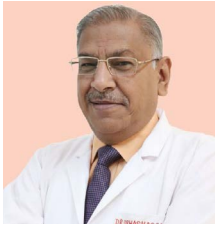


# Resume of Speakers



## Subhash Aggarwal

Dr Subhash Aggarwal is Director, Senior Consultant and Head of the Department of General and Minimal Access Surgery, Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute,

Delhi, India. Started Surgical practice in 1980. He has more than three decades of experience in laparoscopic surgery. He has a passion for emergency laparoscopic surgery. He has performed live laparoscopic surgery workshops at various regional and national minimal access surgery conferences. He has written a chapter on Exploratory and Therapeutic Laparoscopy in Trauma Laparoscopic Management of Intra-abdominal Infection in The Textbook of Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgery published in 2024.

### Present posts

- President of Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo-Surgeons (IAGES)
- GC Member IFSES
- Central Working Committee Member of IMA
- Executive Member of Delhi Medical Council

### Awards / orations

- Vocational Excellence Award by Rotary Club for his contribution during the earthquake in Gujarat, where he led a team of 37 doctors
- Swami Vivekanand Memorial Oration
- Dr NC Joshi Memorial Oration
- Lifetime achievement award in field of surgery.



## Jawad Ahmad

Mr Jawad Ahmad is a consultant Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic surgeon at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire. He is the premier robotic HPB trainer for the UK and Europe and has started many successful robotic programs. He is robotic lead at ALSGBI and GBIHPBA and maintains a keen interest in research and teaching.

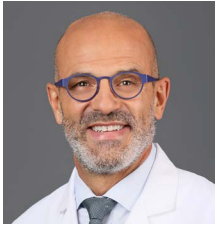


## Jamil Ahmed

Mr Jamil Ahmed strives to deliver a personalised and highest quality of clinical service to his patients. He is passionate about minimally invasive colorectal surgery and committed to the academia, teaching and training in the Surgery. He has keen interest in minimally invasive colorectal surgery and earned a Post CCT fellowship in advanced laparoscopic and robotic surgery from European Academy of Robotic Colorectal Surgery (ERACS) Lisbon, Portugal.

Mr. Ahmed has a strong interest in surgical research and academia, particularly in the minimally invasive approach for colorectal cancers and has published over 50 peer-reviewed articles in various medical journals. He also presented over 100 presentations in different national and international scientific meetings. Mr. Ahmed also works as Associated Director of Medical Education (ADME) at Northampton General Hospital, Tutor for Royal College of Surgeons of England and Honorary Lecturer in the School of Medicine, University of Leicester. Mr. Ahmed is trainer for robotic and laparoscopic general and colorectal surgery and is part of faculty for various surgical courses run by Royal College of Surgeons of England.

He also runs several international master classes for laparoscopic surgery.



## Horacio Asbun

Horacio Asbun, M.D., FACS, is Professor and Chief of Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery at Miami Cancer Institute and Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Florida International University. Prior to this role, he served

as Chairman of General Surgery at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL. (2008-2018) and served as Professor of Surgery at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science until 2022. Dr. Asbun is former President (2020-2021) of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) and Executive Member of the Board of Governors. He also served as a member of the Executive Council of the American Hepato-Pancreatic Biliary Association (AHPBA), Chairman of the Video-Based Education of the American College of Surgeons and is a founding Board Member of The G4 Alliance, the International Laparoscopic Liver Society, and the International Minimally Invasive Pancreas Surgery consortium.

Dr. Asbun is the Editor-in-Chief of the American College of Surgeons Multimedia Atlas of Surgery and is on the Editorial Board of Surgical Endoscopy. He has served as a panel member on the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines for pancreatic cancer and a member of 25 Medical Societies. He has been, and currently is a member, Chair or Co-Chair of multiple Committees on several major US surgical societies. Dr. Asbun is a member of multiple international expert surgical initiatives and expert study groups. Among them, International Study Group of Pancreas Surgery (ISGPS), Tokyo Guidelines (TG18), European Guidelines on Laparoscopic Liver Surgery (EGMLLS), International Consensus on Laparoscopic Liver Resection (ICLLR), International Consensus on Prevention of Bile Duct Injury, European Guidelines of Minimally Invasive Pancreatic Surgery (EGUMIPS), International consensus on Peri-ampullary Neoplasms (PERIPAN), REDISCOVER Consensus Meeting of Pancreas. He has also served as the Chair of the Evidence-Based, International Guidelines in Minimally Invasive Pancreas Resection (IG-MIPR).

