

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

CCST		Oct. 2005
Intercollegiate Examination	Intercollegiate Board	Feb. 2005
MD	University of London	Nov. 2004
FRCS	Royal College of Surgeons of England	May 1997
MBBS	London Hospital Medical College (1988-93)	June 1993
3 A' levels 11 O' levels	City of London School (Corporation Scholarship)	1981-88

APPOINTMENTS

Present

**Consultant Surgeon with an interest in Laparoscopic, Colorectal and General Surgery.
Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust.
Oct. 2005 to present**

I have been a Consultant surgeon for nearly 13 years. My NHS and private practice includes the specialities of colorectal, laparoscopic/endoscopic surgery and general surgery.

In 2013 I was named in the Tatler Doctors Guide as one of the top 250 doctors in the UK.

Colorectal Surgery

Within colorectal surgery I provide a full range of subspeciality consultation and surgery. I have performed over 500 colorectal resections. Of which 80% are carried out laparoscopically. All of my colorectal resection patients go through an Enhanced Recovery Programme.

My colorectal practice includes:

Laparoscopic colorectal surgery

Extralevator abdominoperineal excisions for rectal cancer

TAMIS procedures for early rectal cancers and benign rectal tumours

Laparoscopic rectopexy for rectal prolapse

Robotic surgery for rectal cancer and rectal prolapse

Advanced resectional surgery for recurrent colorectal cancer.

At my NHS trust and chair the weekly multidisciplinary team meetings. I am a trust appraiser.

At the Wellington Hospital I contribute to the GI cancer multidisciplinary meetings and co-chair the Pelvic Floor MDT monthly meeting.

I am faculty for the STEPS Laparoscopic training programme and regularly preceptor other consultants in advanced laparoscopic procedures.

Robotic Surgery

In 2010 myself and a colleague set up the Robotic Colorectal programme at our trust performing both ventral mesh rectopexies and rectal cancer resections robotically. We have participated in ROLLAR an international trial comparing laparoscopic and robotic rectal cancer surgery. We are now members of the London Robotic Centre at the Wellington Hospital and have produced a prize winning teaching DVD demonstrating our robotic ventral mesh rectopexy technique.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=7M7GKq0IxEO

In November 2014 I attended the Advanced Colorectal Robotic Course in Italy and I am a member of the Clinical Robotic Surgery Association. (CRSA). I am part of the Minimally Invasive and Robotic Masters Programme at Anglia Ruskin University.

General Surgery and Endoscopy

I perform both upper and lower gastrointestinal endoscopy as well as gall bladder and hernia surgery.

Previous

**Specialist Registrar
Laparoscopic and Gastrointestinal**
Oct. 2004 to Oct. 2005

Mr D. Menzies
Colchester General Hospital, Colchester,
Essex

**Specialist Registrar
Colorectal and Laparoscopic**
Oct. 2003 to Oct. 2004

Mr M. W. Ward and Mr S Warren
Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield,
Middlesex

Clinical research fellow
Oct. 2001 to Oct. 2003

**Professor I. Taylor (Department of Surgery)
Professor P. Ell (Department of Nuclear Medicine)**
Institute of Nuclear Medicine/Department of Surgery
UCL and Middlesex Hospital, London.

**Specialist Registrar
Vascular & Laparoscopic**
Apr.2001 to Oct. 2001

Miss J. S. Ackroyd.
Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow,
Essex

**Specialist Registrar
Upper G.I., Breast & Endocrine**
Oct. 2000 to Apr.2001

Mr M. W. Morgan.
Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow,
Essex

**Specialist Registrar
Colorectal**
Apr. 2000 to Oct 2000

Mr M. A. Clifton.
Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow,
Essex

**Specialist Registrar
Colorectal and General**
Oct. 1999 to Apr. 2000

Mr. J. Peters.
Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow,
Essex

**Specialist Registrar
Colorectal and Vascular**
Oct. 1998 to Oct. 1999

**Mrs. C. I. Ingham Clark, Mr. C. Bishop and
Mr. R. Al-Mufti**
The Whittington Hospital, Highgate,
London

**Junior Registrar
Colorectal and Breast**
Apr. 1998 to Oct. 1998

Mr. A. H. McL.Ross and Mr. P. Sauven
Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford,
Essex

