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# SUMMARY

I have worked since January 2010 as a Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon at King's College Hospital, London with a mixed practice of adult cardiac and thoracic surgery.

I trained in Cardiothoracic Surgery on the London South East Thames Training Program and in Halifax, Canada. I have received the Certificate of Completion of Training and I am on the General Medical Council Specialist Register for Cardiothoracic Surgery.

I am fully trained in both Adult Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery. I have a particular interest in Video Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery (VATS) and trauma surgery.

As well as providing a high class clinical service, I enjoy and am fully committed to training and teaching undergraduates and postgraduate surgical trainees. I am involved in the formal appraisal of the clinical competencies of surgical trainees and use the tools of the Intercollegiate Surgical Curriculum Project as a Clinical Supervisor and Assigned Educational Supervisor.

My established areas of research interest include neuropsychological protection during cardiac surgery and cardiothoracic trauma management.

Since the beginning of 2015 I have developed a medico-legal practice which is steadily increasing. I have written expert witness reports, compliant with Part 35 of the Civil Procedure Rules, in clinical negligence and personal injury cases since 2015. Currently I am able to complete 20-25 full reports per year as well as screening reports if required. Turnaround time for reports is 2 weeks.

Claimant / Defendant / Joint ratio is approximately 20/75/5. I have experience of conferences with counsel, the writing of joint Expert Discussion reports and attendance and cross examination at the Coroner's Court.

I have completed the Bond Solon Excellence in Report Writing (1 day) Civil Law & Procedure (2 days) courses.

Interview and examination of clients are conducted at Guthrie Clinic at King's College Hospital (London SE5 9RS). Remote consultations can be arranged for clients unable to travel.

My indemnity, ICO and DBS certificates can be found at the end of this CV.

## PERSONAL DETAILS

<b>Full Name</b>	Donald Callum Whitaker
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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

General Medical Council (Registration No. 4048031)

Society of Cardiothoracic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland

Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

## QUALIFICATIONS

Oct 2009	Certificate of Completion of Training in Cardiothoracic Surgery
May 2007	FRCSEd (C-Th)
May 2006	MD (University of Edinburgh)
Sept 1997	FRCSEd
Aug 1994	Full Registration
June 1993	MB ChB (University of Edinburgh)
June 1991	BSc (Hons) Physiology 2.1 (University of Edinburgh)

## AWARDS

2000.	Stroke Association (UK) Research Fellowship
1999	British Medical Association Research Award (Geoffrey Holt Award)
1999	Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Research Grant

## EDUCATION

1987-1993	University of Edinburgh
1981-1987	Royal Grammar School, Guildford

# EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

## CARDIOTHORACIC SPECIALIST REGISTRAR POSTS

Jan 2009 – Dec 2009	Adult Cardiac	St Thomas' Hospital, London
July 2006 - Dec 2007	Adult Cardiac	St Thomas' Hospital, London
July 2005 - June 2006	Adult Cardiothoracic	King's College Hospital, London
July 2004 – June 2005	Adult Cardiac	St Thomas' Hospital, London
Jan 2004 – June 2004	Paediatric Cardiac	Guy's Hospital, London
Jan 2003 – Dec 2003	Adult Thoracic	Guy's Hospital, London
Jan 2002 – Dec 2002	Adult Cardiac	Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton
June 1999- Dec 2001	Adult Cardiothoracic	Middlesex Hospital, London

## CARDIOTHORACIC FELLOWSHIP POSTS

July 2008 – Dec 2008	Adult Cardiac	QE II Hospital, Halifax, Canada
Jan 2008 – June 2008	Adult Thoracic	QE II Hospital, Halifax, Canada

## CARDIOTHORACIC RESEARCH POSTS

May 2000- Dec 2001	Stroke Association Research Fellow	University College London
Aug 1998 – April 2000	Honorary Clinical Research Fellow	University College London

## CARDIOTHORACIC SENIOR HOUSE OFFICER POSTS

Aug 1997 – July 1998	Adult Cardiothoracic	St Bartholemew's Hospital, London
Feb 1997 – July 1997	Adult Cardiothoracic	John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

## SENIOR HOUSE OFFICER POSTS

Aug 1996 – Jan 1997	General Surgery	St John's Hospital, Livingston
Feb 1996 – July 1996	Orthopaedic Surgery	Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore, London
Aug 1995 – Jan 1996	A and E	University College Hospital, London

## ANATOMY DEMONSTRATOR POST

Aug 1994 – July 1995	Department of Anatomy	University of Edinburgh
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## HOUSE OFFICER POSTS

Feb 1994– July 1994	General Medicine	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
Aug 1993 – Jan 1994	General Surgery	Western General Hospital, Edinburgh

## PUBLICATIONS

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**D. C. Whitaker**, S. E. James and R. K. Walesby

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**D.C.Whitaker.**

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**D.Whitaker**

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# ICO Registration Certificate

## Data Protection Registration Certificate

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# Professional Indemnity Insurance



## YOUR SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

### Key Information:

<b>Policy Number</b>	104056
<b>Insured Name</b>	Mr Donald Whitaker
<b>Insured Address</b>	65 Marlborough Park Avenue Sidcup Greater London DA15 9DL
<b>Period of Insurance (both days inclusive GMT)</b>	31/12/2023 to 30/12/2024
<b>Geographical Limits</b>	UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man
<b>Insured Activity</b>	(i) Cardiothoracic Surgery
<b>Extended Reporting Period (where activated)</b>	21 years
<b>Special Conditions</b>	None
<b>Underwriter(s)</b>	Everest Syndicate 2786 at Lloyd's and QBE Underwriting Limited
<b>Date of Statement of Fact/Proposal Form</b>	11/12/2023

### Applicable Protections:

<b>Medical Malpractice</b>	Applicable	Yes
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	Retroactive Date	31/12/2020
	Excess	£0.00
	Indemnity Limit	£10,000,000.00

<b>Indemnity Limit Reinstatement</b>	Applicable	No
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<b>Discretionary Indemnity Protection</b>	Applicable	No
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<b>Defence Plus</b>	Applicable	Yes
	Retroactive Date	31/12/2020
	Excess	£0.00
	Indemnity Limit	£250,000.00 (sub-limit of Medical Malpractice Indemnity Limit)
	Sub-limits	Regulatory Protection – £100,000 Inquest Protection – £100,000 Medical Manslaughter – £100,000 Reputation Crisis Protection – £50,000 Data Liability Protection – £25,000

<b>Medico-Legal Protection</b>	Applicable	Yes
	Retroactive Date	31/12/2020
	Excess	£0.00
	Indemnity Limit	£250,000.00 (sub-limit of Medical Malpractice Indemnity Limit)

### Premium Information:

<b>Premium</b>	£2,709.72
<b>IPT</b>	£325.17
<b>Total</b>	£3,034.89

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