Dr. Asbun has published more than 208 peer-reviewed scientific articles and 140 peer-reviewed surgical videos. He is author of over 35 book chapters and editor of 6 Surgical Books. He serves as a reviewer for numerous scientific journals. He directs and teaches national and international courses on surgery and speaks frequently at scientific conferences around the world, with, to-date, more than 940 presentations in the US, Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceania, Central and South America. He is an Honorary Fellow of several International Surgical Societies and has received multiple awards. His publications are in the areas of liver, pancreas, biliary and endocrine surgery, minimal invasive surgery, surgical oncology, as well as basic science research in the field of surgical oncology.



## Altaf Awan

Mr Altaf Awan is a specialist benign pancreaticobiliary and bariatric (weight loss) surgeon. He undertook his basic and higher surgical training in UK and appointed as consultant surgeon at Royal Derby Hospital, Derby, UK in 2011. Mr Awan specialises in bariatric (weight loss) surgery, surgical management of gallstones, bile duct stones, acute pancreatitis, acid reflux and all types of abdominal wall hernias. He has a keen interest in laparoscopic and robotic surgery and has helped develop innovative minimally invasive surgical techniques in the management of complex acute pancreatitis.

He regularly delivers talks as an invited speaker at the national surgical meetings and his most recent talk was on role and advantages of robotic surgery in gastric bypass for weight loss at ALSGBI UK Annual scientific meeting 2022 held in Newcastle. In his role as ALSGBI Director of Education and Training, he has helped developed Intermediate skills in robotic surgery course and regularly directs ALSGBI and Royal College of Surgeons England laparoscopic courses. He is one of the UK first proctor for robotic abdominal wall hernia surgery and has proctored several UK surgeons in both abdominal wall hernia and bariatric surgery.



## Conrad Ballecer

A world-renowned surgeon, educator, pioneer and advocate of minimally invasive surgical procedures; Conrad has adopted many of the techniques of robotic surgery. He created a forum to teach and train surgeons across the

globe; meanwhile, helping patients with basic to the most complex hernia cases. He earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Biology from Santa Clara University, in California. He then completed a Master's Degree in Biomedical Science (Summa Cum Laude) from Barry University, in Florida and a Doctorate Degree in Medicine (with honors) at St. George's University in Grenada, West Indies. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a Co-Chair of Americas Hernia Society: Education Committee, a board member of the International Hernia Collaboration and former co-director of the Center for Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery. He was recognized with the 2017 Top Doc Award and has been published many times for his work in robotic surgery techniques. Conrad has almost single handedly revolutionised the world of Robotic General Surgery, having been an early adopter of the technology. He has trained and mentored literally hundreds of surgeons throughout the world and made Robotic Hernia Surgery an everyday occurrence around the globe.



## Imran Bhatti

Mr Imran Bhatti (MD, FRCS) is a Consultant Pancreaticobiliary and Complex Abdominal Wall Hernia Surgeon based at the Royal Derby Hospital. He has an interest in robot-assisted minimally invasive surgery

for the treatment of complex abdominal wall hernia and benign pancreaticobiliary diseases. He is currently the Trent representative for the ALSGBI and has a passion for teaching both robotic and laparoscopic skills. He is part of the faculty for several ALSGBI laparoscopic courses including for the ALSGBI Intermediate Robotic Skills Course. He has a particular interest in research and has several peer-reviewed articles published in the field of pancreaticobiliary surgery. He is joint lead for X page @DerbyPBunit where technical surgical educational videos are posted. The page has gained significant international presence with over 8200 followers and key collaborations with Behind The Knife (@BehindTheKnife) and Toronto Video Atlas (@TVAsurg). Over a one-year period the page has accomplished >3 million impressions, >19,000 likes and > 657,000 media views. This year he is joint host for the 2024 ALSGBI ASM and looks forward to welcoming international world-class guest speakers and conference delegates to the Derby Arena. He is excited to share the latest advancements made in laparoscopic and robotic surgical techniques in the field of common complex benign surgical conditions.



## Matthew Brazkiewicz

Mr Matthew Brazkiewicz is a Core Surgical Trainee with a strong foundation in surgery and a demonstrated commitment to professional development. His journey began with a background in Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Chemistry, which transitioned seamlessly into healthcare experience through various roles. He then excelled in medical school, graduating with honours and ranked in the top 10 of his cohort.

