

Professor Albert Wolthuis graduated medical school in 2002 (KU Leuven, cum laude). He became a general surgeon in 2008 and further trained in abdominal surgery with specialization in colorectal surgery. Since 2011 he is a staff member at the department of Abdominal Surgery (University Hospital Leuven) with special interest in minimally invasive colorectal surgery (NOSE, CME), IBD, transanal approaches (TaTME, TAMIS, Ta-IPAA), reoperative (pelvic) surgery, debulking and HIPEC. He defended his PhD titled 'New strategies to improve outcome after colorectal surgery' in 2015. Furthermore, he is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a fellow of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, and he passed the European Board of Surgical Qualification exam for Coloproctology and for Surgical Oncology. He is also secretary general of the Belgian Group for Endoscopic Surgery, and board member of the Belgian Society of ColoRectal Surgery. He is a regular reviewer for many surgical journals and is associate editor for the Acta Chirurgica Belgica and advisor on the editorial board for colorectal cancer for the European Journal of Surgical Oncology. He (co-)authored around 50 peer-reviewed publications and several book chapters.



Miss Amanda Gunning is a Lead Stoma Care Nurse at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital NHS Trust, Exeter, United Kingdom.



Amy Lightner is an Associate Professor of Surgery in the Department of Colon and Rectal Surgery at Cleveland Clinic, OH, the Associate Chair of Surgical Research, and is an Associate Professor of Inflammation and Immunity with a focus on regenerative therapy for Crohn's disease. Dr. Lightner received her B.A. in Human Biology from Stanford University, completed her surgical training in General Surgery at University of California at Los Angeles and post-doctoral work at Stanford University under a California Institute of Regenerative Medicine Training Grant focused on the differentiation pathways of embryonic stem cells. After completing her fellowship at Mayo Clinic, she stayed on as surgical faculty, and was the Medical Director for the Center for Regenerative Medicine at Mayo Clinic. She was then recruited to Cleveland Clinic to focus on complex inflammatory bowel disease, continue her work in translational science and clinical trials, and start a regenerative medicine program.



Professor André D'Hoore is chair of the department of Abdominal Surgery at the University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium and the actual president of the Collegium Chirurgicum Belgicum. He is full professor at the Faculty of Medicine and contributes to graduate and postgraduate training. He is honorary fellow of the American Society of Colorectal Surgeons and is a European Board Certified colorectal surgeon and was honored with a doctoris honoris causa at the Coimbra University. He is also a founding member of the European Section of Coloproctology and is the founder of the surgical branch of the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (S-ECCO). He is a surgical representative in the board of IOIBD. His major interests is minimally invasive surgery for IBD and bowel sparing techniques. He has contributed in 250 peer-reviewed articles and he is a co-author of several books in surgery. He has an extensive clinical practise in IBD surgery and about 200 patient undergo IBD related resectional surgeries per year.



Associate Professor Andrew MacCormick trained in General Surgery in New Zealand. He undertook his fellowship in Upper GI and Bariatric surgery. He is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Surgery, University of Auckland and a Consultant Surgeon at Middlemore Hospital. He works as a Bariatric and Upper GI surgeon. He is also Director of Trauma. He also has a Clinical Adjunct Associate Professor appointment with Monash University, Melbourne, Australia. He has a research interest and governance roles in Environmental Sustainability with both the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and Middlemore Hospital.



Mr Andrew Williams works as a pelvic floor and colorectal surgeon at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. Since appointment he has had an active research interest in pelvic floor pathology, inflammatory bowel disease and anal fistulae. He is the immediate past chair of the Pelvic Floor Society and is heavily involved with NHS England, on behalf of the ACPGBI, in providing improved care for those patients requiring surgery involving pelvic floor mesh insertion, and for those who have had an adverse result following such surgery. His special interests include how to improve the outcomes following anal fistula surgery.



