
Curriculum Vitae

For Medico-legal Work

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Personal Details

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Professional Details

Current NHS post Consultant in Accident and Emergency Medicine
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
Queen's Medical Centre
Derby Road
Nottingham
Nottinghamshire NG7 2UH

Medico-legal affiliation First Tier APIL Expert Member
UK Register of Expert Witnesses

GMC registration 3143148

Medical Protection Society 147797

MedCo registration DME 3143

Medico-legal Work

Expertise

20 years working as a Consultant and Clinical Director in some of Europe's busiest A&E departments enables me to assist both claimant and defendant representatives in personal injury and clinical negligence matters. My clinical negligence Claimant / Defendant split is 50 / 50.

I am a 1st Tier APIL Expert Member with 19 years experience of preparing expert medico-legal reports covering:

- accidents at work
- accidents in public places
- criminal injuries
- road traffic accidents – both vehicle occupant & non occupant cases
- clinical negligence in relation to Accident & Emergency and Pre-hospital Care
- expert medical reports for Coroners

My Court experience includes:

- Expert Witness for the Defendant in the High Court
- Expert Witness for the Family in the Coroner's Court
- Expert Witness for the Coroner, including a case which received national coverage

I have given lectures on various medico-legal topics to Nottingham Law Society, firms of solicitors and A&E clinicians. My areas of medical expertise include:

- the full spectrum of Accident and Emergency presentations, such as:
- burns
- lacerations / wounds
- head injuries
- neck injuries
- emergency management of all fractures and dislocations
- upper and lower limb soft tissue injuries
- inhalation injuries
- chest injuries
- victims of torture

Summary

- ❖ I have 20 years experience as a Consultant in Accident and Emergency Medicine. During that time, I have worked in District General and Teaching Hospitals as Clinical Director as well as a Consultant.
- ❖ I am a Consultant in Emergency Medicine at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust based at Queen's Medical Centre. This is one of the busiest single-site emergency departments in Europe. (164,000 patients per annum).
- ❖ As Clinical Director, I was responsible for over 300 staff. I developed an integrated model of acute care which was recognised with a *Hospital Doctor* award.
- ❖ 75% of the workload is adults and 25% is paediatrics and my clinical work spans the full spectrum of Accident and Emergency medicine.
- ❖ I am a First Tier Association of Personal Injury Lawyers Expert Member.
- ❖ I have particular interests in clinical governance and teaching. I chaired the A&E Clinical Governance Committee and set up the Local Clinical Advisory Group. As Clinical Tutor, I was responsible for the supervision of all Queen's A&E Specialist Registrars.
- ❖ I have championed the development of Advanced Practitioners.
- ❖ I have pioneered the development of Minor Injury Units and Telemedicine, helping to establish the credibility of MIUs nationally. I am Educational and Medical Lead for Emergency Nurse Practitioners.

Medical Education and Qualifications

Medical School

King's College School of Medicine
University of London 1981-1986
MB BS 1986

Postgraduate Diplomas

Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS) 1993
Fellow of the College of Emergency Medicine (FCEM) 1996

Current Appointments

Current NHS post

Consultant in Accident and Emergency Medicine 2004 - present
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
Queen's Medical Centre
Derby Road
Nottingham
Nottinghamshire NG7 2UH

Educational and Medical Lead for Emergency Nurse Practitioners

Additional appointments

Trustee 2008 - present
UK Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS)
Essex and Hertfordshire Air Ambulance
Earls Colne Business Park
Earls Colne
Colchester
Essex CO6 2NS

Trustee 2013 - present
Essex and Hertfordshire Air Ambulance
Earls Colne Business Park
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Member 2009 - present
European Resuscitation Council
Drie Eikenstraat 661
2650 Edegem
Belgium

Previous Appointments

NHS posts

Clinical Director of Accident and Emergency Medicine Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	2005 – 2007
Consultant in Accident and Emergency Medicine Clinical Director East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust	2000 – 2004 2001 – 2002
Consultant in Accident and Emergency Medicine Head of Service Mayday University Hospital NHS Trust, Surrey	1996 – 2000 1999 - 2000

