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NHS Appointment

Consultant Plastic Surgeon since 2001
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Medicolegal Practice

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Memberships

GMC 3455311
PRASIS/206/STONEC1
British Burn Association
BMA 7291792
BAPRAS 200229
Melanoma Focus
Data Protection:
Z673619X

Qualifications

MB ChB (Manc) 1990
FRCS (Eng) 1994
FRCS (Edin) 1994
MSc (UCL) 1996
FRCS (Plast) 1999
LLM (Cardiff) 2012

Selection & Appraisal

ISCP Training
Appraisal Training
Advanced Interviewing Skills
Equal Opportunities Training
MMC Recruitment and selection

Basic Science Research

Master of Science (MSc) Degree (Surgical Science) September 1995 - September 1996
Department of Anatomy and Developmental Biology, University College London (UCL)

Publications

Stone CA. A molecular approach to bone regeneration. BJPS 1997; 50: 369-73.

Stone CA. Unravelling the secrets of foetal wound healing: an insight into fracture repair in the mouse foetus and perspectives for clinical application. BJPS 2000; 53: 337-41.

Stone CA, Martin P. Skin repair in the embryo and adult. In: Ferretti P and Géraudie J (Editors). Cellular and Molecular Basis of Regeneration: From Invertebrates to Humans. John Wiley & Sons Ltd, Chichester 1998 (ISBN 0-471-97271-1).

Presentations

Skeletal repair in the foetus: Presented to BAPS summer meeting 1996.

Prizes

Surgical Research Award: bursary awarded by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in support of work investigating healing of the foetal skeleton, UCL 1996.

Distinction: awarded following assessment by thesis and examinations in experimental embryology of vertebrates and advanced cytology, Master of Science degree, 1996.

Ethicon Foundation Fund Award, awarded by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in support of a visit to Nice to observe techniques of vertical mammoplasty, May 2000.

European Travelling Fellowship, awarded by the British Association of Plastic Surgeons in support of aesthetic surgery experience in France, May 2000.

Distinction: awarded with the degree of Master of Laws, Cardiff Law School 2012.

Management

Company Director, Exeter Medical Ltd (Company Number 0580209) 2007 - 2018

Company Director, CA Stone (Medical & Legal) Ltd (Company number 07184587)

Medical Advisory Committee Member, Nuffield Hospital Exeter 2006-09

Service line lead clinician, department of plastic surgery (RD&E Foundation NHS Trust) 2011

Clinical Director, Specialist Surgery (RD&E Foundation Trust) October 2011-June 2013

CQC Registered Manager and Nominated Individual for Exeter Medical Limited, 2007 - 2018

Teaching & Training

Plastic surgery higher surgical training representative (Exeter) 2001 - 2006

South West plastic surgery Training Programme Director 2006 - 2007

Board Member: Severn & Western School of Surgery 2007

Board Member: Peninsula School of Surgery 2007

Undergraduate teaching experience

Prosector in Anatomy, University of Manchester Medical School, 1991-1992

Instructor, Emergency Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) Courses 1997 - 2000

Honorary University Fellow, Peninsula College of Medicine & Dentistry 2003 - 2011

Reviewer

Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery (JPRAS)

Annals of the Royal College of Surgeons of England

Medicolegal training

Cardiff Law School
Master of Laws

Academy of Experts:
Report Writing
Foundation Course
Expert Determination
Into Court
Procedure Rules

Medical Practitioners
Tribunal Service (MPTS):
Fitness to Practise training
for panellists
Interim Orders Panel (IOP)
training

Locations

Exeter Medical, Admiral
House, Grenadier Road,
Exeter EX1 3QF

10 Harley Street
London
W1G 9PF

The Cathedral Road Clinic,
242 Cathedral Rd, Cardiff
CF11 9JG

Instructions

100 new instructions per
year on average
Examination 4 weeks
Turnaround 2 weeks
Part 35 L&C 6 weeks

Instruction ratios (C:D)
NHS claims 20:80
Cosmetic surgery 70:30
Personal injury 80:20

Sarcoma Appointments

Clinical lead, Exeter
Sarcoma Service 2001-11
Member, South West Cancer
Intelligence Service
sarcoma tumour panel
2001-08
Chair, Peninsula Cancer
Network Sarcoma Site
Specific Group 2006-9
Member, Peninsula Cancer
Network SAC 2007-9

Medicolegal Experience 2001 - 2024

GMC / MPTS Fitness to Practise & Interim Orders Panellist / Tribunal Member 2012-2016
LLM (Legal Aspects of Medical Practice) degree 2012, with distinction
Member of the Academy of Experts, Expert Witness Institute and Medicolegal Society