Mr Brendan Moran is a Consultant Surgeon in the Peritoneal Malignancy Unit at Basingstoke, UK. He is an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Southampton Cancer Sciences Division, and an honorary Professor of Surgery at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and at the University of Sydney. He was President of the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland (ACPGBI) 2018-2019. He has delivered 10 named Lectures and over 200 other contributions to International societies. He established the UK National Peritoneal Malignancy Centre in Basingstoke in 2000 and introduced treatment for peritoneal malignancy to the British Isles. He has developed the service into the largest unit in the world. He was lead surgeon for the English Multidisciplinary Team - Total Mesorectal Excision (MDT-TME) program between 2003-06, The English Low Rectal Cancer (LOREC) program from 2010-13 and the Significant Polyp Early Colorectal Cancer (SPECC) program between 2015-17. He helped design and instigate the IMPACT (Improving Management for Patients with Advanced Colorectal Tumours) Program, 2018-2020.



Dr Brooke Gurland, MD, FACS, is a Clinical Professor of Surgery in the Division of Colorectal Surgery at Stanford University, Stanford, CA. She is the Colorectal and Research Medical Director of the Stanford Pelvic Health Center in Redwood City, CA, and the Surgery Department Director of Wellness. Her clinical interests focus on multidisciplinary approach to pelvic floor disorders and benign anorectal conditions, innovative approaches to rectal prolapse, robotic surgery, video education and computer vision, and improving surgeon well-being. Dr. Gurland attended Hahnemann/ Drexel University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. She completed a general surgery residency at The Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, NY, and Colorectal Surgery Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic, Weston, FL. She is board certified in general and colorectal surgery and performs laparoscopic and robotic surgery.



A/ Prof. Cherry Koh is a Colorectal Surgeon from the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney. Cherry was trained in RPA in Sydney and the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, UK. Cherry has broad clinical and academic interests. Clinically, she is a peritoneal malignancy surgeon and has interests in pelvic exenteration, minimally invasive colorectal surgery, intestinal failure and pelvic floor conditions. Academically, her research focus has been on surgical outcomes, quality of and cost-effectiveness.



Chris Cunningham is a Colorectal Surgeon in Oxford and an Associate Professor in Colorectal Surgery at the University of Oxford and Divisional Director of Surgery, Women's and Oncology. His areas of clinical practice are the management of rectal cancer and pelvic floor disorders. He has a particular interest in organ-preserving approaches in early rectal cancer. He lectures on rectal cancer management, pelvic floor disorders and minimally invasive colorectal surgery and has published widely on these topics. ([https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Chris\\_Cunningham7](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Chris_Cunningham7)).



Christianne Buskens graduated medical school at the University of Utrecht in 1999. From 2000 until 2003 she worked as a research fellow at the department of surgery, and the department of experimental oncology at the Amsterdam University Medical Hospitals (A-UMC). This resulted in her PhD thesis ‘The development of new treatment strategies for oesophageal cancer’, which she defended with distinction in 2004. She was trained as a surgeon from 2003 until 2009 at the AMC, Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Hospital (Amsterdam), and Gelre Hospitals (Apeldoorn). Nowadays, she is a specialized IBD-surgeon treating this fascinating disease in all its complexity, in a multidisciplinary setting. In 2015, she was awarded an innovative research incentive grant from The Netherlands organization for health research and development. This grant enabled her to spend dedicated research time in the laboratory, and was the basis for some ongoing translational IBD-research lines: the role of the mesentery in Crohn’s disease, the role of the appendix in ulcerative colitis, and the fundamental characterization of perianal fistulas in Crohn’s patients.