Matthew's unwavering dedication to learning is further evidenced by his impressive competition wins and awards, including the ALSGBI Midlands Hernia Symposium Laparoscopic Skills Competition and the Black Belt Academy Surgical Skills Suture Competition.

Beyond the technical aspects of surgery, Matthew demonstrates a passion for teaching and mentorship. He has actively contributed to medical student education through bedside teaching sessions, mock exams, and outreach programs. His publications in esteemed journals such as the British Journal of Surgery further showcase his commitment to surgical research and knowledge dissemination.



## Andrew Currie

Andy Currie (PhD FRCS) is a Consultant Bariatric and Upper GI Surgeon at University Hospitals Derby and Burton. His area of clinical interest is in optimising the management of patients undergoing bariatric surgery.

Andy trained in Upper GI and Bariatric Surgery in Surrey and Sussex, Adelaide and Boston, Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton and Hôpital St Eloi, Montpellier. He completed his PhD in Surgical Innovation at Imperial College, London.

Andy is on the National Bariatric Surgery Registry committee and leads the committee engagement with the annual Consultant Outcomes Publication. He also leads the NBSR relationship with the National Obesity Audit and the International Federation for Surgery for Obesity Registry. He was previously a NICE Scholar in Metabolic Surgery. Andy has ongoing research interests in the optimisation of bariatric surgical techniques and the use of bariatric registries to drive quality improvement.



## Simon Dexter

Simon Dexter is a consultant in Upper Gastro-Intestinal surgery at St James's University Hospital in Leeds. He specialises in laparoscopic and oesophago-gastric surgery, and has interests in laparoscopic obesity

surgery, upper GI cancer surgery and functional upper GI disease. He has been involved in laparoscopic surgery since its inception in the UK in 1990 and was the UK's first laparoscopic surgery research fellow, undertaking his DM thesis on the physiological consequences of laparoscopic cholecystectomy. He was Lecturer in Surgery in the academic departments of both Leeds General Infirmary and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and his advanced surgical training took him through Tufts Medical Centre, Boston, USA, and the National

Cancer Centre Hospital, Tokyo. He served as President of the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of GB and Ireland from 2017 to 2019, was previously on the Executive Council as Treasurer of the British Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society, the Council of the Association of Upper GI Surgeons of GB and Ireland and on the steering group for the National Bariatric Surgery Registry, the UK national database for bariatric surgery.



## Sundaram Easwaramoorthy

MBBS from Coimbatore Medical College with Madras University gold medals in all the subjects in the final year; MS postgraduate from Coimbatore Medical

College 1988 and secured the best outgoing student gold medal; Higher Surgical training in UK and worked there from 1991 for 10 years and got FRCS (Edinburgh); FRCS (Glasgow), FRCS (England), CCST (UK)FALS, FAGIE, FAES; Presently Consultant Surgeon and Surgical Gastroenterologist, Lotus hospital, Erode.

### Also

- Immediate Past President IAGES YEAR 2023 and 2024
- Advisor, IAGES Endoscopy Board
- Examiner for MRCS, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
- Editorial board member JMAS

### Involved in the following IAGES activities so far

- IAGES and RCS Edinburgh endorsed training center for laparoscopic training and conducting regular endoscopic and laparoscopic training programs for the past 15 years
- Trained more than 2500 surgeons in the art and science of flexible endoscopy

### Books /Publications

- Handbook of Surgery 2016
- Art and Science of Endoscopy 2018
- Art and Science of Colonoscopy 2021
- Co-editor for Textbook of Laparoscopy and Manual of therapeutic endoscopy
- Published several articles in JMAS and IJS and presented several orations and lectures across the globe.



## Charlotte El-Sayed

Charlotte El-Sayed is a general surgery registrar training in the West Midlands Deanery and the Dukes' Club president (from September). She was awarded

the RCS England and Health Education England Robotics research fellowship two years ago. Her research is focusing on developing a pan-specialty robotic surgery curriculum.

As reported in the NHS Longterm Workforce Plan, they are working towards developing a RAS roadmap which will help develop a curricular framework which could be implemented into the general surgical curriculum. She has an interest in robotic surgery, education, simulation and improving surgical training.



