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EDUCATION

2020 Cardiff University Bond Solon expert witness certificate in civil law.
2017 LLM Medical Law, University of Northumbria.
2009 Membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners
2009 Diploma of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
2007 Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of England
2004 MBChB University of Birmingham
Honours in paediatrics and psychiatry.
2001 BMedSc (Hons) Behavioural Science 2:1 University of Birmingham.

ROLES IN GENERAL PRACTICE

- A GP since 2009.
- A GP appraiser for the Hertfordshire and south Midlands area team.
- A tutor of medical students at UCL medical school.
- Member of the Primary Care Dermatology Society.
- Member of the Society of Medical Writers.
- An elected member of the Beds and Herts Local Medical Committee.
- Organiser of the Young Practitioners' Group in Herts: educational events for young GPs.
- Trained in basic dermoscopy for the diagnosis of skin tumours.
- A case assessor for the Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths (now called Mbrrace).
- A member of the NICE guideline GP reference group.
- Former writer of articles for www.patient.co.uk

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

The Rough Beast: psychoanalysis in everyday life. Book review. BJGP 2020; 70 (695): 301.

A Layman's Guide to Psychiatry and Psychoanalysis by Eric Berne: a review. BJGP 2017; 67 (657): 178.

Headaches in the absence of other signs do not require imaging by GPs. British Journal of General Practice 2015; doi. 10.3399/bjgp14X682681

Medical classics book review: The Illness Narratives by Arthur Kleinman. BMJ 2012; 344: e251.

Starr OD, Patel DV, Allen JP, McGhee CNJ. Iris melanoma: how pathology predicts prognosis. Journal of Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology 2004; 32: 294-6.

EXPERT WITNESS WORK

- I have been awarded the Cardiff University Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate in Civil Law, April 2020.
- I write about eighty reports a year in the field of clinical negligence in general practice.
- I have been working as an expert witness for five years, alongside my NHS general practice work.
- I have approximately a 50:50 claimant defendant split. I am also instructed by coroners courts for inquests and have written reports involving the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service.
- I have attended training sessions on courtroom skills, report writing, single joint expert work and cross-examination skills.
- I am a full member of the Expert Witness Institute.
- Sample reports and further information can be found on www.starrhealthcare.co.uk

SUMMARY

I am an NHS general practitioner in Hertfordshire. I qualified as a doctor in 2004; as a GP in 2009. My clinical work comprises traditional general practice, urgent care centre work and the out-of-hours setting. I make visits to patients' homes and care homes.

I tutor medical students at University College London, leading sessions on topics such as medical ethics, medical statistics and communication skills. I was formally interviewed for this role and am treated as an employee of UCL, requiring assessment and appraisal annually.

I am a general practice appraiser in Hertfordshire, a job that involves meeting other GPs face to face and assessing how they are fulfilling their learning needs according to the requirements of the General Medical Council.

I write medico-legal reports for private law firms and am instructed by the two major medical indemnity firms.