particular the surgery of the liver, gallbladder and bile ducts, the acute abdomen, hernia surgery, and lastly loss-of-chance in cases of missed cancer diagnosis. My area of expertise in personal injury cases relates to soft tissue injuries and post-traumatic hernia. I have prepared over 500 reports to the Courts in England addressing personal injury claims.

As part of my training in medico-legal report writing, I have attended courses in report writing and courtroom presentation organised by Bond Solon, Specialist Info and other reputable bodies.

Chair, Editorial Board, European Journal of Surgical Oncology

#### Administrative Positions Held

# Current ~

President, Mersey Medico-Legal Society	2018 onwards	
Previous ~		
Principal investigator CRC Project Grant SP2022	1989-1992	
MemberPancreatic Section Committee, British Soc of Gastroenterology	1992-1995	
Council member British Association for Surgical Oncology	1994-1996	
Secretary, British Association for Surgical Oncology	1996-1999	
Member Colorectal Cancer Sub-committee, Medical Research Council	1994-1996	
Member NHS Cancer Health Benefit Group Clinical Working Group	1995-1997	
Council, Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons, Gt. Britain and Irela	ind 1996-1998	
UK Clinical Co-ordinator ENG Trial of adjuvant chemotherapy following liver resection on		
behalf of the MRC and EORTC	1996-2003	
MemberClinical Services Committee, Assn Upper GI Surgeonof Gt. Britain	1997 - 2000	
Member Dept of Health Cancer Waiting Times Working Party	1997	
Council Member, UK Chapter, UICC	1998 - 1999	
Member Cancer Information Strategy Group, NHSME	1998 – 1999	
Council European Society for Surgical Oncology	1998 - 2002	
Member GI colorectal study group, EORTC	1998-2006	
Meetings Secretary, British Association for Surgical Oncology	2000-2003	
Co-Principal Investigator EORTC/GITCCG Trial 40983	2000-2012	
(Neoadjuvant and adjuvant chemotherapy and resection of colorectal liver metastases)		
Member Medical Committee, Action for Victims of Medical Accidents	2001-2003	

2014 onwards

Co-Principal Investigator EORTC CLOCC Trial 40004	2002-2012	
(Use of radiofrequency ablation for colorectal liver metastases)		
Vice President, British Association for Surgical Oncology	2002-2004	
Member, Scientific Committee, 2 <sup>nd</sup> International Hernia Congress, London	2003	
Chair, Rand Corporation international working party on decision making pathways for		
surgical resection of colorectal liver metastases	2003-2005	
Co-Chair, BASO/ACS, BSG, AUGIS Working party on guidance for resection of colorectal		
liver metastases	2003-2010	
Associate Editor, European J Surgical Oncology	2004-2009	
Director of Surgery and Deputy Medical Director, University Hospital Aintree	2005-2009	
Lead Clinician for Hepatobiliary cancers, Mersey & N Cheshire CNG	2005-2010	
Co-PI BILCAP (adjuvant gemcitabine in biliary malignancy)	2005-2010	
Member, European guideline working party on CRC liver metastases	2005-2011	
Co-Principal Investigator, CRUK EPOC-2 Trial of neoadjuvant-adjuvant chemotherapy and		
resection for colorectal liver metastases	2006-2012	
Chair, Mersey & N Cheshire Supra-Regional Hepatobiliary Cancer MDT	2005-2010	
President, British Association of Surgical Oncology	2006-2007	
Chair, RCSEng Cancer Services Committee	2006-2007	
President, Association of Upper GI Surgeons of Gt. Britain and Ireland	2010-2012	
President, European Society of Surgical Oncology	2012-2014	
Chair, Colorectal Cancer Guideline Development Group, NICE	2009-12	
Chair, Colorectal Cancer Quality Standards Committee, NICE	2011-12	
Chair, NHS HPB Specialised Commissioning Clinical Reference Group	2012-2016	
Chair, NHS Specialised Commissioning Internal Medicine Programme of Care	2012-2016	

#### **Editorial and Examination Boards**

Chair, Editorial Board, *European Journal of Surgical Oncology*, Supervisor of successful postgraduate higher degree theses (MD, PhD, MSc) for: Universities of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores University, and London

