

Curriculum vitae



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November 19, 1953

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Male

Personal Statement

I am a registered medical practitioner with special expertise in Clinical Forensic Medicine. During my training and practice as a Forensic Physician I have acquired an understanding of those principles of Law pertaining to Forensic Medicine and those police procedures concerning investigation and detention of individuals. My experience has been acquired in some 8,000 cases. My expertise spans the full range of clinical forensic medicine and includes: fitness for interview, the interpretation of injuries, all forms of assault and road traffic medicine.

As an Expert Witness I appreciate the criminal and civil procedures rules that operate in court in respect of evidence disclosure and presentation, the provision of expert opinion at pre-trial conference and when giving evidence in court. I provide some 40 expert opinions each year some 2% for the prosecution and the remainder at the request of those acting for the defendant. I am a member of the Expert Witness Institute.

I have 17 years of service with the States of Jersey Police, where until December 2017 I was the Principal Forensic Medical Examiner working in the Island of Jersey, and lead Forensic Medical Examiner at the Dewberry House, the Sexual Assault Referral Centre for the Island of Jersey.

Appointed Relief Coroner to the Royal Court in Jersey my coronial duties commenced in January 2018 following my resignation as a Forensic Medical Examiner.

My experience is underpinned by academic qualifications, a Master Degree in Forensic Medicine & Bioethics and a Research Master of Laws both from the University of Central Lancashire.

I am a Fellow of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians. I am an examiner for the General Forensic Medicine and the Sexual Offences Medicine papers for Licentiate and Membership of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine.

I am a Professional Member of the Forensic Science Society.

Education

2009–2012	Master of Laws , Lancashire Law School, University of Central Lancashire
2008	Expert Witness Certificate , Cardiff University - Bond Solon
2005–2008	Master of Science , School of Health, University of Central Lancashire
2007	Forensic Medical Examination Rape and Sexual Assault Certificate , University of Manchester
1974–1979	Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery , University of Birmingham

Masters Theses

LL.M (Research), The Historical Development and Contemporary Dilemmas Facing the Police Surgeon

This three-chapter thesis traced the origins of Forensic Medicine from earliest times through the development of the coroner, the establishment of Police Surgeons with the inauguration of the Metropolitan Police and use of credentialing to establish a clinical specialty. The dilemmas facing a Police Surgeon when collecting evidence for the Criminal Justice System against the ethical constraints of being a registered medical practitioner were examined in detail with reference to the law underpinning forensic medicine. This thesis was successfully defended at a *viva voce* examination held in February 2012 with graduation in July 2012.

Supervisors

Professor M Salter, Dr K. Choong.

M.Sc Forensic Medicine & Bioethics

A taught course in Forensic Medicine and Bioethics leading to a Diploma converted to a Masters Degree by submission of a dissertation. My dissertation was titled, *The use of infrared thermometry in the estimation of the time since death in the early postmortem period*. The data was obtained from a study measuring temperature decay where the time of death was known. The results of my study were statistically significant following a predicted curve. The dissertation was accepted without revision and I graduated in May 2008.

Professional

Fellow	Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine, Royal College of Physicians, London. Eligible to use the nominal FFFLM.
Examiner	Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine
Professional Member	Forensic Science Society. Eligible to use the nominal MFSSoc.
Member	Expert Witness Institute.
GMC	General Medical Council Registration number: 2482693
Indemnity	
Medical	Retired Member Status, Medical Protection Society number: 121687
Expert Witness	Professional Indemnity Insurance: RTT269457-2256313
Appraisals	
General	General Practice 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013,2014
Forensic	Clinical Forensic Medicine: 2010, 2012, 2015,2016

Societies

Fellow	Royal Society of Medicine
Treasurer	Clinical Forensic & Legal Section, Royal Society of Medicine
Member	British Academy of Forensic Sciences

Presentations

June 2013. Faculty Forensic & Legal Medicine: Statement Writing and Court Skills; *Forensic Physician's Liability for Written Evidence*. Jointly with Dr. Kartina Choong.

October 2013. European Association Health Law, IV European Conference on Health Law; *The Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service: One year on*. Jointly with Dr. Kartina Choong.

January 2017 Intimate swab taking, Royal Society Medicine, Clinical Forensic and Legal Medicine Section meeting.

Publications

Forensic Physicians and written evidence: Witness statements v. expert reports, Kartina Choong, Martin Barrett *Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine* 22, 93-98, 2014 .

The Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service: One year on. Jointly with Dr. Kartina Choong. Published in Special Edition of *Lex Medicinæ*. 2014

Teaching

As part of the Introduction to Clinical Forensic Medicine Course organized by the Metropolitan Police Service. I led the sessions on Ethics, Consent, & Confidentiality, Statement writing, Record keeping, Court Room skills.

Lunchtime tutorials, Royal Society Medicine, Clinical Forensic and Legal Medicine Section meetings.

Forensic Experience

Forensic Medical Examiner

2000–2017

States of Jersey Police, Jersey and States of Jersey Customs and Immigration Service.

I am experienced in all aspects of the work of a Forensic Physician having carried out some 8,000 examinations. I am expert in the medical aspects of custodial care including the assessment of fitness to detain and interview, substance abuse, road traffic medicine, the interpretation of injuries, cases of internal concealment and the preparation of medico-legal reports for both the criminal and civil courts.

I undertake the forensic medical examination of complainants and victims of adult and child sexual assault. My experience of performing in excess of 300 procedures conducted under general anaesthetic working in a clinic directed by a Consultant Gynaecologist complements my forensic medical skills. For the last 17 years I have been one of five FMEs working in Jersey, during that time I have developed professionally and now I am Principal Forensic Medical Examiner. Dewberry House, the Jersey Sexual Assault Referral Centre opened in May 2017 and I have responsibility for the Forensic Medical areas including governance and compliance with national standards. My assistance is sought by the police when dealing with complaints or sensitive cases. The States of Jersey Police ask me to present to others such as the Defence Lawyer grouping. The Coroner and Police have at times asked me to assist with reviews of medical records and presentation of my findings to other professionals and relatives.

Tier 2, Forensic Medical
Examiner
2012–2016

Metropolitan Police Service.

The higher of the two tiers of FME working the Metropolitan Police, reserved for medical practitioners in possession of a qualification in Clinical Forensic Medicine. There was an extended selection process for this role, that included vetting and proof of child protection training. Working for an employer of choice is a natural progression in the development of my forensic medical interests.

I was appointed to the Forensic Healthcare Panel in 2014. The panel serves an advisory function for the Senior Management of the Metropolitan Police.

Expert Witness
2009–current

I am a member of a panel of Expert Witnesses that are approached by the General Medical Council to give an opinion in cases involving Forensic Medical Examiners. I provide opinion for the courts, sometimes at the request of the prosecution and sometimes at the request of the defence. I am involved in some 50 cases a year.

Skills

My understanding of the principles of Forensic Medicine is up to date. In 2010 I was asked by the Oxford University Press to proof read the galley slip for the Oxford Handbook of Forensic Medicine. I have contributed material that was used to draft guidelines for the Management of Internal Concealment. My seat on the Council of the Clinical Forensic and Legal Medicine Section of the Royal Society of Medicine is further evidence that my knowledge in this area is current.

My communication skills are demonstrated by presentations to national meetings of the Royal Society of Medicine and Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine

I have good relationships with Senior Police Officers in Jersey and Senior Officers of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine, including the present and immediate past Presidents of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine as well the immediate past and current Director of Forensic Medical Services, Metropolitan Police Service.

Court Experience

Relief Coroner
2018 - - current

Viscounts Department, Royal Court of Jersey

General Medical Experience

Principal
January 1998–July 2013

General Practice, St. Peter's Surgery, St. Peter, Jersey.

This was a single-handed practice with over 1000 patients providing a full range of primary care services. General Practice in Jersey is currently being reformed with greater emphasis on the measurement of outcomes. General Practitioners are now appraised under the auspices of the Wessex Deanery in compliance with the re-validation and re-licensing procedures introduced by the General Medical Council.

Skills

I operated a patient focused practice as might be expected in a model of care where patients pay to access their GP and choose which of 90 doctors to consult. The practice has grown by attracting new patients and developing new services such as a Travel Clinic and Dermoscopy.

This approach is underpinned by good communication skills interacting with patients and business acumen.

Medical Director
1999–July 2013

HealthWatch (Jersey) Ltd.

I formed HealthWatch, a company offering Functional Assessments and Health Screening to supplement my General Practice. Building on experience I gained working for the Benefits Agency offering Functional Assessments of employees with medical problems.

I was aware of the need locally to professionalize the provision of medical assessments. HealthWatch's largest customer is the Jersey Electricity Company. This business was won in competition against BUPA.

Having worked closely with a number of employers I have an understanding of the needs of the employer when dealing with employment issues as well as the medical implications for those at work and facing disciplinary or other workplace monitoring.

