

BARIATRIC SURGERY SYMPOSIUM | VIRTUAL RESUME OF INVITED SPEAKERS & MODERATORS

MR MARCO ADAMO

Mr Marco Adamo MD is a consultant surgeon and lead surgeon of the Bariatric Unit at the prestigious University College London Hospital. He is specialised in upper gastrointestinal, bariatric and minimally invasive surgery.

Mr Marco Adamo graduated in Italy, where he also completed his training in general surgery. He practiced six years in Yorkshire, where he was appointed consultant in 2006. He was also awarded MD by Leeds University for his research on appetite hormones and bariatric surgery. In 2007 he was recruited by the University College London Hospital (UCLH) to setup a new service for obesity surgery. He now leads a very successful high volume bariatric surgery unit which is one of the most renowned and respected in UK and Europe. He performs more than 200 bariatric cases per year with many cases of extreme obesity and complex revisional surgery. All procedures are carried out with laparoscopic (keyhole) technique. His complication rates are amongst the lowest published worldwide.

He is a Member of the European Association of Endoscopic Surgery (EAES), British Society for Metabolic and Obesity Surgery (BOMSS), Association of Upper GI Surgeons (AUGIS) and Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons (ALSGBI) and Italy (SICE).

He is a fully established and experienced laparoscopic and bariatric surgeon with an international reputation and over 10 years experience in laparoscopic gastric bypass, laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, gastric banding, and complex bariatric revisional surgery.

He is a pioneer in single incision bariatric surgery having performed the first single incision laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy in UK. He has also a specific interest in laparoscopic hernia surgery and antireflux surgery.

He is a dedicated trainer in laparoscopic bariatric surgery and laparoscopic hernia surgery and often runs advanced training courses for UK and European surgeons.



MR AHMED AHMED

Mr Ahmed is a consultant in upper gastrointestinal surgery and lead bariatric surgeon at Imperial Weight Centre. His main areas of interest are in complex revisional bariatric surgeries. He has trained in general and upper GI surgery in the UK and at Stanford University and the University of Rochester in the USA.

He trains other surgeons in the field of bariatric surgery. He runs the highly sought after RCS approved senior clinical fellowship in bariatric surgery based at St Mary's hospital in London.

He is on the faculty on numerous courses on bariatric surgery. Mr Ahmed is often consulted by other professionals and medicolegal experts for his opinions on complex bariatric surgery cases. He is also actively involved in bariatric surgery research having undertaken a PhD degree in mechanisms of complications of gastric bypass surgery at Imperial College London. He is a clinical senior lecturer at Imperial College London and has numerous publications in peer reviewed journals. He was recently awarded a NIHR EME grant to explore bariatric embolization.

Mr Ahmed's Imperial Weight Centre Bariatric Surgery Unit in London has been designated as an International Centre of Excellence for Bariatric Surgery. Mr Ahmed was elected in 2018 to the council of the British Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society and in 2020 to council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.



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MR SIMON DEXTER

Mr Simon Dexter, BM, DM, FRCS (Gen), FCSHK, is a Consultant Surgeon at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. He specializes in laparoscopic oesophago-gastric surgery and he has a particular interest in laparoscopic weight loss surgery. He qualified from the University of Southampton in 1987, and was appointed as a consultant upper GI surgeon in 2000.

Simon has been involved in laparoscopic surgery since its inception in the UK in 1990 and was the UK's first laparoscopic surgery research fellow. His advanced surgical training took him through Leeds General Infirmary, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the National Cancer Centre Hospital, Tokyo.

He has taught and mentored consultant surgeons across the UK in advanced minimally invasive oesophago-gastric and bariatric surgery techniques and has demonstrated numerous live procedures at national and international meetings.

He specialises in oesophago-gastric and bariatric surgery. Mr Dexter is the immediate Past President of the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of GB and Ireland. He has also served on the council of AUGIS, the Executive Council of BOMSS and the Steering Group for NBSR, the national bariatric database.

He has published over 50 articles and chapters on upper GI cancer and laparoscopic surgery, upper GI physiology and obesity surgery.



MR SIMON HIGGS

Simon has been a Consultant Oesophago-gastric and Bariatric Surgeon in Gloucester Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for nine years. He is clinical and cancer lead for the Three Counties Oesophagogastric Centre and runs the endoscopic ultrasound service. His special interests are minimally invasive oesophago-gastric cancer resections, adrenalectomy, hiatal surgery, bile duct exploration and the use of advanced technology and robotics. He is a keen surgical trainer.



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.



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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.



MR COLM O'BOYLE

Mr O'Boyle is Chairman of the Division of Surgery and Postgraduate tutor, at the Bon Secours Hospital, Cork. He is a Senior Clinical Lecturer at University College, Cork. He has been performing bariatric surgery for over 20 years and co-ordinates the busiest bariatric unit and the only IFSO-endorsed Centre of Excellence in Ireland. He is an Associate Editor for the journal 'Obesity Surgery' and a member for EAC-BS Accreditation Review Committee.



MR SHAW SOMERS

Shaw Somers, BSc(Hons) MBChB MD FRCS, is an NHS Upper Gastrointestinal and Bariatric Consultant Surgeon in Portsmouth since 1998. He was senior lecturer at St James' University Hospital in Leeds, West Yorkshire and Associate Professor at The Prince of Wales Hospital in Hong Kong.

Shaw specialises in upper gastrointestinal surgery and has an extensive experience of complex upper gut surgery. He has led the evolution of Bariatric Surgery in the UK and has a personal experience of over 3000 bariatric operations.

Shaw is past president of the British Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society. Shaw has presented Channel 4's The Food Hospital, he is Discovery TV's 'Fat Doctor', and has appeared in many TV programmes as a surgical expert.