Dr Damien Petersen is a Colorectal Surgeon and Head of Unit at the Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital. He works privately at the St Andrew’s War Memorial Hospital at Spring Hill. Damien is the past president of the Colorectal Surgical Association of Australia and New Zealand. He has specific interests in complex colorectal endometriosis and management of faecal incontinence. He has developed an interest in complex combined abdominal wall defects in association Keith Towsey, an experienced abdominal wall reconstructive surgeon



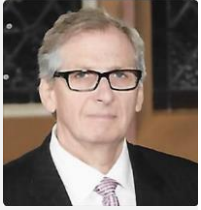
Dr Danilo Miskovic is a Consultant Colorectal Surgeon at St Marks Hospital, United Kingdom



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Associate Professor David Clarke is a senior visiting colorectal surgeon at the Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital. He qualified from the University of QLD in 1991, trained in surgery in Brisbane, and undertook colorectal fellowships in the United Kingdom. He was admitted as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons at Edinburgh in January 2002. He is an Associate Professor in Surgery at the University of QLD and operates a busy clinical practice based at the St Vincent’s Private Hospital Northside. He has a strong interest in inflammatory bowel disease and minimally invasive colorectal surgery. A/Prof Clark has presented internationally and published in both these fields. A/Prof Clark established the Brisbane Colorectal Research Unit (CRU) in 2016 and personally oversees more than 30 projects and supervises HDR candidates. He has a history of collaborative research and is currently completing a PhD through the University of Sydney. He is a board member of the Australia and New Zealand Training Board in Colorectal Surgery (ANZTBCRS) and the local program director for the ANZTBCRS at the RBWH. He is a recent convenor for the Colorectal Surgical Society and RACS Section scientific meetings.



Professor David Lubowski, Surgical training in Sydney and at St Mark's Hospital. Conjoint Professor in Surgery at the University of New South Wales. Head, Department Colorectal Surgery and Head, Department of Surgery at St George Hospital, in Sydney. Colorectal Specialty Editor for the ANZ Journal of Surgery, Visiting Professor at the Royal Society of Medicine, London. Over 110 lectures at national and international conferences Over 120 papers in peer reviewed journals 21 chapters in Textbooks Google Scholar h-Index 46 Citations 6,375.



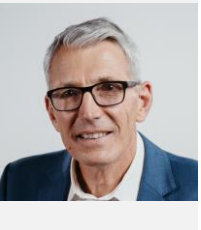
Professor Des Winter is a clinical professor and consultant colorectal surgeon. His clinical and biological research (doctorate by thesis) training spanned Ireland and USA, finishing first place in the 2004 professional examination for completion of surgical training (UK and Ireland). Having completed a fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, Des returned to his alma mater to take up his current position in 2006. He has published over 400 peer-reviewed papers, book chapters, and books. Having been involved in journal publishing for 15 years, Des became Editor-in-Chief of BJS in 2021.



Dr Farhat VN Din is a Senior Lecturer and Consultant Surgeon at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, United Kingdom



Miss Gemma Davidson is a 26-year-old living with a permanent ileostomy bag after a 10-year battle with Crohns disease. She now lives a healthy life, with no medication or further treatment, working as a teacher aide and studying honours in psychology. Gemma believes that her strong, positive mindset going into the surgery was partly due to her extensive research and use of media platforms to grasp, understand and accept her new lifestyle with an ileostomy bag. She hopes to one day work as a therapist to support young people who experience chronic illness, an ostomy or any adversities similar to what she faced for so many years.



Ian Bissett is Professor in Surgery at the University of Auckland and Consultant Colorectal Surgeon at Auckland City Hospital. He worked many years as a general surgeon in Pokhara, Nepal then undertook his MD research in the anatomy and radiology of rectal cancer at Auckland in 1998-2000. He is past President of the Coloectal Surgical Society of Australia and NZ, is the chair of the NZ National Bowel Cancer Working Group (leading the work on development of QPIs for colorectal cancer), director of the National Intestinal Failure Service for Adults and co-director of the Nutrition Support Team at Auckland. His particular interests include rectal cancer, gut motility, faecal incontinence and Global Surgery. He has over 170 publications in peer reviewed journals.