Other positions

Medical Director Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance	2005 – 2012
Medical Director Essex and Hertfordshire Air Ambulance	2006 - 2013
Medical Director North West Air Ambulance	2008 – 2009
Founder member UK Helicopter Emergency Medical Services	
Past Chairman The Clinical Arm of UK HEMS and The Association of Air Ambulances	
Past Regional Representative Resuscitation Council UK	
Past Chief Medical Officer British Motor Cycle Racing Club	
Past Senior Medical Officer Wembley Stadium	
Past Lecturer and Examiner Paramedic Training School, London and University of Hertfordshire	

Consulting Rooms

Birmingham	43 George Road, Birmingham, B15 1PL
Canterbury	Lombard House, 12/17 Upper Bridge Street, Canterbury, CT1 2NF
Colchester	Earls Colne Business Park, Earls Colne, Colchester, CO6 2NS
Leeds	No 2 Wellington Place, Leeds, LS1 4AP
Leicester	Holmfield Consulting Rooms, 1 Holmfield Road, Leicester, LE2 1SD
Liverpool	Horton House, Exchange Flags, Liverpool, L2 3PF
London	17 Bruton Street, London, W1J 6QB
Manchester	82 King Street, Manchester, M2 4WQ
Milton Keynes	Atterbury Lakes, Fairbourne Drive, Milton Keynes MK10 9RG
Northampton	Victory House, 400 Pavilion Drive, Northampton, NN4 7PA
Nottingham	6 th Floor City Gate East, Toll House Hill, Nottingham NG1 5FS
Peterborough	Stewart House, St John's Street, Peterborough, PE1 5DD
Reading	400 Thames Valley Park Drive, Thames Valley Park, Reading, RG6 1PT
Sheffield	Stewart House, Julian Way, Sheffield, S9 1GD

Other venues available subject to demand

Video consultations available for clients unable to attend clinics in person

Publications

Airborne Critical Care. Freij R. *Surgeons' News The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh* April 2011

Medical response times to major incidents: Potential benefits of a regional air ambulance mutual aid scheme Bredmose PP, Forbes RA, Davies GE, Freij R, and Lockey D *Emergency Medical Journal*. 2008;25:851-853

The Emergency team in Trauma Resuscitation Neeley I, Frakes P, Freij R Esberger D and Coffey F presenting to the Emergency section of the RCN conference November 2008 accepted for publication in *Emergency Nurse* December 2008

Medical response times to major incidents: Potential benefits of a regional air ambulance mutual aid scheme Bredmose PP, Forbes RA, Davies GE, Freij R, Lockey D
Presented at Airmed 2008

The use of Fascia Iliaca Compartment Blocks to provide analgesia for fractured Necks of Femur in the Emergency Department Gillian Foxall, Demas Esberger, Phil Miller, Ramzi Freij, Jo Varcoe and Nigel Bedford
Poster Presentation at the European Society of Regional Anaesthesia 2007

An audit of 333 ankle sprains Johnson S, Freij R, and Scammell B
Poster Presentation British Association of Emergency Medicine 2006

Fitzgerald E and Freij R The use of an early warning score in the emergency department.
Poster Presentation British Association of Emergency Medicine 2005

Ayathan S, Coffey F and Freij R The use of intranasal lignocaine in migraines
Poster Presentation British Association of Emergency Medicine 2005

Batrack N, Hashemi K and Freij R The best evidence topic report: Treatment of uncomplicated subungual Haematoma. *Emergency Medical Journal*. 2003;20:65

Vakees Y, Freij R and Hashemi K. Retropharyngeal haematoma following blunt trauma. *Journal of Accident and Emergency Medicine*. 2000;17:430.

Mathews W and Freij R. CVA in a one year old following a minor head injury. *Journal of Accident and Emergency*. 2000;17:379-380.

Dasan, S and Freij, R. Temperature does not influence admission. *eBritish Medical Journal*. 2000(L).

Moss P and Freij R. All that glisters is not gold (Mycobacterium Marinum as a cause of septic lesions). *British Medical Journal*. 2000;320:814.