**Senior House Officer
Vascular**
Feb. 1998 to Apr. 1998

Mr. Y. Panayiotopoulos
Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford,
Essex

**Senior House Officer
General Surgery**
Aug.1997 to Feb. 1998

Mr. P. A. Thomas
Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone
Essex

**Senior House Officer
Urology**
Feb. 1997 to Aug. 1997

Mr. T. Philp and Mr. M. Singh
Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone
Essex

Senior House Officer
General Surgery
Aug. 1996 to Feb 1997

Senior House Officer
Orthopaedic Surgery
Feb. 1996 to Aug. 1996

Senior House Officer
Cardiothoracic Surgery
Aug. 1995 to Feb 1996

Demonstrator in Anatomy
Feb. 1995 to June 1995

Senior House Officer
Accident & Emergency
Aug. 1994 to Feb. 1995

House Surgeon
General and Orthopaedic Surgery
Feb. 1994 to Aug. 1994

House Physician
Gastro and Respiratory Medicine
Aug. 1993 to Feb. 1994

Mr. M. C. Pietroni and Mr. P. Frecker
Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone
Essex

Mr. T. B. Macauliffe
Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone
Essex

Mr. Edmondson and Mr. Rees
St. Bartholomew's Hospital,
London

Professor K. Webster
King's College, London

Mr. S. Miles and Dr. H. Cugnoni
St. Bartholomew's and Homerton Hospitals,
London

Mr. A. D. W. Maclean and Mr. G. Scott
The Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel,
London

Dr. P. Richardson and Dr. J. Warren
Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow,
Essex

RESEARCH

October 2001 – October 2003

Clinical Research Fellow, Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Department of Surgery, Middlesex Hospital, London. Supervisors: Professors PJ Ell and I Taylor.

Positron Emission Tomography in colorectal cancer using 3'-[18F] Fluoro-3'-deoxythymidine: a clinical and biological study.

MD (University of London) awarded November 2004

- My research into positron emission tomography (PET) was conducted between October 2001 and October 2003 and resulted in the award of the degree of Doctor of Medicine by the University of London in November 2004.
- My thesis examined the role of PET in imaging colorectal cancer. In particular I researched the possibilities of a new thymidine based PET tracer (¹⁸FLT) in this disease process. The work involved collecting original data from a small group of intensely examined patients with colorectal cancer. Utilisation of ¹⁸FLT was evaluated in this group of prospectively recruited patients with primary and metastatic disease. Research into this new tracer enabled us to be the first unit in the world to demonstrate its potential role in the imaging of this group of patients.
- I also investigated the use of combined PET/CT as a new imaging modality in gastrointestinal cancer. This state of the art PET/CT scanner allows precise anatomical and functional images to be acquired in a single scanning session. At the time only two such scanners existed in the United Kingdom. The data from PET/CT derived images was compared to conventional imaging or PET alone.
- The data acquired from my research has been presented to a number of learned societies and published as original papers, book chapters and in various electronic media. The results of this work has encouraged further research into the role of PET in colorectal cancer. PET is now becoming part of the mainstream of imaging modalities in surgical oncology.
- I have developed personally from my time in research through the self discipline needed to organise the project, acquiring a questioning approach to published data and translating this approach to my daily surgical activities. I am confident in supervising research myself.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

- At the Whittington Hospital I took part in setting up access to emergency day case surgery. This provision resulted in a well co ordinated system which significantly reduced in patient bed use. This work was subsequently presented at the *British Association of Day Case Surgery* annual meeting and later published as an original article.
- At Princess Alexandra Hospital, I was the junior doctors' representative to the surgical directorate.
- At Chase Farm Hospital I was involved in the organisation of the surgical rota including the development of an emergency shift system which was compliant with the European working time directive.
- I recently attended the *Clinical management course for specialist registrars in surgical specialities at Keele Management Centre*.
- Appointed clinical lead for Emergency Surgical Services and Elective Surgery June 2007
- Clinical Lead / Head of Department for Emergency Surgery 2008 - present
- Trust Appraiser 2009 - present
- Appointed Postgraduate lead for Surgery
- Appointed Deputy Lead for Colorectal Cancer Services 2011
- Principal Investigator for the proposed ROLLAR trial at BCFH 2012
- Appointed Lead for Colorectal Cancer Services July 2013
- Appointed Service Line Lead for Colorectal Cancer April 2015
- Member of London Colorectal Pathway Board

