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I am a consultant head and neck surgeon with a specialist interest in salivary gland cancer. I qualified in Medicine from the University of London and have undertaken clinical training in London, Cambridge and Manchester. I completed a two-year period of full-time translational research in biomarkers in head and neck cancer, based at the CRUK Patterson institute/Christie hospital and was awarded a MD doctorate in cancer biology. Following completion of training I obtained a clinical fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering cancer hospital in New York, USA, learning advanced skills in the management and surgical treatment of head and neck cancer, including complex salivary gland malignancies. I hold a number of national roles and have authored UK clinical management cancer guidelines and major textbooks. I teach nationally on instructional surgical courses and am the lead surgical trainer for head and neck fellows in Manchester.

I have a longstanding interest in the management of salivary gland cancer. Working at a tertiary referral centre I treat a high volume of salivary gland tumours including complex and recurrent cases referred from around the region.

I was previously the trainee representative on the NCRI head and neck group and therefore have experience of the format and running of cancer working groups. I also have research experience having undertaken full-time laboratory-based research at the CRUK Patterson institute, on biomarkers in head and neck cancer. I am involved in current clinical trials and am part of the trial management group for the PROTIS trial on protons in sinonasal cancer.

I am currently working on collating a regional database of surgically treated adenoid cystic carcinoma patients. I plan to collect histology specimens on this cohort and working collaboratively with the oncology team aim to undertake analysis of gene expression and investigate prognostic biomarkers. The database could become the first steps towards a national registry and biobank of salivary gland cancers.

I have successfully led the regional MDT merger to form the largest head and neck cancer MDT in the UK, for which I am lead clinician.