Isacco Montroni graduated at the Alma Mater Studiorum Bologna University Medical School in 2004 and he was admitted to the General Surgery Program in Bologna the following year. In 2009-2010 he served as General Surgery Resident at the Massachusetts General Hospital (Harvard University) under Dr Andrew Warshaw and Dr Charles Ferguson. Dr Montroni completed his residency in 2010 as he continued his academic career as a PhD student from 2011 to 2013 focused on an international multicenter study on surgical treatment of cancer in older patients. After his PhD degree he moved back to the United States where he joined Dr Steven Wexner at the Cleveland Clinic Florida for a clinical fellowship in Minimally Invasive Advanced Colorectal Surgery that he completed in 2015. After serving as colorectal surgery junior attending at the Humanitas Research Hospital with Prof Spinelli, he's currently chief of the Colorectal Surgery Unit at the Ospedale per gli Infermi in Faenza.



Mr James Church was born and raised in New Zealand, attending Auckland Medical School and then surgical training. In 1989 he joined the staff of the Colorectal Department at the Cleveland Clinic where he held the Victor W. Fazio Chair and was Director of the Center for Hereditary Colorectal Neoplasia. He retired in 2021 and is currently Professor of Surgery at Columbia University Medical Center in New York. He has been Chairman of the Leeds Castle Polyposis Group and the International Collaborative Group on HNPCC and founded the Collaborative Group of the Americas for Inherited Gastrointestinal Cancer. Dr Church was Co-Editor of Diseases of the Colon and Rectum, Vice President of ASCRS and received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Auckland. He is a Fellow of the American Surgical Association, sole author of 2 textbooks, editor of several, and author or co-author of 400 peer-reviewed articles.



Dr James Kinross is a Senior Lecturer in Colorectal Surgery and a Consultant Surgeon at Imperial College London. He was an NIHR Clinical Lecturer in Surgery and an Ethicon Laparoscopic Fellow in Colorectal Surgery. He was awarded a Royal College of Surgeons of England training fellowship during his PhD on the gut microbiome and he was funded by the Academy of Medical Sciences as an early stage lecturer. He is a visiting Professor at the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland. He performs translational systems biology research in surgery and colorectal cancer. He is also funded by the NIHR to perform intra-operative mass spectrometry (known as Real-time Electrospray Ionisation Mass Spectrometry or REIMS) for improving precision in the surgical treatment of colorectal cancer.



Dr Jamish Ghandi is Colorectal and Peritoneal Malignancy Surgeon at Auckland City Hospital. He also works as a Medical Advisor for the NZ Familial GI Cancer Service. His Fellowship training was undertaken at Basingstoke Hospital and St Marks in the UK, Royal Adelaide Hospital, and at Christchurch Hospital.



Dr Jean Ashburn is an assistant professor of Colorectal Surgery and staff surgeon at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC. She is a graduate of Wake Forest University School of Medicine and finished her residency in General Surgery at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She then completed a fellowship in Colorectal Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio, where she was a staff surgeon prior to joining the Department of Surgery at Wake Forest University. She has particular clinical and research interests in complex inflammatory bowel disease, reoperative pelvic surgery, and corrective/restorative surgery of the lower gastrointestinal tract.





Mr Evans graduated MB,BS from the University of London in 1997. He went on to be awarded an MD from the University of Leicester in 2005 with a Research Fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons. He became a Fellow of the Royal College in 2008 and is a Past President of the Dukes' Club for colorectal trainees.

After completing surgical training, he undertook a laparoscopic fellowship with Robin Kennedy and Ian Jenkins at St Mark's Hospital. This was followed by a National Post-CCT Fellowship in Transanal Endoscopic Surgery. He was appointed as a Consultant Colorectal Surgeon in Northampton, UK in 2010 and has been Clinical Director since 2006.



Dr John Marks, Chief, Colon & Rectal Surgery, Main Line Health Care, Program Director, National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer, Lankenau Medical Center, Executive Committee, National Accreditation Program for Rectal cancer, Program Director, Minimally Invasive Colorectal Surgery and Rectal Cancer Management Fellowship, Professor, Lankenau Institute for Medical Research



Dr Jon Mathy is researcher and plastic surgeon at Middlemore Hospital, in Auckland, New Zealand



Mrs Julie Cornish a Colorectal Consultant and Senior Lecturer in Cardiff, UK. Speciality interests, cancer and pelvic floor. Research interests in outcomes after surgery and LARS.



