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Current Appointment

Consultant Paediatric Urologist,
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Education

1988-1989 Royal Holloway and Bedford New College (Intercalated BSc)
1986-1992 Guy's Hospital Medical School

Qualifications

July 1989 BSc in Psychology and Basic Medical Sciences 2(1)
July 1992 MB BS

Postgraduate Qualifications

May 1997 FRCS (England)
July 2001 MSc in Urology
Nov 2002 FRCS (Urol)

Publications (Book chapters)

Nephro-oncology (in press)

Skinner R Arif T, Gabra H and Taghizadeh A
In Clinical Paediatric Nephrology
Oxford University Press 4th edition
Eds: Wallace D, Shenoy M, Sinha M

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Urodynamic characterization of giggle incontinence in children.

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Position statement

I have been in post as a Consultant Paediatric Urologist at Evelina London Children's Hospital since 2008. I originally trained in Adult Urology and then subspecialised in Paediatric and Adolescent Urology by training at Guy's, Great Ormond Street and University College Hospitals in London and finally in Leeds.

My current urology practice is in General Paediatric Urology. However, a considerable part of my practice is focussed on bladder care. I have a specialist interest in complex surgery for neuropathic bladder conditions. I have jointly set up and run a clinic for children in retention. I have jointly set up and run a clinic in adult urology for patients who have transitioned from paediatric urology. I regularly perform video-cystometrograms and ambulatory cystometrograms. I have set up one of the first programs in the UK for offering children sacral neuromodulation for bladder conditions.

Although I am a paediatric Urologist, I benefit from close links to other related departments. The Paediatric Urology Department I work in has unique links to one of the largest Bladder departments in the UK. We hold regular joint multi-disciplinary meetings with the Bladder Team. In addition, through my role with the "Adolescent" Urology clinic, I regularly attend Adult Functional Urology multi-disciplinary meetings.

I have strived to improve the care of children with bladder conditions in our department. I have set up a pathway for patients from the paediatric bladder service to be safely and directly added to paediatric urology waiting lists for bladder botulinum toxin treatment. I have helped increase cystometrogram capacity in our unit by setting up a service where nurses perform cystometrograms and by creating an innovative post for a clinical scientist to perform video cystometrograms in children.

I am passionate about the importance of education for professionals about the bladder. I am a faculty member for both of the Evelina FRCS (Urol) and FRCS (Paed) where I lecture on functional bladder disorders. I have been a faculty member for the Evelina urodynamics course since 2018. I took over in the role as course director for the Evelina urodynamics course in 2023.

My recent publications reflect my interest in bladder problems with articles on the morbidity of suprapubic lines used in urodynamics, urological outcomes in anorectal malformation and the urodynamics of giggle incontinence.

In the last few years there have been big strides in defining bladder conditions and providing evidenced based systems of treatment; this is an exciting time to be a practitioner in children's bladders.

I strongly believe that urinary incontinence in children is an important problem. It affects many and for those children, the symptoms have a huge impact at a particularly vulnerable stage in their lives.

Furthermore urinary incontinence may be a symptom of important underlying anatomical or neurogenic disease. It is still too common for professionals to dismiss urinary incontinence as either a psychological problem or one that the child will grow out of. Even amongst paediatric urologists, there are perhaps too many, that downgrade the problem to one of lesser importance.

As well as continuing to develop our understanding of bladder conditions and their treatment, as bladder practitioners we face the important challenge of educating igniting interest in the wider sphere of clinicians caring for children.