AUDIT

I have participated in many audits during my surgical training and continue to do so as a consultant.

- **An audit of fast track referrals for patients with high risk symptoms of colorectal cancer before and after the new national guidelines.** This project considered whether the new guidelines distinguished truly at risk patients from the majority with benign disease. Application of the new guidelines allowed more efficient use of outpatient resources without loss of sensitivity and increased the likelihood of meeting the 'two week' rule. This audit was presented in the *Plenary "Prize Session": Ronald Raven Prize. British Association of Surgical Oncology Annual Scientific Meeting, November 2001*
- **An audit of surgical colonoscopy** to a) assess adequacy of training and b) the proportion of significant pathology detected according to referral criteria. This demonstrated that despite service pressures, training met the recognised guidelines and that to rationalise the

colonoscopy service patients with low yield symptoms of colorectal cancer are now investigated initially with barium enema.

- **An audit of laparoscopic incisional hernia repair.** This posed the question does laparoscopic repair of large incisional hernias have a lower morbidity and shorter hospital stay. These were successfully carried out as day case procedures without readmission, major morbidity or conversion to open operation. They are now routinely carried out as day cases. This work was presented at the *Annual Scientific Meeting of the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons Nov 2004.*
- Audit of laparoscopic colorectal surgery and cost...within an enhanced recovery programme 2007
- Audit of newly introduced same day admission policy. And development of a new departmental care pathway 2007
- Audit of Colorectal Cancer Patients Satisfaction 2006 – 2007
- Patient Satisfaction: All Aspects of Colorectal Cancer care 2007 – 2008
- Patient Satisfaction: Enhanced Recovery Programme 2008
- Audit of waiting times for perianal abscess surgery 2007
- Re-audit of perianal abscess surgery 2008
- Participating in NBOCAP since 2009
- Audit of Laparoscopic colorectal cancer practice Dec 11
- Local Co-ordinator in the International Surgical Outcomes Study (ISOS) July 2014
- Does the use of a Standardised clerking pro-forma for acute general surgery admissions improve the quality of documentation? A prospective two cycle audit - Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland April 2015
- Audit Lead (Barnet and Chase Farm) for “National Comparative Audit of Lower GI Bleeding and the U Blood” 2015/16

TEACHING

I enjoy teaching and find that as well as being able to help medical students and junior surgeons understand both the fundamental and newer concepts in clinical surgery, I can keep up to date myself. In 2004 I was nominated in the distinguished teacher scheme by Royal Free and UCL medical students. I was again recognised for excellence in undergraduate teaching as a consultant in 2006. I was appointed as the Postgraduate lead for surgery in 2010. I am currently on faculty for the STEPS course in Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery. I am also faculty for the surgical sciences MSc course ran through the Anglia Ruskin university.