Trials, Inquests and Fitness to Practise

JS Inquest. Bristol, January 2010 (at the request of the Coroner)
GMC v PD. Fitness to Practise Hearing, Manchester 2011 (GMC)
KJ v Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust. Royal Courts of Justice, December 2013 (Claimant)
HR v Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust. Winchester, March 2016 (Defendant)
MS v Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust. Sheffield, May 2017 (Defendant)
CW v AM. Manchester, December 2018 (Claimant)
LH Inquest. Norwich, September 2019 (on behalf of the doctor)
SC v St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Liverpool, September 2020 (Claimant)
KC v MP. Birmingham, November 2021 (Claimant)
JJ v Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. Hull, November 2020 (Defendant)
GMC v TGKM. Fitness to Practise Hearing, Manchester 2022 (Defendant)
GMC v AS. Fitness to Practise Hearing, Manchester 2023 (Defendant)

Publications and Presentations

Scar revision costs (2011). Personal Injury Law Journal 15.
Facial Plastic Surgery. AVMA clinical negligence conference, Brighton 2012.
Cosmetic Surgery Tourism. Sun, Sea, Sand and Silicone, Leeds 2013.
Aesthetic breast surgery, AVMA, South West Lawyers' Support Group, Bristol 2013
Malignant Melanoma, AVMA clinical negligence conference, Brighton 2016.
Malignant Melanoma: Claims and Controversies. Clinical Risk 2018.
Aesthetic breast surgery, AVMA, Bournemouth 2023.

Sub-specialty interest: Soft Tissue Sarcoma

Publications

Chan C, Collins C, Daniel F, Dixon J, Halawa M, Hurren J, Foot A, Skene A, Smith M, Stone C, Wakeley C, Wilson P. Soft tissue sarcoma: Standards and guidelines for the management of soft tissue tumours. South West Public Health Observatory, 2004.
Awasthi R, O'Neill JK, Keen CE, Sarsfield PT, Devaraj VS, Stone CA, Smith ME. Biphasic solitary fibrous tumour: two cases with epithelioid features. Virch Arch 2005;22: 1-5.
O'Neill JK, Stone CA, Sarsfield P, Smith M, Smithson SF, Silver D, Devaraj VS. An association of multiple well differentiated liposarcomas, lipomatous tissue and hereditary retinoblastoma. Sarcoma 2005; 9: 151-6.
O'Neill JK, Devaraj V, Silver D, Sarsfield P, Stone CA. Extranodal lymphomas presenting as soft tissue sarcomas to a sarcoma service over a two year period. JPRAS 2007; 60:646-54.
Wilson P, Stone CA. Prognostic Indicators in Adult Soft Tissue Sarcoma. In: The Evidence for Plastic Surgery, Stone CA. TFM Publishing, 2008 (ISBN 1-903378-50-8).
Breitenfeldt N, Stone CA. The Lotus scalpel with a hook blade. JPRAS 2008; 61: 472-4.
Gilleard O, Stone CA, Devaraj V. Synovial Sarcoma within the Carpal Tunnel of a Child: SLNB and Microvascular Reconstruction. J Hand Surg 2009; 34:405-6.
Seaward JR, Wilson PA, Stone CA. Computer-aided surgical planning in the treatment of soft tissue sarcoma. Annals of the Royal College of Surgeons 2010; 92 (8): 639-42.
Singh R, Keen C, Stone C, Sarsfield P. Langerhans cell sarcoma: a case report demonstrating morphological and immunophenotypical variability within a single lesion. Case Reports in Pathology 2017; Article ID 9842605.

Presentations

Giant subfascial lipomas presenting to a sarcoma service. BAPS 2002.
Lotus-assisted soft tissue sarcoma resection and reconstruction. BAPRAS 2006.
Computer-assisted planning in soft tissue sarcoma surgery. BAPRAS 2006.
Management and outcome of soft tissue sarcoma within a regional referral centre. BSG 2007.
Synovial Sarcoma and SLNB. BSG 2007.
Computer-assisted planning in soft tissue sarcoma surgery. BASO 2011.

Sub-specialty interest: Malignant Melanoma

Publications

Stone CA, Goodacre TEE. Surgical management of regional lymph nodes in primary cutaneous malignant melanoma. *British Journal Surgery* 1995; 82: 1015-22.

Stone CA. Does sentinel node biopsy increase the risk of in transit disease in patients with malignant melanoma? *British Journal of Plastic Surgery* 2005; 58: 738-9.

