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SHORT RÉSUMÉ **(CV below)**

I was an Honorary Senior Lecturer in Surgery at Barts Cancer Institute, Queen Mary University of London (Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry) and a retired Consultant General Surgeon (since February 2014) at Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, where I had been the Breast Unit Lead Consultant between May 2007 and October 2011. I am a general surgeon with 42 years' surgical experience, including some orthopaedics and considerable urological experience, and was in full time private surgical practice until 2000. Since 2000 I have held long-term locum consultant posts in the NHS until my last appointment, from May 2007 until February 2014, of Consultant General Surgeon and Senior Lecturer. I have been teaching on the MSc in Surgical Science course of Queen Mary University of London, which largely concerns laparoscopic surgery, from 2007 until 2024.

I write about a hundred medico-legal reports annually dealing with personal injury (30%) and alleged clinical negligence (70%) cases. About 95% of the latter are for the claimant and 5% are defendant or joint instructions (5:1).

My main interests are in general surgery, breast surgery, hernia repair and trauma surgery but I also have experience in urology. I am thoroughly conversant with the modern regulations for medico-legal reporting and regularly attend update meetings and symposia. I have a wide medical experience and have published many peer-reviewed papers and articles, documented in my CV. I am a sub-editor of the Journal of Surgical Simulation.

My reports are set out clearly, I usually reach unambiguous conclusions and I state my logical reasoning clearly. I am able to turn round reports rapidly if there is time pressure (if necessary I can give appointments in two weeks and reports in another two weeks) but my usual turnaround time is three or four months. I can see claimants in Central London or Guildford and I am prepared to travel further-a-field if necessary, to see claimants in their homes.

I am happy to discuss a potential case on the telephone or by email before receiving instructions. I can be contacted on 0771 386 0000 or markornstein@gmail.com.

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SUMMARY CV

(please ask for full version with publications details)

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| Date of birth | 23 July 1944 | Status | married (happily) |
| GMC | 1202391 | Nationality | British |
| Professional Qualifications | January 1968 MB ChB August 1973 FRCS April 2005 ATLS | Bristol University Royal College of Surgeons of England " " " " | |
| Consulting at | London W1 and Guildford, Surrey | | |
| NHS/University appointments | Senior Lecturer in Surgery, Barts Cancer Institute, Queen Mary University of London Member Editorial Board of Journal of Surgical Simulation Retired Consultant Surgeon Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust | | |

Societies' Membership

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| <u>Ex:</u> Association of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland | British Medical Association (ex committee member) |
| British Hernia Society | European Hernia Society |
| <u>Current:</u> The Medico-Legal Society | Society of Expert Witnesses |
| Jewish Medical Association UK (ex President) | Royal Society of Medicine |
| Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of the City of London | |

Main medical interests

General surgery, including laparoscopic, breast, hernia and trauma surgery

Courses etc. attended

Numerous medical/surgical courses and symposia and the following courses/meetings relevant to medico-legal expertise older than in the last ten years:-

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| Medical Ethics 5-day Course, Imperial College | London - Sep 1997 |
| Medical & Legal Training Services Course, "Report writing after Woolf" | London - Apr 1999 |
| Medical Protection Society course on doctor/patient interactions | London - Sep 2012 |
| The Academy of Experts Course, "Meetings of Experts" | London - Oct 2012 |

And in the last ten years:-

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| Bond Solon Annual Symposia | London - Nov 2014, |
| Bond Solon Annual symposia (cont.) | 2015 & 2017 - 2022 |