Dr Kate McBride is the Director of RPA Institute of Academic Surgery at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, Australia



Mrs Katy Martin-Skurr has been employed within surgical specialties for over 30 years with a particular interest in colorectal nursing. Her experiences have involved senior nursing ward roles, preadmission clinic and involved in the implementation of ERAS for Taranaki District Health Board. The Stomal Therapy position became available 2017 which Katy took up to further enhance her knowledge and skill. This has provided her the privilege to support patients throughout their journey. Katy is passionate about evidenced based nursing and love the challenge that stomal therapy provides.



Dr Kim-Chi Phan-Thien is a colorectal surgeon and conjoint senior lecturer at St George and Sutherland Clinical School, University of NSW. She is the colorectal lead of the robotic surgery services at Sydney's St George Hospital. Kim graduated with honours in Medicine from the University of NSW, earned a Master of Surgery from the University of Sydney and obtained fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. She went on to complete CSSANZ post-fellowship training before being appointed as a consultant colorectal surgeon at St George Hospital. Since completion of her CSSANZ fellowship, which did not include robotic training, Kim has transformed her practice to one where the majority of abdominal and pelvic procedures are performed on the robotic platform. Today, she is one of the highest volume colorectal robotic surgeons in NSW.



Dr Kirk Austin.....



Dr Matzel is a Professor of Surgery at the Department of Surgery Friedrich Alexander University, Erlangen, Germany. He is Head of the Section of Coloproctology and is also President of the European Society of Coloproctology, (ESCP). He has lead the European School of Coloproctology since 2018 and is a Steering Committee Member, Working Group Colorectal Robotic Surgery, since 2017. In 2012-2018 he served as Chairman of the Training and Education Committee, then President of the European Union of Medical Specialists, (U.E.M.S.) European Board of Surgical Qualification Division Coloproctology 2011-2017, then as its secretary in 2003-2011. Dr. Matzel was awarded honorary member of the Spanish Association of Coloproctology in 2018, honorary fellow of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons in 2013 and honorary member of the Society of Coloproctology of Serbia and Montenegro in 2004. He is/has been on the Editorial Board of multiple journals, such of Diseases of the Colon and Rectum and Colorectal Disease. His research is mainly in topics related to pelvic floor disorders, colorectal cancer and proctological conditions. Dr. Matzel introduced sacral neurostimulation to the field of colorectal surgery in 1994. The technique developed to become standard of care. His current H-Index is 52.



Dr Mattias Soop is a surgeon specialising in the management of inflammatory bowel disease and intestinal failure. He completed general surgical training and a PhD in surgery in 2004 at the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm and Salford Royal Hospital, Manchester, UK, and then did a postdoc and a clinical fellowship in colorectal surgery at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. Mattias then worked at The University of Auckland, NZ, and at the Irving National Intestinal Failure Unit at Salford Royal Hospital as a consultant surgeon and associate professor. In 2019, He returned to Stockholm as surgical lead at the IBD Centre at Ersta Hospital. He also serve as Section Editor at Diseases of the Colon and Rectum and on the ESPEN Scientific Committee. [orcid.org/0000-0003-4287-6978](https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4287-6978) @matt\_soop



Dr Maxine Ronald is a General and Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon who has recently returned to Northland and is a descendant of Nga Puhi and Ngāti Wai. After completing her surgical training in New Zealand she took up a Colorectal/Acute Surgical Unit fellowship in Fremantle Hospital, Perth. Following this she completed an oncoplastic fellowship at Royal Perth Hospital. Maxine is the Deputy Chair of the Indigenous Health Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. She has a special interest in improving Māori cancer health outcomes which remain below those of non-Māori. Although her specialty is breast surgery she is very interested in acute General Surgery and trauma and is committed to improving access to acute care and streamlining the acute care pathway.