Ali-Khan AS, Crundwell M, Stone CA. Iliac lymphadenectomy for melanoma. In: Evidence for Plastic Surgery. Stone CA. TFM Publishing 2007 (ISBN 1-903378-50-8).

Newton-Dunn E, Hong M, Hong M, Stone CA. What is the role of CT staging in the management of patients with clinical Stage 1 and 2 Malignant Melanoma? *EJPS* 2007;30:7-9.

Sinha A, Rees-Lee JE, Sanders DJ, Stone CA. Sentinel lymph node biopsy for cutaneous melanoma – a new procedure for the BADS directory? *J One-day Surgery* 2009; 19: 14-19.

Ali-Khan AS, Crundwell M, Stone CA. Inguinal lymphadenectomy combined with staging endoscopic pelvic node sampling for stage III melanoma. *JPRAS* 2009; 62: 1063-7.

Smith JRO, Wilson A, Stone C. Complication rates of completion lymphadenectomy following positive sentinel lymph node biopsy versus therapeutic lymphadenectomy in melanoma. *JPRAS* 2016; 69(7): 1011-2.

Stone CA, Downs AMR. Diagnostic accuracy of skin lesions amongst plastic surgeons and a dermatologist. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol*. 2017. 2017 Dec;31(12):e533-e534.

Al-Hadithy N, Dehnel A, George A, Kisiel R, Lunt C, Stone C. Patient reported outcomes in prospective cohort study of Electrochemotherapy. *Int J Surgery* 2018; 52: 110-9.

Ali T, Powell R, Short J, Scatchard K, Stone C. Selection of patients with malignant melanoma for pelvic lymph node dissection (PLND) using CT-PET. *JPRAS* 2024; 89:30-32.

Presentations

Endoscopic pelvic lymph node dissection for melanoma. MSG meeting, 2006

Sentinel lymph node biopsy as a local anaesthetic day-case procedure. BAPS 2005.

Extended iliac node clearance in patients with melanoma using an endoscopic approach.

BAPS, 2005 and Melanoma Study Group meeting, 2006.

What is the role of CT staging in the management of stage 1 & 2 melanoma? BAPRAS 2007.

Sentinel lymph node biopsy for melanoma. SWAG 2009.

Exeter melanoma unit: 5 years' experience. UK Consensus for Melanoma SNB, 2009.

Complication rates of CLND v TLND in melanoma. Melanoma Focus 2013 and BAPRAS 2013.

Preliminary outcomes of Electrochemotherapy in the South West of England. MASCC 2015.

Electrochemotherapy: a new treatment option for cutaneous metastases in the South West. Results of a combined retrospective and prospective study of clinical efficiency and patient reported outcomes. BAPRAS 2015.

Textbooks

McDiarmid JGM, Bernard J, Greenwell T, Li A, Marshall N, Thurnell C, Stone CA. MCQs in Pathology, Anatomy and Physiology for the FRCS. Edward Arnold Publishers, London 1995 (ISBN 0-340-63190-2; ISBN 0-340-59435-7; ISBN 0-340-59435-7).

Stone CA. Plastic Surgery: Facts. Greenwich Medical Media 2001 (ISBN 1841100641).

Stone CA. Case Presentations in Plastic Surgery. Greenwich 2004 (ISBN 1-841101-37-0).

Stone CA. Plastic Surgery: Facts (2nd Ed). CUP 2006 (ISBN 0-521-67449-2).

Stone CA (Ed). The Evidence for Plastic Surgery, TFM 2008 (ISBN 1-903378-50-8).

Chiu T (Ed). Stone's Plastic Surgery Facts & Figures (3rd Ed). CUP 2011 (ISBN 978-0-521-13978-6).

Chiu T (Ed). Stone's Plastic Surgery Facts (4th Ed). CRC 2019 (ISBN 978-1-138-03170-8).

Notable achievements:

Established the Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy (SLNB) programme for melanoma in Exeter in 2002

Commenced Electrochemotherapy (ECT) for melanoma in 2013

NHS melanoma practice:

SLNB
Pelvic lymphadenectomy
Neck dissection
Electrochemotherapy
MDT core member

Aesthetic surgery

Facial aesthetic surgery
2001- 2010

Aesthetic surgery of the breast and abdomen, including liposuction,
2001 - present



