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MR JAWAD AHMAD

Mr Jawad Ahmad is a consultant Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic surgeon working at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS. He has been a driving force behind the uptake of Robotic surgery and performs many major HPB resections with robotic assistance. He is an accomplished laparoscopic surgeon and has been a keen promotor of minimally invasive surgery. Jawad is actively involved in multiple research projects, leads audit at the hospital, senior lecturer at University of Warwick and sub-editor of Journal of Robotic Surgery.



MISS OROOG ALI

Miss Oroog Ali is a specialist registrar in general and colorectal surgery based in the North East of England. She has a keen interest in education and training conducting national surgical courses, conferences and training days. She is a surgical mentor to students and trainees and has obtained the NHS Leadership Academy Award with a completed degree in medical education. She is part of the executive committee for the Association of Surgeons in Training and has detailed experience of the surgical training environment. She has an evolving role in innovation, robots and education in colorectal surgery.



DR SORIN EDU

Dr Sorin Edu, MD FCS(SA) is a Senior Consultant at the Trauma Centre, Groote Schuur Hospital, a level I trauma Centre that sees approximately 11000 patients per year. He has worked in Trauma there for 15 years and is currently preparing his PhD entitled 'Management of the retained haemothorax after penetrating trauma at a level 1 Trauma Centre'. He is the co-author of studies on blunt and penetrating abdominal trauma, penetrating neck injuries, cardiac tamponade, vascular injuries, conservative management of penetrating abdominal trauma, early recovery after trauma surgery, inter alia.



MR TALVINDER SINGH GILL

Mr Talvinder Singh Gill, MS, FRCS, is a consultant surgeon and colorectal service Gill lead at North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust. He had surgical training in India, Bristol and Nottingham and laparoscopic fellowship in Colchester. He has special interests in advanced laparoscopic surgery, early rectal cancer, IBD and pouch surgery, complete mesocolic excision, interventional endoscopy, surgery for endometriosis and endocrine surgery.

Since his appointment as a consultant in 2007 at University Hospital of North Tees, he has made tremendous changes in the department to make it one of the best colorectal units with incorporation of advanced laparoscopic techniques and enhanced recovery programme.

He has successfully completed his role as colorectal NSSG chair for north of England cancer network (2010–13) and also as an ACPGBI representative for RCS cancer committee (2013–16). He is actively involved in ACPGBI and served 2 terms as MCC member and is currently member of education and training committee.

He takes pride in training single incision laparoscopic colorectal surgery and has been running RCS approved SILCS course at University Hospital of North Tees since 2015. He is a recognised national trainer for advanced laparoscopic and transanal endoscopic surgery and contributes to various international courses and organisations. He is ST lead for surgery in the trust and STC chair for general surgery in HEENE. He is also founder faculty member for MCh programme in collaboration with Teesside University.

He remains active in clinical research and has published widely in peer-reviewed journals, written book chapters on colorectal and SIL surgery and is a reviewer for the journal 'Surgical Endoscopy'. His research interests are colorectal cancer, advanced minimal access surgery and he supervises MCh students.



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MISS CLAIRE JONES

Miss Claire Jones is a consultant HPB surgeon and clinical lead in the regional HPB unit in the Mater Hospital, Belfast. She completed her surgical training in Northern Ireland followed by an HPB fellowship in Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham. She has an interest in leadership, having had a role in AUGIS and completed the Lady Estelle Wolfson fellowship, RCSI. Clinically Claire has a particular interest in pancreatic cancer and laparoscopic HPB surgery, along with the development of a robotic surgical service.



MR ANANTHA MADHAVAN

Mr Anantha Madhavan, MBChB (Hons), MRCS, MD, is a Surgical Registrar in the Northern Deanery with a specialist interest in Oesophagogastric cancer. Interest in the field of benign and malignant upper GI surgery with a focus on minimally invasive and endoscopic techniques. Completed a MD research degree at Newcastle University in the prognostic significance of circulating tumour cells and liquid biopsies in oesophagogastric cancer.



MR DAVID MAHON

Mr David Mahon is a Consultant Gastrointestinal Surgeon with a special interest in advanced laparoscopic (keyhole) surgery. His specialist interests include the treatment of gallstones, hernias, reflux and obesity.

Mr Mahon graduated from The University of Sheffield in 1993 and became a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1999. He undertook a doctoral research degree and was awarded the degree of MD in 2006 before being appointed as a Consultant Specialist Upper GI & Bariatric surgeon in 2007.

In addition to his clinical role, Mr Mahon has had a number of managerial positions within the NHS, including Clinical Director for Surgery and Clinical Lead for Upper GI Surgery. He remains an active participant in research and undertakes regular teaching and training roles locally and nationally. He actively participates in a number of specialist committees together with governmental bodies, such as NICE, the Royal College of Surgeons and Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons.

David was born and brought up in Yorkshire, but has now been living in Somerset with his family for over 10 years.



MR DONALD MENZIES

Mr Donald Menzies MBBS, MS, FRCS, is a general surgeon with more than 35 years of experience and a particular interest in minimal access surgery, gastro-oesophageal reflux, gallstones, incisional and groin hernias, and therapeutic endoscopy at Colchester General Hospital and Ramsay Oaks Hospital, Essex. He obtained his Master of Surgery in abdominal adhesions at the University of London and is an expert in minimal access surgery using laparoscopic techniques, having performed such procedures since 1992. Senior registrar at Addenbrookes Hospital with the late David Dunn, appointed to Colchester Hospital in 1994. He has been closely involved with the ALSGBI since 2000.

