



# Mr. Robert Hensher

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### Consultant Oral & Maxillo-Facial Surgeon

**Mr. Robert Hensher has undertaken broad training in orthopaedics, casualty, general and vascular surgery and held Senior Registrar positions at Westminster & Queen Mary's Roehampton Hospitals, and Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children together with University College Hospital.**

He was employed in the role of Consultant Oral & Maxillo-Facial (OMF) Surgeon to Gloucester Cheltenham & Cirencester Hospitals in 1986 – 2000. Whilst in this role, Mr. Hensher had a special interest in jaw surgery and pioneered TMJ Replacement, for which he now has a national and international reputation.

Mr. Hensher has written chapters in standard text books and numerous professional papers and was one of the first non-American Surgeons to be invited to join the American Society of TMJ Surgeons.

In a recent interview, Mr. Hensher explained that: “experience is vital as one’s advice and opinions improve in depth and veracity with repetition and learning. Qualifications give access to posts in the training grades and indicate the level of professional education obtained; however they do not indicate the experience an individual has gained.”

Mr. Hensher attends court as an Expert Witness relatively infrequently at present, about once or twice a year, although this is increasing. He accepts instructions which require him to examine and report on patients about equally for prosecution, defence and on a single expert basis.

“Early engagement of an expert usually saves time and money,” explained Mr. Hensher. “Of course, discussion may subsequently take place, but a senior opinion at the outset sets the tone and (should raise) the relevant points.”





As an expert, Mr. Hensher has received instructions and reported on the following example cases:

- Failed TMJ Prostheses; joints were constructed by the inserting surgeon.
- Failed bone grating and TMJ prosthesis post trauma.
- Death by post operative haemorrhage (HM Coroner's Inquest).
- Death post cancer resection (HM Coroner's Inquest, scheduled for Dec 2015).

**Mr. Robert Hensher is a founding member of The Association of Dental Implantology and The British Association of TMJ Surgeons. He is also a member of The American Association of TMJ Surgeons and a Fellow to The British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.**



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