Professor Michael Baker...



Dr Mifanwy Reece graduated from The University of Sydney in 2004 (Bachelor of Science – Advanced) and in 2009 (MBBS). She has submitted her thesis for the degree of Master of Philosophy in Colorectal Surgery at The University of Sydney. Mifanwy underwent surgical training in NSW and completed CSSANZ TBCRS Colorectal Fellowship training at the Flinders Medical Centre (Adelaide) and Concord Hospital (Sydney). Mifanwy has two children and is a Colorectal and General Surgeon at Concord Hospital and on the NSW Central Coast.



Dr Nabila Ansari has been a colorectal consultant at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and Chris O'Brien Lifehouse since 2017. Dr Ansari leads the Cytoreductive Surgery and Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy service at RPA and has a specific interest in patients with peritoneal cancer. Dr Ansari manages both benign and malignant colorectal conditions. She performs open, laparoscopic and endoscopic surgery.



Dr Neil Hyman received his BA from the University of Pennsylvania in 1980 and his M.D. from the University Of Vermont College Of Medicine in 1984. He completed his surgical residency at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, New York, and his colon and rectal fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Hyman is currently Professor of Surgery, Chief of the Section of Colon and Rectal Surgery and Co-director of the Center for Digestive Diseases at the University of Chicago Medicine. He is Immediate Past President of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Director of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery, and serves on the Editorial Board of the Annals of Surgery, and as Co-Editor of Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery.



Dr Neil Smart is an academic surgeon at the Royal Devon & Exeter hospital & Honorary Associate Professor at the University of Exeter Medical School. His clinical practice includes subspecialty interests in rectal cancer, hernia prophylaxis, incisional hernia repair / complex abdominal wall reconstruction and parastomal & perineal hernias. He is Chief Investigator of the NIHR funded CIPHER study on parastomal hernia and a specialty advisor to NICE for mesh & stomas. Neil has been Editor in Chief of the journal Colorectal Disease since Jan 2020. Twitter: @Neil\_J\_Smart





Dr Norman Carr is a Consultant Pathologist and Director of Research at the Peritoneal Malignancy Institute in Basingstoke, UK



Prof Olaf Diegel is both an educator and a practitioner of additive manufacturing (AM) and product development with an excellent track record of developing innovative solutions to engineering problems. Over the past three decades he has developed over 100 commercialized new products including innovative new theatre lighting products, security and marine products and several home health monitoring products and, for this work, has received numerous product development awards. Over the last 30 years, Olaf has become a passionate follower of AM. He believes it is one of the technologies that has been a real godsend to innovation as it allows designers and inventors to instantly test out ideas to see if they work. It also removes the traditional manufacturing constraints that have become a barrier to creativity and allows us to get real products to market without the normally high costs that can become a barrier to innovation. In 2012, Olaf started manufacturing a range of 3D printed guitars that has developed into a successful little side-business.



Dr Parry Singh is a colorectal surgeon at Middlemore Hospital having undertaken the CSSANZ post-fellowship training in Adelaide and Melbourne. He has completed a PhD evaluating the surgical stress response and was a recipient of the Mark Killingback Prize in Colorectal Surgery and the Louis Barnett Prize for Research.



Dr Patricia Sylla, Professor of Surgery, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital, New York City, NY. Dr. Sylla received her MD from Weill Cornell Medical College in 2000 and completed her General Surgery residency at Columbia University Medical Center. She completed fellowship training in Colorectal Surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital in NY and Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. While on faculty at MGH, her NOTES work transitioned to a cadaveric model, and in 2009, in collaboration with colleagues in Spain, she performed the first clinical case of transanal total mesorectal excision (taTME) for rectal cancer. In 2011, she led the first US pilot trial of transanal NOTES rectosigmoid resection for rectal cancer and has been actively engaged in the safe implementation of taTME around the world. In 2015, Dr. Sylla joined the Division of Colorectal Surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC where she is currently Professor of Surgery, Associate Director of the Colorectal Surgery Fellowship Program, and Director of Clinical Trials. Dr. Sylla was program chair for the SAGES 2019 Annual Meeting, and currently serves as chair of the SAGES Colorectal Committee and the ASCRS New Technology Committee. Dr. Sylla is member of the SAGES Executive Committee and was just recently nominated as SAGES President Elect for 2023. Her clinical practice focuses on minimally invasive treatment of colorectal cancer, IBD, diverticular and anorectal diseases.



