

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current Appointment:

Consultant in General Surgery, Surgical Oncology, Pancreaticobiliary and Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery. Lead for Clinical Governance in Emergency General Surgery. University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust.

Qualifications:

MB ChB (Hons), June 2004. Birmingham University.

MRCS (Eng). November 2006.

Doctorate of Medicine (Hons), June 2013. Cranfield University.

FRCS (Eng). June 2015.

Medicolegal Expertise:

I have experience of acting for claimants (40%) and defendants (60%) in personal / occupational injury claims and medical negligence cases including:

- Cases involving abdominal trauma / injury
- Any emergency or elective general surgical negligence (including intestinal obstruction, adhesions, peritonitis, appendicitis, acute pancreatitis, abdominal pain, hernias, lipomas, laparoscopic surgery)
- Mis-management of hepatobiliary disease (gallbladder surgery/cholecystectomy, obstructive jaundice, cholangitis)
- Mis-management of upper gastrointestinal pathology (hiatus hernias, gastro-oesophageal reflux disease, caustic injury, splenectomy)
- Post-operative complications including bile leak, anastomotic leak
- Mis-management of soft tissue sarcoma including retroperitoneal sarcoma, breast angiosarcoma, and desmoid fibromatosis, schwannoma and ganglioneuroma
- Cases involving mis-management of abdominal tumours including gastrointestinal stromal tumours (GIST) and neuroendocrine tumours
- Mis-management of surgical endocrine pathology (adrenalectomy, Cushing's syndrome, Conn's syndrome, adrenocortical/adrenal cancer)
- All cases involving upper GI endoscopy including ERCP

Bond Solon Excellence in Report Writing July 2019.

I am registered with the National Expert Witness Agency, the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, Expert Court Reports Ltd. and Premex. I am a member of the MLAS Expert Witness Community. I am also listed on the UK Register of Expert Witnesses.

Selected Publications:

- Over 70 research articles and book chapters, including publications in Nature and the British Journal of Surgery.
1. Almond LM, Hodson J, Barr H. Meta-analysis of endoscopic therapy for low grade dysplasia in Barrett's oesophagus. British Journal of Surgery. 2014, 101(10):1187-95.
 2. Almond LM, Hutchings J et al. Endoscopic Raman spectroscopy enables objective diagnosis of dysplasia in Barrett's esophagus. Gastrointest Endosc. 79(1): 37-45, 2014
 3. Almond LM, Roberts K, Hodson J, Sutcliffe R, Marudanayagam R, Isaac J, Muiesan, Mirza D. Changing indications for a total pancreatectomy: perspectives over a quarter of a century. HPB 2015, 17(5):416-21.
 4. Almond LM, Singhal R et. al. An "all 5mm ports" technique for laparoscopic day-case anti-reflux surgery: A Consecutive Case Series of 205 Patients. Int J Surg. 2016 Nov; 35:214-217.
 5. Almond LM, Patel K, Hodson J et. al. A decade of day-case endoscopically guided stent placement in malignant oesophagogastric strictures. Surg Endosc. 2017 May; 31(5): 2280-2286.
 6. Almond LM, Ford S et. al. Myeloid Sarcoma: Presentation, Diagnosis and Treatment. Accepted for publication February 2017 in Clinical Lymphoma, Myeloma and Leukaemia. Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk. 2017 May;17(5):263-267.
 7. Ford SJ, Almond LM, Gronchi A. An update on non-extremity soft tissue sarcoma. Clinical Oncology. 2017, 29(8): 516-527.
 8. Almond LM, Patel K, Keast L, Hodson J, Nijjar R, Wilson PG, Richardson M, Singhal R. A decade of day-case endoscopically guided stent placement in malignant oesophagogastric strictures. Surg Endosc. 2017 May;31(5):2280-2286.
 9. Almond LM, Hodson J, Ford S, D Gourevitch, Roberts K, Shah T, Desai A. Role of Palliative Resection of the Primary Tumour in Advanced Pancreatic and Small Intestinal Neuroendocrine Tumours: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. Eur J Surg Oncol. 2017 May 25.
 10. Almond LM, Tattersall H et. al. Diagnostic Accuracy of Percutaneous Biopsy in Retroperitoneal Sarcoma: Experience from Two Tertiary European Centres. British Journal of Surgery Mar 2019, 106(4): 395-403.

Distinctions, Awards and Prizes:

- Royal College of Surgeons of England pump priming grant. November 2019.
- Winner of best oral presentation at the British Sarcoma Group Conference 2018.
- BASO Travelling Fellowship to Instituto dei tumori, Milan, Italy. October – December 2017
- Winner of 1st prize for best oral presentation. West Midlands Surgical Society meeting, May 2014.
- Finalist at the BMJ Awards 2014 as a member of the "Three Counties Early Oesophageal Cancer Team". Shortlisted for the National Cancer Care Team of the Year 2014.

- Winner of BSG poster prize 2014 Barrett's Oesophagus Screening: Infrared spectroscopy for cytological assessment (poster presented by O. Old).
- Winner of the Kings Norton Medal for Cranfield University's Outstanding Doctoral Student across all schools. June 2013.
- Winner of the Angela Newing Award for Outstanding Research within Cranfield Health. June 2013.
- Wesleyan Royal Society of Medicine Trainee of the Year Finalist. November 2012.
- Winner of the RCS Needlemakers bursary award. September 2012.
- British Society of Gastroenterology John Bennett Travelling Fellowship.
- First prize for best presentation of original research at the International Laser Europe Conference, London, May 2012.
- Almond LM et al. awarded the FACSS/SAS/Coblentz/ISA Award at ICORS, Bangalore. May 2012.
- Winner of Translational Medicine Conference Oral Presentation Prize. Cranfield Health, Gloucester. March 2012.
- Winner of the West Midlands Surgical Society prize for best oral presentation. Worcester, November 2011.
- Winner of the best poster prize at the West Midlands Surgical Society. Worcester, November 2011.
- Winner of the Royal Society of Medicine Prize (Surgery Section). London, September 2011.
- Royal College of Surgeons Research Fellowship award. June 2011.
- Winner of the Twort Prize for best oral presentation at the 5th International Barrett's Symposium, London. April 2011.
- Awarded the 'Three Counties Surgical Research Fellowship'. October 2010
- Highest interview score at ST2 level, Cambridge Deanery, 2007.
- Postgraduate Award in Medical Education (Grade A). University of Warwick. October 2006
- Research Award - Medtronic (US), 2003.

Professional Affiliations:

I am a member of the British Sarcoma Group, the Transatlantic Retroperitoneal Sarcoma Working Group, and the British Association of Endocrine and Thyroid Surgeons, through which I have contributed to national / international clinical guidelines.

I am also a surgical tutor on behalf of the European School of Soft Tissue Sarcoma Surgery.

I am an Editor of the journal Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumours and a regular invited reviewer for multiple other international journals.

I am a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Availability:

Appointments available in 2-3 weeks.

Report turnaround time 4 weeks.

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21st June 2021