

FAROKH WADIA

Consultant Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon · Expert Witness

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EXPERT WITNESS PROFILE

Consultant Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon with subspecialty expertise in the paediatric and adolescent knee, paediatric upper limb, cerebral palsy and limb reconstruction, providing independent expert opinion in clinical negligence and personal injury matters. I accept instructions on behalf of claimants, defendants, and on a single joint / joint-expert basis.

My reports are prepared in accordance with **CPR Part 35**, Practice Direction 35 and the associated Guidance for the Instruction of Experts, addressing breach of duty, causation and condition & prognosis as instructed. I have completed formal expert report-writing and courtroom-skills training and understand the overriding duty of the expert to the court.

AREAS OF EXPERT OPINION

- Paediatric & adolescent knee disorders
- Paediatric upper limb & congenital hand
- Limb reconstruction & deformity correction
- Developmental dysplasia of the hip (DDH)
- Paediatric trauma
- Perthes, SCFE & paediatric hip conditions
- Cerebral palsy & neuromuscular orthopaedics
- Delayed / missed diagnosis

MEDICOLEGAL PRACTICE & TRAINING

- **Instruction types:** breach of duty, causation, and condition & prognosis reports; claimant, defendant and single joint expert instructions.
- **Training:** BMA / Bond Solon expert report-writing and courtroom-skills / cross-examination courses (Oct and Nov 2025).
- **Registered** with recognised medicolegal expert-witness bodies and agency panels; active instructions since 2024.
- **Compliance:** familiar with the SJE process, Part 35 questions, experts' joint statements and the duties of the expert under the Civil Procedure Rules.

CURRENT CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

Consultant Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon <i>Southampton Children's Hospital (NHS)</i>	2020 – present
Consultant Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon <i>Spire Southampton Hospital (Private)</i>	2023 – present

Active NHS and private consultant practice provides a current, working knowledge of contemporary paediatric orthopaedic standards of care — the basis for a credible retrospective opinion on breach of duty.

QUALIFICATIONS & SPECIALIST TRAINING

FRCS (Trauma & Orthopaedics)	Royal College of Surgeons	2011
CCT in Trauma & Orthopaedics	GMC Specialist Register	2013
MSc Clinical & Health Sciences	University of Central Lancashire	2007
MRCS Ed	Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh	2003
MS Orthopaedics	University of Mumbai (1st Rank)	2001
MBBS	University of Mumbai, Seth GS Medical College	1998

SUBSPECIALTY FELLOWSHIPS

Paediatric Hand Fellowship	Great Ormond Street Hospital, London	2013
Paediatric Orthopaedic Fellowship (20 months)	Royal Manchester Children's Hospital	2011–13
AO Trauma Fellowship	Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, USA	2006

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO EXPERT OPINION

Over 13 years of consultant-level paediatric orthopaedic practice across UK and international tertiary centres. Independently performed and supervised in excess of **1000 surgical procedures** spanning trauma, DDH, Perthes, SCFE, cerebral palsy, paediatric foot and upper limb conditions, skeletal dysplasias and complex syndromes. Former acting Head of Department at a tertiary referral centre, with experience of departmental standards, governance and clinical audit.

ACADEMIC STANDING & CREDIBILITY

33 peer-reviewed publications · 28 national & international presentations · Peer reviewer, 52 papers

Published in *JBJS (Am)*, *Journal of Orthopaedics and Trauma*, *International Orthopaedics*, *Journal of Arthroplasty* and *Journal of Hand Surgery (Am)*. Several publications address diagnosis and management of paediatric conditions of direct medicolegal relevance, including delayed diagnosis in the limping child, DDH, and supracondylar fractures. Full publication list available on request.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR INSTRUCTING PARTIES

- **Reporting scope:** paediatric and adolescent orthopaedics and trauma; I decline instructions outside my area of expertise.
- **Instruction basis:** claimant, defendant and single joint expert; terms of engagement, CV and fee schedule provided on request.
- **Turnaround & capacity:** confirmed on a case-by-case basis at the point of instruction, with any conflict of interest checked before acceptance.