Associate Professor Per Nilsson is a Senior Lecturer of Surgery at the Center for Digestive Diseases, Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden



Professor Peter Sagar qualified from Leeds Medical School with Honours, after initially gaining a First Class Honours degree in Pathology. He trained in Leeds completing an MD in IBD surgery, for which he won the Patey Prize at the Surgical Research Society, Liverpool and the Mayo Clinic where he was Chief Resident before joining the staff at St James's University Hospital, Leeds where he has enthusiastically developed laparoscopic surgery as well as a tertiary practice in advanced/recurrent colorectal cancer. He is currently President of the Association of Coloproctology of GB & Ireland and the Specialist Society (ASGBI) Council Member at the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He is a Consultant Surgeon at Leeds Teaching Hospitals and Professor of Colorectal Surgery at The University of Leeds and has published over 200 papers and 30 book chapters.



Dr Pia Bernardi is a colorectal surgeon with experience in colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, pelvic floor disorders and anorectal pathology. Her special interests include laparoscopic and robotic surgery, transanal minimally invasive techniques, assessment and management of pelvic floor dysfunction including sacral nerve stimulation, and colonoscopy. Pia encompasses a holistic approach to patient management and works as part of a multidisciplinary team. She feels that a compassionate and caring approach to care ensures patients feel heard. Pia has an appointment at University Hospital Geelong and is the current Chair of the Colorectal Cancer Multidisciplinary Meeting. She is also involved in teaching and has a strong interest in Sustainability in Healthcare.



Dr Sam Atallah is a Professor of Surgery at UCF – College of Medicine, Chairman, Dept. of Colon & Rectal Surgery at AdventHealth, Orlando, as well as the Director of Colorectal Surgery at HCA Oviedo Medical Center. Credited for co-developing TAMIS, Dr. Atallah is also a pioneer of taTME in the United States. He developed robotic transanal surgery and stereotactic, image-guided navigation for rectal cancer surgery. He is the '22 Chair-Elect for the New Technology Committee for the American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS).



Mr Sanjeev Dayal is a Consultant surgeon at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, United Kingdom



Dr Satish Warriar is a colorectal surgeon with extensive experience in complex colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease and anorectal pathology. He has special interests in single port, laparoscopic and robotic colorectal surgery, gastroscopy, colonoscopy and Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery (TEMS).



Dr Siraj Rajaratnam is a Colorectal Surgeon for the Waitematā District Health Board in Auckland, New Zealand.



Stephen Bell is a colorectal surgeon at the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne with an interest in minimally invasive surgery. He became a fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 2000, and completed the Australasian Colorectal Training Programme in 2002. He undertook a further fellowship at Hopital Saint Antoine, Paris with the assistance of winning the Murray and Unity Phiels Colorectal Fellowship Prize. He is the Chairman of the Australian and New Zealand Training Board in Colorectal Surgery, and is a member of the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand. He is a senior lecturer at the Cabrini Monash University Department of Surgery, and is actively involved in surgical research, also being the founder of the Australasian Minimally Invasive Colorectal Investigators research group. He has also been involved in the introduction of robotic surgery and trans-anal TME to Australian colorectal surgeons, and has run numerous laparoscopic, SILS, TEMS, robotic and taTME workshops.



Professor Steve Brown is a Professor of Surgery in Sheffield UK and has been President of the RSM Section of coloproctology from Oct 2021. He is also the immediate past President of ACPGBI and his interests are in IBD.



