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RESUMÉ

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I completed Medical School in Tel Aviv University in 1989.

I have been a Consultant in Emergency Medicine since 1996. I worked for many years in the air ambulance service (HEMS) and have been preparing medico-legal reports for over 25 years. I have also been advising on use of force issues across a number of law enforcement, custodial and health agencies since 1998.

I completed surgical training in Glasgow, receiving the FRCSEd in 1993. I commenced higher specialist training in Emergency Medicine in 1994 and was appointed Consultant at Birmingham Heartlands Hospital in 1996.

In 1992, I was awarded the Diploma in Immediate Medical Care by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

I was awarded the Queens Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals for my pre-hospital emergency work.

I was awarded the Fellowship of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine (FRCEM) in 1997.

I received a PhD in Occupational Health from the University of Birmingham in 2000.

I recently left the NHS to embark on overseas and non-NHS projects.

I currently work part-time, as a Locum Consultant in the UK and hold a part-time position as a senior Emergency Physician in Beilinson Hospital, Israel.

I left the NHS after serving as Clinical Director of Urgent Care and Consultant in Emergency Medicine at Kettering Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. I also served as a part-time Consultant Trauma Team Leader at St Mary's Hospital Major Trauma Centre in London for three years. Prior to this, I was Lead Consultant in Emergency Medicine at the North West London Hospitals NHS Trust having previously served for 14 years as a Consultant at the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust. I served as Emergency Planning Officer for the Trust, writing, exercising and responding to major incidents.

I hold the position of Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Warwick Medical School. I have an active and extensive research portfolio.

I serve as an external examiner for a Masters programme at Queen Mary's University London.

Until a couple of years ago, I served as an examiner to the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

I worked as a HEMS (air ambulance) doctor for 12 years, serving as Clinical Director of the Midlands Air Ambulance for three years. I later served as the clinical audit lead and training doctor for the Air Support Unit at Great Western Ambulance Service. I have published a series of books on air ambulance work.

I was an active pre-hospital doctor regularly working with the ambulance service at the scenes of major accidents and patient entrapments, between 1994 and 2014.

I currently serve as a medical advisor to the Ministry of Defence serving as a member of SACMILL (Scientific Advisory Committee on Medical Implications of Less Lethal Weapons).

I sat on government advisory committees for disaster and emergency planning. This included provision of advice and expertise in writing national guidance and policy documents and development of the national response to CBRN, 'big bang' and 'rising tide' incidents.

I was awarded my PhD by the University of Birmingham for work on developing body armour for the police. This arose from my development work for the Home Office and the Police Federation on officer safety programmes, addressing protection from knives and bullets.

In 1998, I qualified as a police instructor for unarmed defensive tactics, safe prisoner restraint, handcuffing, tactical communication skills, incapacitant sprays and knife defence. Since then I have been able to work with mental health, custodial and other services to minimise the risks of physical intervention and restraint. Through this interest, I have been able to offer opinions on use of force, and injuries sustained during restraint, arrest and detention. I continue to provide expert advice to a number of national bodies and organisations on the safety of physical interventions. I am engaged in developing safe physical interventions and effective training strategies across a number of agencies including the prison service, the police, secure hospitals and secure children's homes. I have also been able to assess the safety of restraint devices, physical intervention packages, behaviour management plans and individual care plans.

I have published numerous articles in peer-reviewed professional journals and authored a number of chapters for medical text books.