Skills

HealthWatch demonstrates that I have the vision to identify a business opportunity and commitment to develop and implement a strategy to drive a business forward, building good relationships with companies that use my services.

Forensic Medical Examiner

01/01/2011-31/12/2012

G4S Forensic & Medical Services, Bedfordshire.

This post was an an introduction to the practice of Clinical Forensic Medicine in England and the delivery of forensic medical services in a commercial setting.

This role provided an insight to the use of telephone support to paramedics and nurses working in custody suites, the administration of medication as well as the level of training offered to doctors and others working in custody offered by a commercial operator of custody medical services.

Medical Advisor

01/01/98-31/12/98

(Sessional) Benefits Agency West Midlands.

Trained to conduct assessments for Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance. This role gave me many insights into claimants and their problems.

Skills

The medical element of Incapacity Benefit was predicated on what activities a patient could undertake rather than on a medical diagnosis. This was the first time in my professional life that I had formally evaluated medical evidence.

Senior Medical Coding

NHS Centre for Coding & Classification. Loughborough.

Consultant

01/06/92–31/12/97

The NHSCCC was a section of the Information Management Group, part of the Executive of the NHS.

As Head of Maintenance I was responsible for the quarterly release of Read Codes to the NHS. Read Codes were developed to support computer-based electronic medical records. The NHSCCC was inaugurated to develop Read Codes and to produce mappings between Read and the standard classifications such as the International Classification of Diseases. I maintained these maps.

During my time at the NHSCCC I was introduced to PRINCE methodology which I applied when contributing to the planning of various projects. The largest of which was the Clinical Terms Project where representatives of the 40 or so Clinical Specialties collected the terms used by doctors some teams ordered those terms into hierarchies.

I headed the team that attached the relevant ICD or OPCS code. At one point 40 doctors submitted their work to me and I supervised the work of a team of clinical coders. This required considerable organizational ability as well as accuracy when working to tight schedules.

The NHSCCC operated at the interface between the NHS and the Department of Health. At joint meetings I worked with Grade 7 Civil Servants at the DoH.

I sat on the national committee producing coding advice, editing the quarterly magazine that was issued to the NHS.

Skills

The most important item in my skill set was the ability to work to deadlines to produce deliverables. Despite new work and projects coming on stream the quarterly release still had to be distributed on time.

The NHS uses the ICD as a base classification to exchange information, there are two sets of coding rules, one set which is used for coding morbidity that are governed by the mortality rules. The mortality rules are applied to statements supplied by doctors on the Medical Certificate of Cause Death as well as the narratives supplied by pathologists and coroners. I became competent in the application of both sets of rules.

I acquired an extensive knowledge of the terms used by clinicians, the language of medicine and the application of various coding frames in medical practice to those terms.

Lister House Surgery St Helier, Jersey.

General Practitioner

01/10/83–31/08/92

General Practice in the Jersey followed a pre-1948 private model of care. I was responsible for computerization and expansion of the practice.

Skills

I had identified a need to expand the practice facilities and I liaised with a local pharmacist to divide the premises into consulting rooms and retail space. With computerization it was possible to operate a wide area network giving access to medical records in all three branch surgeries. Such communication is commonplace now but innovative at that time.

I am a confident competent clinician managing the medical needs of some 1100 persons.

Senior House Officer

01/03/83–30/09/83

Jersey General Hospital, Jersey.

Acute and long term psychiatry.

Locum GP

Lister House Surgery St Helier, Jersey.

01/09/82–28/02/83	General Practice, this was much like a trainee-ship.
Senior House Officer	Cardiac Surgery Bristol Royal Infirmary.
01/02/82–31/07/82	Open heart surgery on adults and children.
Senior House Officer	Acute Orthopaedics and Accident & Emergency Bristol Royal Infirmary.
01/09/81–31/01/82	Working in the Accident & Emergency and in the wards of BRI
Clinical Assistant	Glasgow Royal Infirmary.
	01/08/80–31/07/81
	Working in the Accident & Emergency Department covering Major and minor cases in a busy Casualty Department.
Temporary Lecturer	Anatomy Department University of Glasgow.
01/08/80–31/07/81	Anatomy Demonstrator, teaching medical and dental students, nurses and physiotherapists in the dissection room.
House Officer	General Hospital, Birmingham.
01/02/80–31/04/80	General surgical duties attached to the Gastrointestinal unit, with a world class reputation.
House Officer	Tehidy Hospital, Camborne and Royal Cornwall Hospital Truro, Truro.
01/06/79–31/01/80	General medical duties in acute general medicine and chest medicine.