1. **Laparoscopic preceptoring** I am currently preceptoring two consultant surgeons in laparoscopic incisional hernia repair.
2. **Basic surgical skills course** I am a member of the faculty that teaches on the course ran at Barnet Hospital. I have set up the first BSS course at Chase Farm Hospital to commence in October 2007.
3. **Clinical teaching** I have taught undergraduate students as well as basic surgical trainees on the wards and in seminars. As well as bedside teaching I have given lectures on surgical topics at all of the hospitals that I have worked at. In 1997 I helped in organising the Whipps Cross Part II FRCS course.
4. **Basic science** I have lectured to BSc students on the tumour biology course at UCL (2003 & 2004). I was invited to deliver a lecture that comprised part of the the solid tumour imaging module.
5. **Invited lectures** My role in postgraduate teaching has been extended through my expertise in positron emission tomography. I have been invited to give national and international lectures to radiologists, nuclear medicine physicians and surgeons on its role in both upper and lower gastrointestinal malignancies. In addition I have also been asked to sit on state of the art expert symposia.
 - North Middlesex Hospital Oncology forum – 18th March 2002
PET in Colorectal Cancer
 - Trent Regional Joint Oncology/Palliative Medicine Study Day – 16th April 02
Use of PET in colorectal cancer
 - The General Surgical Forum (Middlesex Hospital) Masterclass- 12th July 02
The further evaluation of PET scanning in colorectal cancer
 - Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland - 26th Sept 02
The role of PET scanning in Upper Gastrointestinal cancer
 - Sixth PET in Oncology meeting, Royal Society of Medicine, 21st March 2003
FDG-PET in Oesophageal cancer
 - CLINICAL PET: Evidence based indications in oncology. Royal College of Physicians, 26th March 2004
Evidence based indications of PET in Colorectal cancer
 - 6th International Congress of Nuclear Oncology - Turkey - 2nd May 2004
18FLT in colorectal cancer.

- South Essex Colorectal Group – Southend Hospital – 11th May 2004
PET in colorectal cancer

Lectured at Bowel Cancer Patients Day May 2015

- Lectured at Gastroenterology & Colorectal GP Masterclass March 2015

INVITED FACULTY MEMEBERSHIP

- Faculty Whipps Cross Part III course 2005 - present
- Faculty STEPS Laparoscopic Colorectal Course June 2012
- External Examiner for Essex University : Surgical MS Thesis
- Faculty for the STEPS course in Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery 2012
- Faculty for MSc in Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery: Anglia Ruskin University 2012
- Honory Senior Lecturer Division of Medicine Universtity College London Oct 2012
- Faculty - Laparoscopic Colorectal Foundation Training Programme for Higher Surgical Trainees No
- Faculty - Minimally Invasive and Robotic Masters Programme Anglia Ruskin University
- Faculty - The Thirty-Fourth Whipps Cross Higher Surgery Course May 2014
- Faculty - The Surgeons in Training Education Programme Nov 2014

COURSES

Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy course Feb. 1998
(Royal College of Surgeons)

Specialist Registrar Skills Course in Feb. 1999
General Surgery
(Royal College of Surgeons)

Early Oesophago-Gastric Cancer Symposium (Royal College of Surgeons of England)	Feb.	2000
M62 Coloproctology Course (Huddersfield)	Mar.	2000
3 rd Oesophago-Gastric Cancer Symposium (Royal College of Surgeons of England)	Feb.	2001
5 th International Workshop on Advanced Laparoscopic and Oncologic Surgery. (Rome, Italy)	Dec.	2003
Rectal Carcinoma: TME and selection for radiotherapy and chemotherapy (Basingstoke and Royal College of Surgeons of England)	Feb.	2004
Minimal Invasive Operating Techniques in Colorectal Surgery (European Surgical Institute, Hamburg)	Oct	2004
Advanced Laparoscopic Course (Colchester General Hospital)	Oct	2004
Clinical Management Course for Specialist Registrars in Surgical Specialities (Keele Management Centre, Keele University)	Apr.	2005
VIP UK Laparoscopic Lower GI Course (Elancourt, France)	Feb.	2006
Enhanced Recovery Symposium (St Marks Hospital, Harrow, UK)	June	2006
Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons laparoscopic Colorectal preceptor masterclass	Nov	2006
Colorectal Cancer Symposium (Royal Society of Medicine – Oncology section)	Jan	2007
Safe Gaurding Children Course (Chase Farm Hospital)	Jan	2007
Laparoscopic Colorectal Masterclass (Colchester Hospital)	Feb	2007
Training the Trainers Course (The Royal College of Surgeons of England)	May	2007
Safer Sedation Course	June	2007
ALS Annual Scientific Meeting	Nov	2009
TAIP for Trainers and Assessors Royal College of Surgeons	March	2010