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| Expert Witness Institute Symposium | London - Sep 2016 |
| Bond Solon Course, "Meeting of Experts" | London - Oct 2016 |
| Clinical Negligence Debate 2019 | Manc'ter - Mar 2019 |
| Mediation Simulation, Academy of Experts | London - Oct 2019 |
| Clinical Negligence Debate 2020 | Manc'ter - Mar 2020 |
| Clinical Negligence Essentials (Bond Solon) | On-line - Apr 2020 |
| Expert Witness Institute Annual Conference | On-line - Apr 2021 |
| Premex+ Seminar "Leading by Example" | Birm'ham - Mar 2021 |
| Expert Witness Institute "Joint Statement" | On-line - Jun 2022 |
| Premex+ Seminar | Bolton - Nov 2022 |
| Expert Witness Institute Annual Conference | On-line - May 2023 |
| Pain from the Periphery to the Centre. A medico-legal perspective | Roy. Soc. Med. - May 2023 |
| Medico Legal Conference | London - Jun 2023 |
| Sir Michael Davies Lecture – Expert Witness Institute | London - Oct 2023 |
| EWI Online Conference | London - May 2024 |
| When things go wrong. Patient safety | Roy.Soc.Med – June 2024 |
| Sir Michael Davies Lecture – Expert Witness Institute | London - Oct 2024 |

Experience

I have 50 years' medical experience, initially in general practice and then as a surgeon. My main surgical interests are in general (and laparoscopic) surgery, breast disease, hernia and abdominal trauma.

Prior to my consultant surgical practice I had experience in general practice (both immediately after registration and during my research years) and in neurosurgery, thoracic surgery and in orthopaedics including trauma up to registrar level. After one year as a consultant urologist I left the National Health Service for full time private practice in general surgery because I wished to give my patients time and personal attention. I re-joined the NHS in 1995 as a consultant general surgeon with a major interest in breast surgery and have been a senior lecturer at Barts and The London Medical School, with graduate and postgraduate teaching and research commitments, since 2007. I joined the Editorial Board of the Journal of Surgical Simulation in June 2014. I continue to teach on post graduate courses in the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Imperial College School of Medicine and at Barts Cancer Institute.

I have been providing medical reports for solicitors in the United Kingdom and Ireland, for personal injury compensation and for alleged clinical negligence (about 9:1: 95% for claimant and 5% defendant or joint), since 1995. I consider the initial referral carefully, by letter, email or telephone call, before accepting a case.

The **personal injury reports**, about fifty a year, have been for claimants with injuries after road traffic and workplace incidents, causing soft tissue injuries such as damaged spleens, seat-belt breast contusions and hernias. The **clinical negligence cases**, about fifty a year, have concerned varied general surgical and urological mishaps, from missed diagnoses, through unacceptable nerve damage during surgery and breast cancer mismanagement to laparoscopic surgical errors.

Employment Summary (since 1985, some concurrent)

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| Feb 1968 - Feb 1978 | National Health Service - Junior' doctor posts and general practice, Bristol |
| Mar 1978 - July 1980 | Medical Research Council - Research Fellow and Hon. Senior Registrar, London |
| May 1978 - Apr 1979 | Institute of Urology, London - Clinical Assistant |
| Aug 1980 - July 1990 | National Health Service and University - Senior Registrar, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, London |
| Jul 1990 - July 1991 | National Health Service - Consultant Urologist, Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, London and Hon. Lecturer, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School |
| Dec 1985 - present | Private Surgical Practice and research in laparoscopic robotics. No clinical NHS between Jul 1991 and Nov 1999 |
| Jan 1995 - present | Medico-legal report writing |
| Nov 1999 - April 2007 | National Health Service - Locum Consultant Surgeon posts |
| May 2007 - Feb 2014 | National Health Service - Consultant General Surgeon, Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (Breast Unit Lead until October 2011) |
| May 2007 - present | Queen Mary University of London - Senior Lecturer (till 2014) and then Honorary Senior Lecturer in Surgery, Barts Cancer Institute |
| Apr 2014 - present | Editorial Board, Journal of Surgical Simulation |

Publications, Presented Papers, Lectures (please ask for detailed CV)

Organiser of one international symposium.

Editor of two books.

Leader of one and collaborator in three multicentre controlled clinical trials.

Author of 64 other publications (papers in peer reviewed journals, letters, presentations) on colon. physiology, computer assisted diagnosis, biliary function, hernia repair, robotics and breast carcinoma.

Author of 52 review articles and meeting and symposium reports.

Joint producer of a short film [breast cancer in Black and Asian women]