## Ramen Swrajya Goel

A pioneer laparoscopy surgeon who trained hundreds of surgeons in safe laparoscopy as Professor of Surgery at the Grant Medical College, Mumbai from 1994-2010. He started bariatric surgeries in 2001 and is a founder member of Obesity Surgery Society of India, affiliated with IFSO. He is Founder President of Diabetes Surgery Foundation, the Past President of All India Association for Advancing Research in Obesity (AIAARO), (2007-2009) and also Indian Association of Gastro-intestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES) (2020-2021). He was conferred Fellowship (FRCS) by the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh in 2020, Fellowship (FMBS) by the Obesity Surgery Society of India in 2020 and Fellowship (IFASMBS) by American Society of Metabolic & Bariatric Surgeons in 2021. He is the Founder Editor of the Journal of Bariatric Surgery (JBS), Associate Editor of Journal of Minimal Access Surgery (JMAS), member of specialist board of National Board of Examinations (NBE), India. He is Chairman of IAGES Research Academy and is the Scientific Chair of the upcoming World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery to be held in Kolkata in 2024.

He has been conferred the Best Researcher of the Year award in 2022 and has published over 40 articles in peer reviewed journals, contributing chapters in books and conducting primary surgical research. He is conducting phase 1 & phase 3 trials for Novo Nordisk, Eily Lilly and surgical companies. He is the first in India to start diabetes surgery in non-obese patients at Wockhardt Hospital, Mumbai Central.



## Liam Horgan

Liam Horgan is a laparoscopic robotic upper gastro-intestinal surgeon working in Northumbria Healthcare NHSFT as their first dedicated Laparoscopic Surgeon since 1999, with a special interest in day case

hernia and gallbladder surgery. He formed the NUGITS group in 2000 and is its director. The NUGITS group is one of the leading teams of laparoscopic surgeons in the UK and is recognised as a centre of excellence in Teaching and Training. He was a council member of the Association of British Day Surgery and is a Clinical Lecturer in Surgery for the Medical School, Newcastle. He was the first national tutor in patient safety at the Royal College of Surgeons in England.

His main interests include all forms of hernia, simple to complex recurrent incisional hernias, laparoscopic gallbladder and bile duct surgery, laparoscopic anti-reflux surgery, emergency laparoscopic surgery, laparoscopic training and proctoring, human factors and patient safety and operating theatre efficiency. He also carries out robotic surgery for the above conditions. Liam has been a board member of the British Hernia Society since 2014, organised the 2016 Newcastle Hernia Conference, and was the president of the society from 2018 to 2020. His main focus during his time as president was laying the groundwork for a national UK BHS hernia registry, collaboration with Irish colleagues, increasing the diversity of the board and increasing the membership of the society. He is continuing his work for the society as the chair of the BHS Registry Sub-committee. He also leads a long-term voluntary commitment to support general surgery, hernia surgery and establish a laparoscopic training program and service provision in Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center, Moshi, Tanzania since 2003.

Over the past 20 years Liam has been at the forefront of technological advances in UGI surgery, visiting California in 2000 to see the first surgical robots in action. 20 years later Northumbria has 2 surgical robots, and Liam has been involved in the establishment of the robotics program.



## Javed Latif

Javed Latif is a surgical trainee currently undertaking a higher research degree with the Leicester HPB Unit and is also a speciality registrar within the East Midlands North Deanery. He completed his undergraduate medical education at

Brighton & Sussex Medical School in 2017, where he earned his BMBS degree. In addition to his medical qualifications, Javed has undertaken various postgraduate programs, including the Mary Seacole Leadership Programme with the NHS Leadership Academy and is a current member of the Royal College of Surgeons (MRCS). He also holds JAG Accreditation for Diagnostic Upper GI Endoscopy, which he achieved at the end of his core surgical training.

With a robust clinical background, Javed has completed extensive surgical training across various hospitals, including University Hospitals of Derby & Burton and Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham. He is aiming to subspecialise in Hepatopancreaticobiliary Surgery with an interest in robotic surgery and advanced HPB endoscopy (ERCP and EUS) and is currently training in ERCP.

Javed has actively contributed to surgical research and has presented both nationally and internationally. Additionally, he is recognised for his publications in prominent surgical journals, with a focus on outcomes in laparoscopic and robotic surgical pancreaticobiliary procedures.