#### **Publications**

#### Books ~

- 1. Aids to Operative Surgery (1987) Poston GJ. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh
- 2. Churchill's House Surgeons Survival Guide (1992) Gompertz H, Rhodes M, Poston GJ. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh
- 3. Principles of Operative Surgery (1995) Poston GJ. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh
- 4. Cancer Patient Follow Up (1997) Eds. Johnson FE, Virgo K, Coit DG, Pollock DG, Edge SB, Poston GJ, Tsukamoto N. Mosby, St Louis
- 5. House Surgeons Survival Guide (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) (1999) Gompertz H, Rhodes M, Poston GJ, DeCadt B, Armitage J. Churchill Livingston, Edinburgh
- 6. Surgical management of hepato-biliary and pancreatic disorders (2003) Eds. Poston GJ and Blumgart LH. Martin Dunitz, London
- 7. Textbook pf Surgical Oncology (2007) Eds. Poston GJ, Beauchamp RD, Ruers T. Informa, London

- 8. Liver metastases (2008). Vauthey JN, Hoff P, Audisio R, Poston GJ. Springer, New York
- 9. Surgical management of hepatobiliary and pancreatic disorders (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) (2010). Eds. Poston GJ, D'Angelica M, Adam R, Informa Healthcare, London
- 10. *Textbook of Surgical Oncology (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*) (2016). Eds. Poston GJ, Wyld L, Audisio R. Informa Healthcare, London

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OncoSurge: a strategy for increasing resectability with curative intent in liver metastases from colorectal cancer. Poston GJ, Adam R, Alberts S, Curly S, Figueras J, Haller D, Kunstlinger F, Mentha G, Nordlinger B, Patt Y, Primrose JN, Roh M, Rougier P, Ruers T, Schmoll HJ, Valls C, Vauthey JN, Cornelis M, Kahan JP. *J Clin Oncol* 2005; 23: 7125-34

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Comments and controversies: 'Downstaging' or 'downsizing': Time for a new staging system in advanced colorectal cancer? Poston GJ, Adam R, Vauthey J-N. *J Clin Oncol* 2006; **24**: 2702-6

Perioperative chemotherapy with FOLFOX4 and surgery for resectable liver metastases from colorectal cancer. Bernard Nordlinger<sup>1</sup>, Halfdan Sorbye<sup>2</sup>, Bengt Glimelius<sup>3</sup>, Graeme J. Poston<sup>4</sup>, Peter M. Schlag<sup>5</sup>, Philippe Rougier<sup>1</sup>, Wolf O. Bechstein<sup>6</sup>, John N. Primrose<sup>7</sup>, Euan T. Walpole<sup>8</sup>, Meg Finch-Jones<sup>9</sup>, Daniel Jaeck<sup>10</sup>, Darius Mirza<sup>11</sup>, Rowan W. Parks<sup>12</sup>, Laurence Collette<sup>13</sup>, Michel Praet<sup>13</sup>, Ullrich Bethe<sup>13</sup>, Eric Van Cutsem<sup>14</sup>, Wolfgang Scheithauer<sup>15</sup>, Thomas Gruenberger<sup>15</sup>. *Lancet* 2008; **371**: 1007-16

The urgent need for a new staging system in advanced colorectal cancer. Graeme J Poston<sup>1</sup> Joan Figueras<sup>2</sup> Felice Giuliante<sup>3</sup> Gennaro Nuzzo<sup>3</sup> Alberto F Sobrero<sup>4</sup> Jean-Francois Gigot<sup>5</sup> Bernard Nordlinger<sup>6</sup> Rene Adam<sup>7</sup> Thomas Gruenberger<sup>8</sup> Michael A Choti<sup>9</sup> Anton J Bilchik<sup>10</sup> Eric Van Cutsem<sup>11</sup> Michael I D'Angelica<sup>12</sup> *J Clin Oncol* 2008; **26**: 4828-33

Prognostic variables for resection of colorectal cancer hepatic metastases: an evolving paradigm. Bilchik A, Poston GJ, Adam R, Choti M. *J Clin Oncol* 2008: **26**: 5320-1

American Society of Clinical Oncology 2009 Clinical Evidence Review on Radiofrequency Ablation of Hepatic Metastases from Colorectal Cancer. P B Mangu, K Einhaus, S L Wong, M A Choti, T J Crocenzi, G D Dodd G Dorfman, C Eng, Y Fong, A Giusti, D Lu, T Marsland, G J Poston, D Schrag, J Seidenfeld A B Benson III. *J Clin Oncol* 2010; **28:** 493-508

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