

**Curriculum Vitae of Hugh N Whitfield MA MChir FRCS
Consultant Urologist, Medico-Legal Expert and Mediator
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Academic Qualifications

1968 MRCS (England) LRCP (London) MB, BChir (Cantab)
1969 MA (Cantab)
1972 FRCS (England)
1978 MChir (Cantab)
1992 FEBU

Medical Education

1962-1965 Gonville and Caius College,
Cambridge

1965-1968 St Bartholomew's Hospital, London

Consultant Appointments

1979-1993 Consultant Urologist, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London
1979-2006 Honorary Consultant Urologist to St Mark's Hospital for
Diseases of the Colon and Rectum
1993-2000 Consultant Urologist, Central Middlesex Hospital, London
1993-2001 Reader in Urology, Institute of Urology, London
1999-2006 Honorary Consultant, Great Ormond Street Hospital
2001-2006 Consultant Urologist, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading
1994-2012 Honorary Consultant in Urology to the Army

Present Appointments

Consultant Urological Surgeon to King Edward VII Hospital, London

Honours and Awards

1979 BAUS Traveling Fellowship
 1980 Hunterian Professor, Royal College of Surgeons of England
 2003 St Peter's Medal, The British Association of Urological Surgeons

Editorial Experience

1980-84 Urological Research Language Editor
 1985-92 Editorial Committee of European Urology.
 Editorial Committee of the British Journal of Urology.
 1991-2003 Editorial Committee of the World Journal of Urology.
 1989-94 Editorial Board of Current Opinion in Urology.
 1992-1998 Editor-in-Chief of the European Urology Update Series
 1994-2002 Editor of the British Journal of Urology International.

Publications

Books Written

1985 Urology: Pocket Consultant. Blackwell Scientific Publications
 1996 ABC in Urology. BMJ Publications

Books Edited

1985 Textbook of Genito-Urinary Surgery. Vol I & II Eds. H N Whitfield
 W F Hendry. Churchill Livingstone
 1993 Rob & Smith's Operative Surgery: Genito-Urinary Surgery 5th
 Edition Vols I-III, Butterworth Heineman
 1995 Textbook of Genito-Urinary Surgery Vols I-II 2nd Edition HN
 Whitfield, WF Hendry, J Duckett & RS Kirby Blackwell Scientific

Chapters Written 87

Peer Reviewed Papers Published 156

Membership of Learned Societies

British Association of Urological Surgeons
 British Medical Association
 Urological Section of Royal Society of Medicine
 Society of Expert Witnesses

Surgical Experience

Before beginning training in urology I undertook four years' training in general surgery while serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps. This gave me experience of trauma surgery, abdominal and orthopaedic surgery and some thoracic surgery.

My training in urology began with an 18 month research post at the Institute of Urology, following which I wrote a thesis entitled 'Electromyography in Urinary Voiding Disorders'. I was then appointed as a registrar to the paediatric urologist Sir David Innes Williams. My senior registrar post was at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London where I gained wide experience in all aspects of urological surgery, including renal transplantation. In the 1970s urological training was estimated to have taken 80,000 hours. Urological training in the 21st-century is estimated to take between 8 and 10,000 hours.

When I was appointed as a consultant to St Bartholomew's Hospital in 1979 there were approximately 100 consultant urologists in the United Kingdom. There are now approximately 1000. In the 1970s and 1980s all urologists undertook a wide variety of urological procedures in general urology and most also developed sub- specialty expertise. In the 1980s I undertook laparoscopic surgery as a urologist, as well as endoscopic and minimally invasive procedures and conventional open surgery, with a special interest in stone disease.

In the 1980s and in the 1990s I was invited on an almost annual basis to be a visiting professor at the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation in Karachi, Pakistan. At that institution we developed percutaneous renal surgery and upper urinary tract endoscopic procedures for children with stone disease, which was very common in that country. Subsequently, I was given an honorary appointment to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, where I introduced these same procedures.

I have supervised eight urologists in training while they undertook research posts that I had instigated and funded. The topics on which they gained their theses included investigation into the pharmacology of the lower urinary, ureteric motility, encrustation on urinary prostheses, the use of intestinal segments in bladder augmentation and the development of novel polymers for use in the urinary tract. My personal, clinical research has been focused on upper urinary tract obstruction.

I was a co-editor of two editions of the Textbook of Genitourinary Surgery, a two-volume multi-author textbook that covered all aspects of urology and was published and distributed internationally. I was the sole editor of the genitourinary surgery in the Rob and Smith Operative Surgery series. I wrote a smaller textbook for medical students and was co-editor of a general urology textbook ABC in Urology which is now in its third edition and has been published in multiple languages.

For nine years I was editor of the British Journal of Urology International. This provided an unrivalled opportunity to remain abreast of developments in all aspects of urology. The CPD that I have undertaken throughout my career and that I continue to pursue, ensures that I update my knowledge. This is documented and confirmed annually by my Appraiser, when I undertake my annual appraisals as required by the General Medical Council. This is further checked every five years before the GMC makes a decision, based on the recommendation from my Responsible Officer, whether or not I should be revalidated.

My medical expert reports reflect opinions based on my clinical experience, my teaching, writing and research activities.

Medico-legal Experience

I have been writing medico-legal reports for more than 25 years, but it is only since I retired from the NHS in 2006 that I have taken on a significant number of cases annually, approximately 40 a year.

Breakdown of last 42 cases

Negligence	39 5 instructed by Defendant 34 instructed by Claimant
Injury	3 all instructed by Claimant

Areas of General Medico-legal Expertise

General Urology:

Organs, structures and pathology of the genito- urinary tract.
Investigation and management of urological pathology

Areas of Special Medico-legal Expertise

1. Iatrogenic urological injury, particularly ureteric and bladder injury associated with urological, colo-rectal, gynaecological and obstetric practice.
2. Upper urinary tract obstruction from all causes.
3. Urinary tract Stone Disease.

Mediation

I am a trained mediator.

I am a member of the Civil Mediation Council