Professor Sue Clark MD FRCS(Gen Surg) EBSQ(Coloproctology) trained at the University of Cambridge, St Thomas's Hospital Medical School and in the South West Thames Region, as well as undertaking a period of full time research as an Imperial Cancer Research Fund fellow. She is a Consultant Colorectal Surgeon at St Mark's Hospital, Harrow, UK and Professor of Practice (Colorectal Surgery) at Imperial College, London. Additional roles include Director of the St Mark's Hospital Polyposis Registry, Administrative Officer of the International Society for Gastrointestinal Hereditary Tumours and Royal College of Surgeons of England Genomics Champion. She was a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England Commission on the Future of Surgery. Her main clinical and research interests are colorectal cancer genetics, polyposis syndromes, colorectal cancer biology and ileoanal pouch dysfunction.



Dr Tamara Glyn is a senior lecturer with the University of Otago and a general/colorectal surgeon practising in Christchurch, NZ. Her particular interests include inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and advanced pelvic malignancy. She has completed fellowships in colorectal surgery at the Mayo Clinic (Rochester MN), St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne, Aus) and St James' Hospital (Leeds, UK); and is working towards completing a PhD in 'Gastrointestinal Neoplasia in IBD'.



Dr Tan Arulampalam MB, BS MD FRCS is a colorectal surgeon with a passion for healthcare transformation through research and education. He helped establish The ICENI Centre, a centre of excellence for training and research. Tan was formerly a Clinical Director and Lead in Process Re-engineering at Colchester Hospital. He has extensive international experience in translational medical research, health system analysis, audit and higher educational supervision. His own research on PET imaging has translated into mainstream practice enabling earlier cancer detection and improved treatment outcomes. Tan is on the faculty of the European Surgical Institute and Honorary Treasurer of the ALSGBI. His training experience spans many countries beyond Europe and North America, including Brazil, India, Sri Lanka and China. He is on the Medical Board of the charity Bowel Cancer UK.



Associate Professor Tarik Sammour is a colorectal surgeon with a specific interest in colorectal surgical oncology, complex pelvic malignancy, and robotics. Tarik Sammour holds an Associate Professor of Surgery position at the University of Adelaide, and a full-time public appointment in the Colorectal Unit at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. He became a fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) in 2012. Following this, he undertook two years of accredited post-fellowship training in colorectal surgery at Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Royal Adelaide Hospital as part of the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSSANZ) accredited training program. He then travelled to the United States and spent an additional fellowship year at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston training in advanced colorectal surgical oncology under the mentorship of leading surgeons in the field. Tarik has authored over 160 peer reviewed publications in surgical journals, and 8 book chapters. Having completed a PhD in Surgery in 2011, he continues to pursue an active research program, focusing specifically on clinical trials to improve patient outcomes after colorectal surgery. Research program details can be found here: <https://www.colorectalresearch.org> /His full list of publications can be found here: <https://goo.gl/4BX1zm>



Dr Thomas Read received his B.A. from Harvard University and M.D. from the University of California San Francisco, where he completed a residency in general surgery and basic science research fellowship. Dr. Read completed a residency in colon and rectal surgery at the Lahey Clinic. Dr. Read maintains a busy clinical practice, with a focus on complex abdominopelvic disease. Dr. Read's research interests have focused on preventing and treating colorectal cancer, improving outcomes following colectomy, and using minimally invasive techniques to manage colorectal disease. He has a keen interest in education and has served as Coursemaster for medical student education and Program Director for two colorectal residencies. Dr. Read has served as Co-Editor of Diseases of the Colon and Rectum and currently serves as the colorectal Associate Editor for Annals of Surgery, Editor-in-Chief of Seminars in Colon and Rectal Surgery, and Co-Editor of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons Textbook of Colon and Rectal Surgery. Dr. Read has served in a variety of leadership roles for organizations that represent his specialty, including as President of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery and Governor to the American College of Surgeons. He currently serves as President of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons.



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