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Specialist in Forensic Podiatry & Gait Analysis

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Curriculum Vitae

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Profile

I am a Podiatrist and Specialist in Gait/Walking, Pathomechanics, Biomechanics and general anatomy. I routinely use slow motion and freeze frame digital video camera equipment to analyse gait clinically to assess and diagnose anatomical and skeletal conditions. Forensic Podiatry is one area of my practice. I am routinely instructed in Medical Negligence cases speaking to Condition and Prognosis, Breach of Duty and Rehabilitation Solutions. Common Index injuries relate to RTAs, Clinical Negligence and Industrial Accidents.

I have been principal Podiatrist at the Nuffield Hospital Wolverhampton as well as providing Medico-Legal reports. My findings have been presented at The Royal Courts of Justice, Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey), London, Manchester Crown Court, Birmingham Crown Court, Kingston Crown Court, Northampton Crown Court and others. I have been instructed on numerous occasions by various police forces to assist in murder investigations. The instructions related to forensic podiatry/CCTV Gait Analysis.

Legal precedent of CCTV/Gait Analysis started at The Old Bailey in 2000. Personal acceptance of my specialism being deemed scientific was accepted by The Honourable Mr Justice Maddison in February 2009 (URN: 06B10312708) and Judge Anthony Gee in December 2008 (URN: 06B1271207).

I have been practising for 29 years, seventeen of which have been spent at the Nuffield Hospital Wolverhampton

Consulting Room Locations

1. 20 Enville Road, Wall Heath, Nr Kingswinford **DY6 0JT**
2. Heath Lane Consulting Rooms, 7 Heath Lane, Oldwinsford, Stourbridge
DY6 1RF
3. Consulting Rooms, 38 Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham **B15 3HE**
4. St John Street Consulting Rooms, 11 St John Street, Manchester **M3 4DW**
5. Litfield House Medical Centre, 1 Litfield Place, Clifton Down, Bristol **BS8 3LS**
6. Walsall Chiropractic Health Clinic, 81 Broadway, Walsall **WS1 3EZ**
8. The Elms Consulting Rooms, 24 Hall Place Gardens, St.Albans, Herts. **AL1 3SF**

Employment History

May 2000 – 2017 Nuffield Health Wolverhampton:-
Position: Podiatry and Biomechanics: Specialist in Gait
Analysis and Biomechanics.

Previous Employment

Aug 1994 - Jul 1998 Dudley Priority Health Care NHS trust
Position: Senior II Podiatrist.
April 2019-Oct 2019 Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership
NHS Trust. Provision of Care for High Risk
Diabetic Ulcers and Vascular Wound Care.

Clients

- **Ministry of Defence**
- **West Midlands Police**
- **Merseyside Police**
- **Numerous Solicitors Firms**
- **The Crown Prosecution Service**

Memberships/Professional Bodies

- **Member of the Royal College of Podiatry**
- **Health Professional Council Registration**
- **Membership of the UK Register of Expert Witnesses**
- **Registered Expert Witness with The Expert Witness Directory**

Education and Qualifications

- 1994 - Degree: Birmingham School of Chiropractic and Podiatric Medicine.
- Certificate in Local Analgesia integrated with University of Sunderland
- Former Clinical Tutor at the Birmingham School of Podiatry
- Prison visits undertaken
- Home visits undertaken
- Forensic Podiatry Course – including footprint and shoe print analysis – June 2009
- Cross Examination Course - City Law School, University of London - February 2011
- Can practise internationally, including UK, Canada and New Zealand
- Member of the Special Interest Group on Forensics within The Society of Chiropractors & Podiatrists

Medico-legal/Forensic Podiatry Instructions

- Analysis of CCTV footage for the Defence for an arson case presented at Inner London Crown Court.
- CCTV footage analysis of suspects in several murder cases on behalf of the prosecution, resulting in successful prosecutions. Client: Greater Manchester Police/CPS.
- Review of medical notes of a Podiatrist. Research relating to use of caustics/acids/alkalis in the treatment of a skin lesion. This was a medical negligence claim.

- Numerous post-operative biomechanical/gait/walking analysis studies. Usually involving industrial accidents or road traffic accidents. Walking is analysed to assess requirements for in-shoe orthotics, shoe modifications and/or walking aids. The Clients instructing are usually solicitors.
- A case involving vascular assessment relating to Raynaud's disease – medical negligence case.
- Physical examination and biomechanical assessment of a prisoner on remand to assess physical strength, stability and balance.
- A case involving night CCTV images of suspect in a hit and run incident.
- A case involving CCTV images of a suspect suspected of hitting his victim and pushing him into a river resulting in his death.
- 2 Non-Freezing Cold Injury cases at the instruction of both claimant's solicitors and The Ministry of Defence.
- A case involving CCTV images of a suspect accused of stabbing two victims resulting in the death of one of them. Evidence presented at the Central Criminal Court, London (Old Bailey).
- A case involving CCTV images of two suspects involved in armed robberies at two shops. Evidence presented at Coventry Crown Court.

Summary Group of Cases

Number of Forensic Cases -

- Defence - 20
- Prosecution -8

Number of Medico-Legal Cases - in excess of 60

Medical Indemnity: Blackfriars Group – P121F812823

