

SPECIALTY INTERESTS

By working at multiple sites within the North West and the East Midlands, I have learnt to be flexible and adapt quickly to the needs of each individual service and its patients²⁴. I have experienced excellent practice and worked within departments which have successfully improved services that have positively impacted on patient care.

Paediatrics

I have anaesthetised approximately 600 paediatric cases during my career, 150 of these independently. During my higher paediatric module at the SMCH and my advanced paediatric module at City General Hospital (CGH) I anaesthetised nearly 300 children, a third of these independently; these included a large variety of ages and complexity of cases: 65 under 1yr old cases, 115 1-5yr old cases and 71 higher risk cases (ASA 3 or above). I have regularly taken part in Paediatric Continuing Professional Development including: conferences and courses, clinical governance, teaching and research.

I have also provided anaesthesia for cleft lip and palate surgery for a charity in a low resource setting in Nepal. As a team we completed around 80 cleft lip and palate surgeries over 10 days, of which I anaesthetised around a quarter. This provided me with the experience of working as part of a team in difficult situations, in a low resource setting and with a communication barrier. I was required to assist with all parts of the process, not just the anaesthesia.

These experiences have provided me with the ability to deal with a wide range of challenges that are specific to the paediatric population. They have also taught me how to use resources wisely and to manage a team who can sometimes lack confidence when managing paediatric cases.

Regional

I have completed over **100 brachial plexus blocks** and about half of these have been managed independently. The vast majority were performed during my 6-month placement at **Ortho-Shire Hospital**, where I completed **79** brachial plexus blocks and kept follow-up data on my block performance for each case. I will be aiming to build on my regional experience by completing my advanced regional module; as part of this, I will focus on regional anaesthesia for complex abdominal surgery, trauma and paediatric surgery. I believe follow-up of regional anaesthesia is integral to service development and this is something I would like to continue as a consultant.