Clinical Research & Audit Publications

- Paraskevaides EC, Stone C. Cervical excitation and adnexal mass caused by Meckel's diverticulitis. *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology* 1989; 10: 156.
- Stone CA, Payne S. Perineally based scrotal skin flap for covering the inguino-scrotal defect resulting from radical removal of scrotal mesothelioma. *BJU* 1993; 71: 621-2.
- Stone CA, Dunn K. Managing ulceration of the breast. *BMJ* 1995; 310: 328.
- Stone CA, Dunn K. Vinylpyridine: an unusual cause of chemical burn. *Burns* 1996; 22:150-1.
- Halim A, Stone CA, Devaraj VS. The Hyphecan cap. *Injury* 1998; 29: 261-3.
- Stone CA, Quinn MW, Saxby PJ. Congenital skin loss following Nd:YAG placental photocoagulation. *Burns* 1998; 24: 275-7. Author's reply: *Burns* 1999; 25: 367.
- Stone CA, Saxby PJ. Prospective randomised controlled trial of preservation of the intercostobrachial nerve during axillary node clearance for breast cancer. *BJS* 1999; 86: 281.
- Stone CA, Pape SA. Evolution of the Emergency Management of Severe Burns course (EMSB) in the UK. *Burns* 1999; 25: 262-4.
- Stone CA, Palmer JH, Saxby PJ, Devaraj VS. Reducing non-attendance at outpatient clinics. *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine* 1999; 92: 114-118.
- Stone CA, Clarke T, Wright H, Powell R, Devaraj VS. Healing at skin graft donor sites dressed with chitosan. *BJPS* 2000; 53: 601-6.
- Stone CA. Can a picture really paint a thousand words? *Aesth Plast Surg* 2000; 24:185-91.
- Stone CA, Dubbins PA, Morris RJ. Use of colour duplex Doppler imaging in the post-operative assessment of buried free flaps. *Microsurgery* 2001; 21: 223-7.
- Wilson A, Stone C. Reversed digital artery island flap in the elderly. *Injury* 2004; 35:507-10.
- O'Neill J, Stone CA. A novel technique of hair control during face lift surgery. *BJPS* 2005; 58: 741-2.
- Tillett RL, Saxby PJ, Stone CA, Morgan MS. Group A streptococcal necrotising fasciitis masquerading as mastitis in a lactating breast. *The Lancet* 2006; 368: 174.
- Tillett R, Ward T, Morgan M, Stone CA. An evidence base for the management of necrotising fasciitis. In: Stone CA (Ed). *Evidence for Plastic Surgery*, TFM Publishing 2008.
- Wilson A, Stone CA. Timing and method of soft tissue reconstruction in patients with IIIb tibial fractures. In: Stone CA (Ed). *Evidence for Plastic Surgery*, TFM Publishing 2008.
- Potter JA, Stone CA. Evidence for Vacuum Assisted Closure Therapy. *Basic Science and Clinical Practice*. In: Stone CA (Ed). *Evidence for Plastic Surgery*, TFM Publishing 2008.
- Pollard RLE, Crundwell M, Stone C. Microsurgical Vasovasostomy: A Combined Urological and Plastic Surgical Approach. *Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery* 2008; 122 (5): 160-1e.
- Ali-Khan AS, Moonesamy V, Palmer J, Stone CA. Meralgia paraesthetica following intramuscular injection: a case series. *European Journal of Plastic Surgery* 2008; 30: 297-9.
- Downs AMR, Bower CB, Oliver DW, Stone CA. Methyl aminolaevulinate–photodynamic therapy for actinic keratoses, squamous cell carcinoma in situ and superficial basal cell carcinoma employing a square wave intense pulsed light device for photoactivation. *Br J Dermatol* 2009; 161: 189-90.
- Stone AJ, Downs AM, Stone CA. Healthcare IT: An all-or-nothing opportunity for some patients? *British Journal of Healthcare Management* 2015; 21(6): 289-91.

Miscellaneous Presentations (primary or senior author)

- Non-attendance at outpatient clinics: a waste of time and money: BAPS 1997.
- The Hyphecan cap: a biological fingertip dressing: BSSH annual meeting 1998.
- Evolution of the Emergency Management of Severe Burns (EMSB) Course in the UK: Australian and New Zealand Burn Association annual meeting 1998 and BAPS 1998.
- Wound healing at skin graft donor sites dressed with Hyphecan: BBA annual meeting 1999.
- Microsurgical vasovasostomy: technique and results in 10 patients. BAPS 2005.
- Reducing mortality rates for necrotising fasciitis due to GpA Streptococcal infection. BAPS 2005.
- Information technology awareness among surgical dermatology patients. EADV 2015.

A total of 38 publications including peer reviewed articles in medical journals and chapter contributions in textbooks

Notable areas of publication:

Soft tissue sarcoma
Malignant melanoma
Necrotising fasciitis