Badcott, S, Fernandes R, Hargreaves D and Freij R. Target drug related admissions. *Pharmacy in*

Practice. 1999;10:358-361.

Moss P and Freij R. Recent Advances in Accident and Emergency (L). *Journal of Accident and Emergency*. 1998;15:437.

The following three abstracts were accepted for poster presentation at the Scientific Meeting of the faculty of Accident and Emergency in September 1998. The use of antipyretics in children presenting to Accident and Emergency was awarded first prize at the conference.

- Moss P, Freij R and Hashemi K. The use of antipyretics in children presenting to Accident and Emergency Departments.
- Moss P, Gupta P, Freij R and Hashemi K. Headaches in Accident and Emergency.
- Moss P, Freij R and Hashemi K. Pyrexia in children.

Meek S, Kendall J, Porter J and Freij R. Can Accident & Emergency Nurse Practitioners interpret X-rays? *Journal of Accident & Emergency Medicine*. 1998;15:105-107.

Freij R and Mullett S. Inadvertent intracranial placement of a naso gastric tube in a non-trauma patient. *Journal of Accident and Emergency Medicine*. 1997;14:45-7.

Freij R and Fothergill J. X-ray interpretation by Nurse Practitioners in a Minor Injuries Unit (L). *Journal of Accident & Emergency Medicine*. 1996;13:365.

Tachakra S, Freij R, Mullett S and .Sivakumar A. Teleradiology or teleconsultation for Emergency Nurse Practitioners? *Journal of Telemedicine and Telecare*. 1996;2:56-8.

Tachakra S, Sivakumar A, Everard R, Mullett S and Freij R. Remote trauma management - setting up a system. *Journal of Telemedicine and Telecare*. 1996;2:65-8.

Tachakra S, Mullett S, Freij R and Sivakumar A. Confidentiality and ethics in telemedicine. *Journal of Telemedicine and Telecare*. 1996;2:68-71.

Freij R, Duffy T, Hackett D, Cunningham D and Fothergill J. X-ray interpretation by Nurse practitioners in a Minor Injuries Unit. *Journal of Accident and Emergency Medicine*. 1996;13:41-3. The above paper received the first prize in the Audit section at St. Mary's Hospital for 1995.

Freij R. Book review "Key topics in Accident and Emergency Medicine" *Postgraduate doctor* 1995;11: 6.

Presentations

The future of aircrew

May 2012, Waypoint Conference

Medicalisation of aircrew

May 2011, Airmed 2011

The best way to fund an air ambulance charity: state, private or a combination?

May 2011, Airmed 2011

Regional planning of air rescue systems

May 2011, Airmed 2011, Panel discussion

Governance in aero-medical systems

May 2011, Airmed 2011, Panel discussion

The benefits of HEMS: Interventions in HEMS affecting outcome

May 2011, Airmed 2011, Panel discussion

Medical effectiveness: Training and simulation

May 2011, Airmed 2011, Panel discussion

Multiple drug therapy in A&E presenting as a pneumomediastinum

Subarachnoid masquerading as a Myocardial Infarction

September 2001, Grand round Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital

Reflections on major incidents 1666-2000

June 2000, General Practitioners at the invitation of Glaxo Wellcome

A perspective of chemical incidents

February 2000, South West Thames A&E consultants group

Primary care in A&E

April 1999, General Practitioners in the PGMC Mayday University Hospital

Violence: is it a problem in A&E?

April 1999, National Association of Security Managers

Major Incidents: are we ready?

October 1997, Consultant body Mayday University Hospital

Minor injuries: Primary Care or A&E?

June 1997, Consortium of Central and South Croydon General Practitioners.

The team approach to trauma care

January 1996, Audit and Quality Department of Brent and Harrow Health Authority

Inadvertent intracranial insertion of a nasogastric tube in a non-trauma patient
November 1995, Grand Round Central Middlesex Hospital

Torsades de Pointes in a patient with prolonged QT interval
January 1995, Grand Round St. Mary's Hospital

Courses Conferences and Meetings

A list of courses that I have attended for Continuing Professional Development is available upon request.