

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Qualifications: MB, BCh, BAO 1984 (Commendation in Medicine and Surgery, RBHSC Gold Medal)
MRCP (UK) 1988
FRCPCH 1997

Current Appointment: Consultant Paediatric Nephrologist (1/11/95) RBHSC

I am Lead Clinician and part of a team of 3 whole time consultant Paediatric Nephrologists in Belfast.

The RBHSC Paediatric Renal Unit is one of 13 centres for tertiary care in Paediatric Nephrology in the United Kingdom. It provides a comprehensive diagnostic and treatment service for children with renal disorders. The population served is 1.67m. The Unit is housed in Barbour Ward which also contains three out-patient haemodialysis stations. There are currently over 30 children on the renal replacement program, including one on peritoneal dialysis and four on haemodialysis. In 20 09/10 2317 outpatients attended (306 new), there were 722 day cases (mostly for haemodialysis) and 136 admissions.

Approximately 20 renal biopsies per year are performed. There is an expanding Live Donor Transplant program with 12 paediatric renal transplants in 2010 (9 live related). An Acute Renal Failure Service is provided to three Intensive Care Units (Paediatric Intensive Care, Cardiac Surgical Intensive Care and Neonatal Intensive Care) and an antenatal counselling service is offered. Antenatal renal anomalies occur in approximately 0.9% of all pregnancies. This involves over 200 children per annum in Northern Ireland and many of these are seen at the Regional Nephrology clinics for further investigation. The Paediatric Urology Team provides a urodynamic service. There is close liaison with the adult Nephrology services, Transplant Surgeons and Tissue Type laboratory. These services are situated at Belfast City Hospital (0.8 miles away).

Previous training:

1994-1995 Southmead Hospital, Bristol
Senior Registrar in Paediatric Nephrology

1991-1994 Northern Ireland Paediatric Training Scheme
Registrar and Senior Registrar including 12 months in Paediatric Nephrology

1990-1991	Research Fellow, Royal Maternity Hospital, Belfast Post-natal follow-up of children previously treated with surfactant
1989-1990	Sheffield Children's Hospital Registrar in Paediatrics
1988-1989	Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry. Registrar in Paediatrics
1986 – 1988	Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children. Senior House Officer
1985 – 1986	Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. Senior House Officer
1984- 1985	Royal Victoria Hospital Junior House Officer

Membership of Learned Societies:

Member of Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

Member of British Association of Paediatric Nephrology

Member of International Paediatric Nephrology Association

Member of British Medical Association

NI Committees and Working Groups

Participant in Northern Ireland Nephrology Forum (audit, education and resource planning).

Invited member of Epo Expert Group (DHSSPS) 2007-8

Member of N.I. eMed Working Group

Member of the RMSG Nephrology and Transplantation Group

National Committees and Working Groups

Member of Kidney Advisory Group Paediatric Sub-Group (2008-present)

- Bi-Annual meetings in Bristol in Organ Donation and Transplantation Directorate

Member of Working Group Royal College Paediatrics and Child Health/British Association for Paediatric Nephrology/NHS Kidney Care, 2010-2011.

- Produced document “Improving the standard of care of children with kidney disease through paediatric nephrology networks”, published August 2011.