Javed holds active leadership roles within the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (ALSGBI) Academy as the Social Media Lead and is also on the ALSGBI Academy Robotic Surgery committee. Outside of his clinical and research interests, Javed is committed to surgical education and is faculty on national laparoscopic and robotic surgical courses.



## Stuart Mercer

Stuart Mercer DM MA FRCS has been a consultant upper GI and emergency surgeon in Portsmouth for 15 years. He trained at Oxford before joining the Royal Navy and travelling the world in submarines, ships and RAF transport

planes. He completed his surgical training in the Wessex region and London before taking up his consultant post.

Stuart's research interests over the years have been clinically based. He implemented urgent cholecystectomy in Portsmouth whilst a registrar, and still oversees this service, with over 400 hot cases each year. He has championed the use of laparoscopy in emergency surgery, publishing and presenting the NELA data from Portsmouth and the rest of the UK. More recently he has guided the robotic surgery team in Portsmouth, helping develop a 4-platform multispecialty service including emergency and day case work. When not working, Stuart climbs in the Alps and Dolomites, cycles the roads of Hampshire and tries to help his two sons develop into normal humans.



## Tamsin Morrison

Miss Tamsin Morrison is Chair of the ALSGBI Academy, after taking on the position in 2022. She has been an ALS Council member since 2020 and has had a significant role in the involvement of the society's trainee membership with ALS and international organisations. Tamsin undertook her undergraduate training at UCL, with a BSc in Anatomy and Developmental Science. She is currently a Colorectal Fellow at Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford, having trained in the East of England, Yorkshire and London regions.

Outside of Minimal Access Surgery, Tamsin has an interest in trauma, expedition medicine and Global Surgery and is dedicated to surgical education. She is an interview and portfolio panel member for National CST recruitment, is a founding member of the RaDiST committee and has presented and published several MAS-based projects with the Academy. Tamsin enjoys teaching as faculty for ALSGBI and the Royal College of Surgeons and is passionate about healthcare equity, widening participation and enhancing opportunities for future surgeons. To this effect, she has founded the SupportUs Group of the ALSGBI Academy, is a member of the BMA Free Forum and has participated in numerous undergraduate events at Medical Schools across the UK.



## Filip Muysoms

Dr Filip Mutsoms was born in Ghent, Belgium in 1965 and graduated from the Medical School at the University of Ghent in 1990. He undertook his training in General surgery at the Baragwanath Hospital, Johannesburg in South Africa and at the AZ Maria Middelaes Hospital in Ghent from 1990-1998. Further training was undertaken in General Thoracic Surgery at the St Antonius Hospital, Nieuwegein in The Netherlands in 1995 as well as certified Intensive Care specialist training at the University Hospital in Ghent in 1999. He achieved a Doctor in the Biomedical Sciences and his PhD thesis, titled "Prevention of Incisional Hernias" was successfully defended at the Ghent University in May 2015. Since May 2017, he is proctoring for robotic abdominal wall surgery and is currently working in the Department of General and Abdominal Surgery at the Maria Middelaes Hospital in Ghent. Filip has as developed a specific focus in practice and in science on abdominal wall hernias and on the adoption of robotic assisted surgery in Europe. Past and Current Roles include:

- Board Member and Past-President (2008-2010) of the Belgian Section for Abdominal Wall Surgery
- First author of the "Classification of primary and incisional abdominal wall hernias" of the European Hernia Society, 2009 and of the guidelines on closure of abdominal wall incisions.
- Congress President of the 33th International Congress of the European Hernia Society in Ghent: May 2011.
- Founding president of the EuraHS, the European Registry for abdominal wall hernias: 2011.
- Board Member and Past-President (2013-2023) of the European Hernia Society.
- Member of the Scientific committee of the European Association for Endoscopic Surgery, 2015 - 2018.
- President of the Royal Belgian Society for Surgery, 2024-2025.