ATLS provider course Royal college of Surgeons	April	2010
Trans anal microsurgery workshop	June	2010
Da Vinci Surgical Training	July	2010
Bristol ELAP cadaveric course	Mar	2011
Low rectal cancer national development programme	Mar	2011
Live surgical demonstration of biological hernia repair	Nov	2011
National Cancer Action Team Advanced Communication Course	Nov	2011
New Approach for Rectal Diseases. Transanal Total Mesorectal Excision (taTME) Live Surgery and Hands on Cadaver Lab	Jan	2016

PRIZE PRESENTATIONS

Robotic Ventral Mesh Rectopexy- Rise of the Pelvic Floor

F E Rizal, B Stubbs, P Mathur, C Elton, D Francis

Video presentation – Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons GB&I
Nov 2012

1. **D. Francis**, R. Lown, M. Moor, S. Warren
Total Laparoscopic Feeding Jejunostomy
John Wiley & Sons Ltd Audio Visual Prize Session
Association of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland 13th April 2005
2. F. Pakzad, **D. Francis**, M. Loizidou, I. Taylor, P. J. Ell
Probing Proliferation with PET
University College London Postgraduate Poster Competition 2004
(First prize in clinical sciences section)
3. **D. Francis**, S. Hughes, D. Visvikis, J. Bomanji, D. Costa, I. Taylor, P. Ell
Recurrent colorectal cancer: initial experience with PET/CT
Plenary "Prize Session": Ronald Raven Prize. British Association of Surgical Oncology Annual Scientific Meeting 24th November 2003
4. **DL Francis**, A. Freeman, D. Visvikis, DC Costa, SK Luthra, M Novelli, I Taylor, PJ Ell.
Quantifying cellular proliferation in colorectal cancer: A comparison between Positron Emission Tomography and MIB-1 Immunohistochemistry
Six of the best colorectal paper session

Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland 8th May 2003

5. **Francis DL**, Visvikis D, Freeman A, Costa DC, Luthra S, Novelli M, Taylor I, Ell P
Evaluating proliferative activity in colorectal cancer using ¹⁸F-FLT-PET.
British Nuclear Medicine Society 31st Annual meeting 30th April 2003
(Winner of second best scientific paper)

6. Quantitative comparison of 18FDG and 18FLT in colorectal carcinoma (for the
European Association of Nuclear Medicine Marie Curie award
D. Visvikis, **D.L. Francis**, D.C. Costa, R.S. Mulligan, C. Townsend, I. Taylor, P.J.
Ell
European Association of Nuclear Medicine (Vienna) 1st September 2002

7. ‘Bloodless Ligasure Haemorrhoidectomy’
Daren L. Francis, F. Fausto Palazzo, Furrat Amen and Martin Clifton
Blackwell Science Audio Visual Prize Session
Association of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland 23rd May 2002

8. ‘Whole-body FDG PET for surgical staging of colorectal liver metastases’
D.L. Francis, T. H. Arulampalam, D. Visvikis, D.C. Costa, P.J. Ell and I. Taylor
Six of the best colorectal paper session
Association of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland 23rd May 2002

9. ‘Fast track referrals for patients with high risk symptoms of colorectal cancer before
and after the new national guidelines’
D.L. Francis, F.F.Palazzo, G. Armitage and M.A. Clifton
**Plenary “Prize Session”: Ronald Raven Prize. British Association of Surgical
Oncology Annual Scientific Meeting 26th November 2001**

PRESENTATIONS TO LEARNED SOCIETIES

- Does the use of a standardised clerking pro forma for acute general surgery admissions improve the quality of documentation? A prospective two-cycle audit - Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (Abstract and presentation) April 2015

- Investigating symptomatic evacuatory dysfunction: A comparative study between MRI and Fluoroscopic defecatory proctograms - Tripartite Colorectal Meeting 2014

- Does PET/CT Derived Tumour Heterogeneity and Glucose Uptake Predict Survival in Primary Colorectal Cancer Patients - Radiological Society of North America 2013 Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting Chicago.

