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CCST Respiratory & General Internal Medicine 20th November 2003
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Qualifications

MBChB, University of Liverpool	1992
MRCP(UK), Royal College of Physicians, London	1996
MSc in Respiratory Medicine (Distinction), University of London	2001
FCCP, American College of Chest Physicians	2007
MD in Medicine, Imperial College London	2009
FRCP, Royal College of Physicians, London	2009
Expert Witness Certificate, Bond Solon/Cardiff University	2009
FRAeS, Royal Aeronautical Society	2013

Current Post

Consultant Physician in Respiratory & General (Internal) Medicine

- The Harley Street Clinic, London
- Cromwell Hospital, London
- Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust (Honorary), London

Visiting Professor in Respiratory Medicine

- University of West London, UK (April 2014-Present)

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Medico-Legal Experience

- Type of work undertaken: medical negligence / personal injury / asbestos litigation.
- Number of reports per annum: 30-40, a mix of causation, condition & prognosis, life expectancy, joint statements, comments on other experts' reports.
- Mix of plaintiff and defence but predominantly the former.
- Court Appearances: ~ 0-2 pa (nil in last 12 months).
- Turnaround times: 4-6 weeks following receipt of all notes/X-rays etc. If client needs to be seen then usually seen within 1-2 weeks.
- Terms & Conditions: available by email (admin@drhowardbranley.com)
- Single Joint Expert trained.

Medico-Legal Training

- **Civil Procedure Rules for Expert Witness Certificate** (Bond Solon)
100% scored on all modules.

01/03/18

Module 1 – An Expert's Duties

Module 2 – Changes to the Rules Relating to Expert Witnesses

Module 3 – Single Joint Experts

Module 4 – Expert Reports

Module 5 – Discussions and Meetings Between Experts

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- **Expert Witness Skills Masterclass - How to avoid the pitfalls** (BPP Law School, London)

Day 1

05/03/15

Understanding civil procedure rules governing expert witnesses

Understanding the case-law governing expert witness liability for negligence

Understanding data protection and confidentiality as related to expert witnesses

How to structure an expert report

Report practical

How the contents of the report should assist the Court

Day 2

06/03/15

Understanding courtroom procedure

How to prepare for a courtroom appearance

Practical cross-examination (3 sessions)

How to spot and cope with common cross-examination pitfalls

- **Cardiff University Law School/Bond Solon Expert Witness (CUBS) Program**

(Candidate No: 3531495)

Excellence in Report Writing

13/12/06

Courtroom Skills

14/12/06

Cross examination day (passed video assessment)

10/01/07

Law and Procedure Module 1

14/05/07

Law and Procedure Module 2

15/05/07

Report Writing Assessment

12/06/09

- **“Getting started as a medical expert.”**

25/01/06

Action Against Medical Accidents (AVMA), London

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- **Asbestos & Mesothelioma Conference** **18/05/05**
Irwin Mitchell Solicitors, London

Medico-Legal CPD

- **Essential Medicine for Lawyers** **03/03/20**
AvMA Conference, London (Invited Speaker)
- **Respiratory Medicine - Medicolegal Issues** **29/06/19**
AvMA Clinical Negligence Conference, Leeds (Invited Speaker)
- **Annual Clinical Negligence Conference** **28-29/06/19**
AvMA Clinical Negligence Conference, Leeds (Delegate)
- **Respiratory Medicine - Medicolegal Pitfalls** **12/11/18**
AvMA Conference, Irwin Mitchell Solicitors, London (Invited Speaker)
- **Occupational Lung Disease - Asbestosis Update (by Dr Robin Rudd)** **27/09/18**
Royal Society of Medicine, London (Delegate).
- **Respiratory Medicine – Medicolegal Pitfalls** **21/09/17**
AvMA Conference, Bristol (Invited Speaker)
- **Essential Medicine for Lawyers** **27/04/16**
AvMA Conference, London (Invited Speaker)
- **Respiratory Medicine for Lawyers** **14/10/09**
AvMA Conference, London (Invited Speaker)

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Previous Posts

Consultant Physician in Respiratory & General Medicine July 2012 – August 2014
Ealing Hospital NHS Trust, London

Consultant Physician in Respiratory & General Medicine April 2004 - July 2012
The Whittington Hospital NHS Trust, London

Locum Consultant in Respiratory & General Medicine January 2004-March 2004
Central Middlesex Hospital, London

Specialist Registrar (SpR) Training Posts in Respiratory & General Medicine

North West Thames Training Scheme (1996-2004)

Charing Cross Hospital, London	01/05/03-12/01/04
Research Fellow, National Heart & Lung Institute, London	01/03/01-28/04/03
Royal Brompton Hospital, London	01/04/00-28/02/01
Watford General Hospital, Herts	01/10/99-31/03/00
The Hammersmith Hospital, London	01/10/98-30/09/99
St. Mary's Hospital, London	01/04/98-30/09/98
Hemel Hempstead Hospital, Herts	20/01/97-31/03/98
St. Mary's Hospital, London	30/09/96-19/01/97

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Professional Societies

- Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London
- Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, London
- Member of the European Respiratory Society
- Member of the British Thoracic Oncology Group
- Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians
- British Medical Association
- Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society
- Member of the Peri-Operative Exercise Testing & Training Society

Clinical Experience

Respiratory Medicine

I have had extensive training in respiratory medicine, including: asthma & allergy; lung cancer; TB and infection; pulmonary embolism (PE); interstitial lung disease (e.g. sarcoidosis and lung fibrosis); non-invasive ventilation; HIV & lung; cystic fibrosis; sleep medicine; occupational lung disease (occupational asthma, extrinsic allergic alveolitis and asbestos pleuro-pulmonary disease); pleural disease (e.g. pneumothorax, pleural effusion); and aviation medicine. I am proficient at fibre-optic bronchoscopy, bronchial washing, bronchoalveolar lavage, endobronchial biopsy, transbronchial biopsy and brush biopsy.

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General (Internal) Medicine

I have a very wide experience of general medical problems and emergencies. I am confident in dealing with the usual general medical case-mix that presents to a typical district general hospital A+E department.

Teaching / Research / Other Professional

- British Thoracic Society (have had various roles): Guidelines for Interstitial Lung Disease; Member of Standards of Care Committee; Member of Council; Chairman of Rare Lung Diseases Specialty Advisory Group.
- Expert reviewer for major scientific journals: have reviewed for Thorax; BMJ Case Reports; Postgraduate Medical Journal; Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine; Journal of Medical Case Reports; Respiratory Medicine.
- Published peer-reviewed articles, research abstracts and book chapters both nationally and internationally.