## Michael Parker

Professor Mike Parker BSc, MS, FRCS, FRCS(Ed), FCASE is a retired consultant surgeon with 45 years experience in the NHS. He was a General Surgeon with a special interest in Laparoscopic surgery and Coloproctology. He gained a BSc (Hons) in Anatomy from University College, London in 1970 and then qualified from Westminster Hospital, London with MB, BS., LRCP, MRCS in 1972. He became a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (FRCS) and of Edinburgh (FRCS Ed) in 1980 and gained an MS for a research thesis in 1987. He did his specialty training in SW Thames as well as The Royal Marsden and St Mark's Hospitals, London. After retiring from the NHS he spent four years training Consultant Surgeons in Denmark and Sweden in laparoscopic colorectal cancer surgery and was awarded an Honorary Chair in Laparoscopic Training in Colorectal Surgery from the University Hospital of Aarhus in Denmark and Uppsala University in Sweden. In total he made 216 flights to and from Denmark to complete this training programme. Denmark now has one of the highest rates of laparoscopic colorectal cancer surgery in the world with one of the lowest mortality rates worldwide and excellent five year survival figures. During his medical career he wrote 175 peer reviewed papers, abstracts and book chapters, and has given 237 invited national and international lectures and eight invited eponymous lectures. He has co-edited two books, an Atlas of Colorectal Surgery in two volumes, open and laparoscopic, published by Springer.

He is a past Council member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England on which he served for 10 years from 2007 to 2017. He became the inaugural Fellow of the College Academy of Surgeon Educators in 2015 (FCASE.) He served as Chairman of the Dental and Surgical Examinations Board, Chairman of the International Affairs Board, Chairman of the Annals Board and Editor of the Bulletin of the Annals of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and was latterly Chairman of the Membership, Fellowship, Election and Prize Advisory Group. In 2014 he was elected Vice President. He has been an active member of the Court of Examiners since 2003. He is a past President of the Surgical Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, past President of the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain & Ireland and past President of the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland. He is currently Chairman of the Trustees, a past member of Council and past Treasurer of the European Society of Coloproctology. He is a Past President of the St Mark's Association. He has Honorary Fellowships of the Society of South African Endoscopic Surgeons, the Association of Surgeons of India, the Caribbean College of Surgeons, the Brazilian College of Surgeons and the College of Surgeons of Peru; also Honorary Life Membership of the Colorectal Society of Australasia and New Zealand, the Caribbean Society of Endoscopic Surgeons, the European Society of Coloproctology and most recently of the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland. He is also Medical Adviser and Trustee of Love of the Game, a registered Charity dedicated to pursuing methods of protecting players against the consequences of concussion injuries in all sports. He is currently involved as a Director and Co-founder of Sirius Genesis Ltd, a surgical innovations company based in the UK. He is also a Founder Director of Bonsai Ltd, a commercial company designed to provide brain healthcare and concussion management. He is a Trustee of the Falcon Foundation an aviation charitable trust helping needy young people to qualify with a pilot's licence in the aviation industry.

When not attending to other matters Mike is also a sailor, a jazz and blues pianist, a rugby football supporter, a member of the MCC and he holds a current pilot's licence. He is married to Carol and has two children, two step-children and three grandchildren.



## Simon Parsons

Simon Parsons DM., FRCS (Gen. Surg.) BM. BS., B.Med.Sci.(Hons) first qualified in 1989. He has been a Consultant Oesophago Gastric Surgeon at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust for over 20 years and works with

a team of Upper GI surgeons in the largest OG cancer centre in the UK. He performs a full range of cancer and benign upper GI procedures. Simon has maintained a research profile as part of his NHS commitment and has recently been awarded Honorary Professor status by the University of Nottingham. He has over 50 publications, an H index of 46 and an i-10 index of 87. Simon is a founder member and director of EIDO Healthcare Ltd. a company specialising in patient information for informed consent. EIDO has used technology to transform the way it delivers its services. Simon has had a number of leadership roles in his trust including Divisional Director for Surgery. He is now Head of General Surgery, a leadership position to transform both elective and Emergency General Surgery.



## Amjad Parvaiz

MBBS, FRCS (Glasg), FRCS (Eng) FRCS (Gen & Colorectal Surgery) Professor of Surgery, University of Portsmouth, International Trainer in Laparoscopic & Robotic Colorectal Surgery; Head of Laparoscopic & Robotic Colorectal Unit,

Department of Colorectal Surgery, Champalimaud Foundation, Lisbon, Portugal; Director of the European Academy of Robotic Colorectal Surgery (EARCS) / [www.earcs.pt](http://www.earcs.pt) / Champalimaud Foundation Lisbon, Portugal. Professor Amjad Parvaiz is a head of colorectal department at the Champalimaud Foundation in Lisbon, Portugal. He holds a personal chair at the University of Portsmouth affiliated with the Faculty of Health Science in Portsmouth, UK. He is also working as senior colorectal surgeon and is head of the robotic program at Hamad Medical Corporation, Doha, Qatar since 2020. He is a Director and Founding Member of the European Academy of Robotic Colorectal Surgery (EARCS) since 2014.