- Enhanced recovery in the Elderly following elective colorectal resection - Association of Coloproctology Great Britain and Ireland July 2013
- N. Sengupta, A. Engledow, **D. Francis**, S. Warren
Day case laparoscopic mesh repair of large incisional hernias.
Annual Scientific Meeting of the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons 26th Nov 2004
- **D.L. Francis**, S. Cumming and S. Warren
Laparoscopic unilateral inguinal hernia repair: a prospective study
Association of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland 29th 2004
- **D.L. Francis**, S. Hughes, D. Visvikis, J. Bomanji, D.C. Costa, I. Taylor, P.J. Ell
Combined PET/CT: A new imaging modality for colorectal cancer
Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland 30th June 2004
- **D.L. Francis**, M. Loizidou, D. Visvikis, S. DeVos, S. Luthra, I. Taylor, P. Ell
Assessing response to 5-Fluorouracil chemotherapy using a new PET tracer: FLT
Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland 30th June 2004
- **D.L. Francis**, S. Hughes, D. Visvikis, J. Bomanji, D.C. Costa, I. Taylor, P.J. Ell
Changing the management of recurrent colorectal cancer using a new imaging modality: combined PET/CT
Association of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland 29th April 2004
- **D. Francis**, M. Loizidou, D. Visvikis, S. DeVos, S. Luthra, I. Taylor, P. Ell
Monitoring 5-Fluorouracil chemotherapy response in colorectal cancer using Positron Emission Tomography
British Association of Surgical Oncology Annual Scientific Meeting 24th November 2003
- D.A. Lawes, F.F. Palazzo, **D.L. Francis**, M.A. Clifton.
Long-term follow up of a randomised trial comparing Ligasure and open haemorrhoidectomy
Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain & Ireland 7th-10th July 2003
- **D.L. Francis**, D. Visvikis, D.C. Costa, T.H. Arulampalam, C. Townsend, S.K. Luthra, I. Taylor, P.J. Ell.
[¹⁸F] 3'-deoxy-3-fluorothymidine: A new Positron Emission Tomography tracer for imaging colorectal cancer.
Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain & Ireland 7th-10th July 2003
- **D.L. Francis**, A. Freeman, D. Visvikis, D.C. Costa, S.K. Luthra, M. Novelli, I. Taylor, P.J. Ell.
Can Positron Emission Tomography quantify cellular proliferation in colorectal cancer? A comparative study using MIB-1 and a new PET tracer ¹⁸FLT.

- **D.L. Francis**, D. Visvikis, J. Bomanji, D.C.Costa, I. Croasdale, I. Taylor, P.J. Ell
The impact of FDG PET/CT in colorectal cancer – an outcome study
Society of Nuclear Medicine 50th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 21st-25th June 2003
- **D.L. Francis**, D. Visvikis, A.Freeman, D.C. Costa, S.K. Luthra, M. Novelli, I. Taylor, P.J. Ell.
A comparison of ¹⁸FDG and ¹⁸FLT PET in quantifying cellular proliferation in colorectal cancer.
Society of Nuclear Medicine 50th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 21st-25th June 2003
- **DL Francis**, D. Visvikis, DC Costa, TH Arulampalam, C Townsend, SK Luthra, I Taylor, PJ Ell.
Positron emission tomography in colorectal cancer: A comparison between ¹⁸FDG and a new tracer ¹⁸FLT.
Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland 8th May 2003
- **Francis DL**, Visvikis D, Bomanji J, Costa DC, Taylor I, Ell PJ.
Reporting colorectal cancer: A comparison of FDG PET/CT and PET.
British Nuclear Medicine Society 31st Annual meeting 30th April 2003
- ‘Glucose utilisation (¹⁸FDG) versus cellular proliferation (¹⁸FLT) using PET scanning in patients with colorectal carcinoma’
D. Francis, D. Visvikis, D.C. Costa, R.S. Mulligan, C. Townsend, S.K. Luthra, I. Taylor, P.J. Ell
British Association of Surgical Oncology Annual Scientific Meeting 18th November 2002
- ‘Whole body FDG-PET for pre-operative evaluation of colorectal liver metastases’
Arulampalam THA, **Francis DL**, Loizidou M, Ell PJ, Taylor I
Tripartite Colorectal Meeting, Melbourne, Australia, October 2002
- ‘Bloodless Ligasure Haemorrhoidectomy’
D. L. Francis, F.F. Palazzo, F. Amen and M.A. Clifton
Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain & Ireland 3rd July 2002
- ‘Prospective randomised clinical trial of Ligasure versus open haemorrhoidectomy’
D. L. Francis, F.F. Palazzo, F. Amen and M.A. Clifton
Association of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland 22nd May 2002
- ‘Imaging cellular proliferation in colorectal cancer’
D. L. Francis
UKPET group meeting 21st April 2002