He is the President of the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, a member of the British Medical Association, the Association of Upper GI Surgeons and the Association of Surgeons. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

He is currently the Senior Consultant General Surgeon at Colchester Hospital University Foundation Trust.



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MR STUART MERCER

Mr Stuart Mercer is a Consultant Upper GI Surgeon in Portsmouth. Stuart qualified at Oxford University in 1994 before travelling the world with the Royal Navy for several years. His surgical training was in the South West and in Wessex, and he has been a consultant in Portsmouth since 2009.

Stuart's time with the military, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan, fuelled an interest in emergency surgery, and he has been keen to transfer his learning to the NHS. In addition to improving the processes of the Emergency Surgery Service in Portsmouth, he has led the charge towards keyhole surgery for their emergency surgery patients.

Stuart spends his spare time cycling on and off roads, climbing and skiing in the Alps and the Dolomites, and cajoling his two boys to do the same!



MS SARAH MILLS

Ms Sarah Mills (BSc (Hons), BMBCh, MD(Res), FRCS (Gen Surg), graduated from Oxford University Medical School, in 1998, and undertook surgical training in Oxford, Melbourne and London.

Prior to taking up a consultant post at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, she undertook specialist colorectal fellowships at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia and St Mark's Hospital, London (a specialist Colorectal Hospital with an international reputation). She is an Honorary Senior Lecturer in the Department of Surgery and Cancer at Imperial College, London and was awarded her doctorate, in 2005, for her work at St Mark's Hospital, London, on the immunology of inflammatory bowel disease.

As part of her role as Trust MDT Lead for colorectal cancer and enhanced recovery protocols, at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, she has developed innovative pathways and the use of virtual clinics to fast-track the investigation and treatment of suspected colorectal cancer patients. She has a specialist interests in advanced interventional endoscopy, minimally invasive surgery for early rectal cancer and anal cancer.

Ms Mills also has an active interest in Global Health and regularly leads and teaches courses in low and middle income countries in Africa. These include the SAFE OR course, a multidisciplinary course for theatre teams of surgeons, anaesthetists and nurses focussing on using non-technical skills such as communication, leadership, situational awareness, decision making and conflict resolution to improve patient safety and outcomes.

She has published widely in peer-reviewed journals, written book chapters on colorectal surgery and is a reviewer for the journal 'Colorectal Disease'. She leads an International Registry of anal cancer (mASCARA) and supervises PhD research students in this field.



MISS NILANJANA TEWARI

Nilanjana Tewari is a Consultant Upper GI and General Surgeon at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW). She underwent Higher Surgical Training in the London and East Midlands. She completed a PhD in Gastrointestinal Surgery at the University of Nottingham, focusing on the metabolic effects of surgery. She completed an Upper GI cancer fellowship in Nottingham prior to being appointed at UHCW in 2018. She is actively involved in Undergraduate Education at the University of Warwick. Her interests include ERAS, management of achalasia including POEM and prehabilitation.



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PROFESSOR YKS VISWANATH

Professor Viswanath YKS is a Consultant Surgeon and Visiting Chair at Teesside University. He is a consultant senior surgeon with specialist interest in Upper GI and Advanced Laparoscopic & Endoscopic Surgery who works at James Cook University Hospital last 20 years. He is the programme director for MCh postgraduate surgical specialities works in collaboration with Teesside University in North of England UK. He has represented regionally, nationally and internationally at various Upper GI and general surgery forums since 2001. He is a recognised national trainer for advanced laparoscopic surgery and contributes greatly to the ALSGBI. He runs many courses (hernia, Robotic etc) and has established national 'endo RF anti-reflux' therapy centre in UK.

He has served as Upper GI lead and was instrumental in centralisation of oesophago-gastric cancer services in Teesside and South Durham, UK. He has successfully accomplished his tenure as the Cancer Lead Clinician for a large tertiary cancer centre in North of England based at South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. He has headed 'Governance team' for the division of Surgery and carried various portfolio's over the last 12 years with in the 'Trust' and at 'Network' level, including 'Upper GI site specific group' chair and Network information group lead. From the cancer governance view, he has been involved in 'National Cancer peer Review' process in UK. He remains active in research and has presented more than 200 abstracts in national and international meetings and published both clinical and scientific papers.

His research interests mainly focussed in Upper Gastro-intestinal (Oesophago-Gastric) cancer including Barrett's metaplasia. He works in closed collaboration with North of England regional universities (University of Durham and University of Teesside). As a full time consultant surgeon, he remains active in both clinical, radiological and lab based research. His particular interests are on Cancer Immunology, nutrition and molecular biology. He has supervised PhD, MSc MCh and MPhil students.



MR GRAHAM S W WHITELEY

Mr Graham Whiteley qualified from The Royal Free Hospital in 1980 and spent the early period of his training in the South East.

His higher surgical training took place in Manchester first as Surgical Tutor and Lecturer in Surgery to the Central Manchester Hospitals with experience at Manchester Royal Infirmary, Withington Hospital, the Christie Hospital and Salford Royal Hospital. Graham is now Consultant Surgeon at Ysbyty Gwynedd in Bangor.

Graham's laparoscopic career began with diagnostic laparoscopy prior to oesophagectomy during the 1980s. Laparoscopic surgery began in 1990 at the Manchester Royal Infirmary which was one of the first 6 centres in the United Kingdom. He has experience in both upper and lower gastro-intestinal surgery together with hepatobiliary surgery.

Graham is the Welsh representative on ALSGBI Council and the National Audit Lead. His current drive is to promote LapPass® and to run courses in North Wales.