In recognition of his work, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Portuguese Society of Surgery in Portugal and has won numerous awards and honours worldwide. He was the leading consultant in the UK for delivering the National Training Programme (Lapco). Surgeons' reported outcome figures from the UK have shown him to be the leading colorectal surgeon, performing the highest number of colorectal cancer resections with nearly zero percent 90 day mortality for the last 5 years. He has performed and supervised more than 3000 laparoscopic & robotic colorectal resections. His enthusiasm for teaching and training has led him to set up MIS programmes for colorectal surgery in over 50 countries worldwide. He has published widely with over 200 publications in international peer-reviewed journals.

He developed and designed the robotic rectal resection training programme for European colorectal surgeons and led the creation of the European Academy of Robotic Colorectal Surgery (EARCS). He has also established international centers of excellence for laparoscopic and robotic colorectal surgery throughout Europe, Russia, East Africa, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan and China.



## Abhilasha Patel

Miss Abhilasha Patel qualified from University of Cambridge in 2004 and completed higher surgical training in the West Midlands Deanery, followed by a fellowship in Oxford. She was appointed as consultant colorectal

surgeon with a specialist interest in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in 2020 at University Hospitals of Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust.

She is a co-founder and chair of MidOx IBD network which brings together multidisciplinary teams to help develop clinical services, teaching and research in IBD. She is the chair of ACPGBI Early Years Consultant Network, helping deliver mentorship schemes and supporting trainees as well as early years consultants.

Her postgraduate research involved evaluating biomarkers and field characterisation in colorectal cancer which led to a MD at the University of Warwick in 2016. Currently, she is a NIHR CRN Research Scholar and believes in patient centred research, being involved in several research projects both as a principal and chief investigator. Her main research interests include patient reported outcomes after IBD surgery, surgeon related stress and novel techniques for perianal Crohn's disease.

Having completed a Masters in Medical Education from the University of Keele, she remains passionate about delivering initiatives to train the future generation of surgeons and has recently joined the emerging leaders program at the Royal College of Surgeons of England.



## Silvana Perretta

of the Foregut and Advanced Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Division at Strasbourg's Nouvel Hôpital Civil (NHC). Since 2014, she has also been the Director of Education at IHU-Strasbourg and the Surgical Endoscopy

Fellowship Program. Dr. Perretta was elected Vice President of IRCAD France in June 2019.

Her professional interests encompass upper gastro-intestinal surgery, gastro-intestinal physiology, bariatric surgery, interventional endoscopy, surgical education, and innovation. A passionate advocate for surgeons performing interventional endoscopy in Europe, Dr. Perretta has been pivotal in the development of endoscopic platforms and flexible robotics. She has pioneered Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery (NOTES), hybrid surgical endoscopy procedures, endoscopic simulators, and MOOC-oriented medical education on a global scale.

Dr. Perretta is passionate about medical innovation and technology. She holds nine patents and has been leading the Business Engineering and Surgical Technologies (B.E.S.T) education program since 2011, and recently launched the B.E.S.T.T. Healthcare Innovation Masters. Through the IRCAD-IHU and University of Strasbourg educational framework and community, these custom-designed innovation programs have been very successful in creating an innovation culture and infrastructure to support new thinking about how to develop successful healthcare innovations.

Dr. Perretta has authored 161 peer-reviewed publications, holds an h-index of 44, and has delivered hundreds of lectures on minimally invasive surgery, surgical innovation, and education. Her accolades include the SAGES Career Development Award in 2011 and a €1.2 million grant from the French government in 2016 for advancements in e-learning and education in surgical endoscopy, image-guided therapy, and MedTech innovation. In 2020, she became the second woman in 20 years to be elected as the SAGES STORZ lecturer and was named Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honor on January 1, 2021. In March 2022, she served as the MGH-Johns Hopkins visiting professor.

Recently, Dr. Perretta was elected Chair of the EAES Flexible Endoscopy Committee, became a member of the IFSO Flexible Endoscopy Committee, an advisor for the American College of Surgeons Committee on Emerging Surgical Technologies and Education, and a member of the AMEE Surgery Track Steering Committee. She is the founder and CMO of EVE-Evolving Education, a company dedicated to democratizing surgical education worldwide, and FAIR, a foundation focused on empowering women in surgery and science through education, economic independence, access to essential resources, and networks.

Since April 2024, Dr. Perretta has been serving as the Vice President and co-founder of the Bariatric Endoscopy World Association (B.E.W.A).



## Michael Pucci

Michael J. Pucci, M.D., FACS, is a General, Gastrointestinal, and Hepatopancreatobiliary Surgeon from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

Dr. Pucci has special interests in minimally invasive operations, challenging benign diseases of the biliary tract, and improving safety and outcomes of commonly performed operations, namely cholecystectomy.

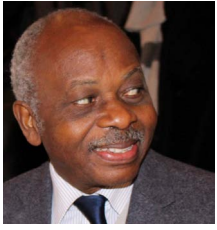
Dr. Pucci received a B.S. from the University of Scranton in Biomathematics, and then earned his medical degree (MD) from Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University (now known as the Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University). After a residency in General Surgery from Saint Vincent's Medical Center (New York City) and The Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (Philadelphia), Dr.

Dr. Pucci undertook fellowship training in Advanced Gastrointestinal, Hepatopancreatobiliary, and Minimally Invasive Surgery at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (TJUH).

After fellowship training, Dr. Pucci was asked to stay at TJUH as an Assistant Professor of Surgery. He also served as the Associate Director of Undergraduate Education (Surgery Clerkship) and the Associate Program Director of the Advanced Gastrointestinal Surgery Fellowship. He was promoted to Associate Professor of Surgery in 2018.

Dr. Pucci became involved with the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) from the beginning of his career and served on multiple committees, ultimately becoming active in the SAGES "Safe Chole Task Force" under the direction of Dr. L. Michael Brunt, MD. During this time, Dr. Pucci became very interested in studying how to perform safe gallbladder operations, how to safely "get out of trouble" in difficult gallbladder operations, and training others in this information. It is through his work with the SAGES Safe Chole Task Force that Dr. Pucci has been invited to speak on these topics.

Currently, Dr. Pucci is on a medical break from clinical practice due to cancer treatments and is, unfortunately, unable to attend this meeting in person.



## David Sellu

David Sellu, an author, equality advocate and surgeon, qualified in Medicine from Manchester and held his first post as Consultant Surgeon in Oman. There he helped shape the curriculum of the new medical school and also worked in

a new tertiary hospital.

On return to the UK in 1993, David was employed as an academic, as a Senior Lecturer in Surgery at the then Royal Postgraduate Medical School at Hammersmith Hospital, later incorporated into Imperial College. Afterwards, he transferred to the NHS as a Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon at Ealing Hospital. While at Ealing, he was granted practising privileges at the private Clementine Churchill Hospital in Harrow.

A patient died under his care at the Clementine in 2010, an event that was to change his life. He was unfairly convicted of the patient's manslaughter and given a two-and-a-half year prison sentence; he served half of this in some of the toughest prisons in the country.

On his release his friends, led by Dr Jenny Vaughan, his family and he launched an appeal, which saw his conviction overturned in the Royal Courts of Justice. The conduct of the CPS, trial judge and the expert witnesses were criticised. In the course of this case, evidence was uncovered of racism and corporate greed, where the interest of the business prevailed over patient safety. Sadly, Jenny died on Easter Sunday this year.

David has written an account of these events in a memoir entitled 'Did He Save Lives? A Surgeon's Story'. He is keen for lessons to be learned from this unfortunate case and he has documented these in a sequel to his memoir entitled, 'When Things Go Wrong in Healthcare, Can We Do Better?' to be available soon.



## Janaki Thiagarajan

Janaki Thiagarajan is a foundation trainee in Broomfield Hospital. She completed her medical education at the University of Liverpool and developed

an interest in surgery during her third year of medical school. At this time she scrubbed in as much as possible at Liverpool Royal hospital and started two university societies – Liverpool vascular surgery society and Liverpool general surgery society. Janaki created a national teaching series in collaboration with the surgical societies in Keele and Southampton, leading her to develop an interest in medical education that she continues to explore as a clinical teaching fellow.

She is currently pursuing a part time Msc in medical education at Warwick alongside foundation training and preparing for her MRCS part A. In her free time, she is passionate about playing the violin, practising south Indian classical Carnatic music and strength training.