- [¹⁸F]FDG and [¹⁸F]FLT in colorectal carcinoma: preliminary results of a comparative study
D. Visvikis, **D.L. Francis**, D.C. Costa, R. Mulligan, C. Townsend, M.S. Islam, I. Taylor, P.J. Ell
30th Annual meeting of the British Nuclear Medicine Society 9th April 2002
- ‘Day Case Haemorrhoidectomy – a Ligasure experience’
D. L. Francis, F.F. Palazzo, F. Amen and M.A. Clifton
Royal Society of Medicine Section of Coloproctology Short papers Meeting 27th Feb 2002
- ‘A new technique for combined synchronous on table ante-grade and retro-grade colonic lavage’ Oral Poster Presentation
D. Francis, T. satyadas, J. Peters
British Association of Surgical Oncology Annual Scientific Meeting 27th November 2000
- ‘Introduction of Emergency Day Case Surgery’
Figueira. E, **Francis D**, Ingham Clark C L
10th British Association of Day Surgery Annual Scientific Meeting 4th June 1999
- ‘Critical Decision Making in the management of Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome’ - *North Thames (East) Higher Surgical Trainee and Trainer Regional Teaching Day - 3rd October 1997*
- ‘How to investigate an Adrenal Mass? Pertinent factors to a practical approach’ - *North Thames (East) Higher Surgical Trainee and Trainer Regional Teaching Day - 3rd October 1997*

PUBLICATIONS

Papers

- **Texture analysis of ADC maps in colorectal cancer: Technique and initial experience using PET/MRI**
- **A prospective study of early removal of the urethral catheter after colorectal surgery in patients having epidural analgesia as part of the Enhanced Recovery After Surgery programme**
B Stubbs, K Badcock, C Hyams, F E Rizal, S Warren, **D Francis**
Colorectal Disease, 2013 Jun;56(6):733-6
- Killeen T, Banerjee S, Dabbagh Z, Vijay V, **Francis D**, Warren SJ.
Magnetic Resonance (MR) pelvimetry as a predictor of difficulty in laparoscopic operations for rectal cancer.
Surgical Endoscopy 2010, Vol 24 (12) 2974 – 2979

- D.A. Lawes, F.F. Palazzo, **D.L. Francis**, M.A. Clifton
One year follow up of a randomised trial comparing Ligasure with open haemorrhoidectomy.
Colorectal Disease 2004, **6 (4)**, 233-5
- **D.L. Francis**, D. Visvikis, D.C. Costa, I. Croasdale, T.H. Arulampalam, S.K. Luthra, I. Taylor, P.J. Ell
Assessment of recurrent colorectal cancer following 5-Fluorouracil chemotherapy using both 18FDG and 18FLT PET.
European Journal of Nuclear Medicine (in press)
- T.H.A. Arulampalam, **D.L. Francis**, D.Visvikis, I. Taylor, P.J. Ell.
FDG-PET for the pre-operative staging of colorectal liver metastases
European Journal of Surgical Oncology 2004, **30**, 286-291
- D. Visvikis, **D. Francis**, R. Mulligan, D.C. Costa, I. Croasdale, S.K. Luthra, I. Taylor, P.J. Ell.
Comparison of methodologies for the in vivo assessment of ¹⁸FLT utilisation in colorectal cancer.
European Journal of Nuclear Medicine 2004, **31**, 169-178
- **D.L. Francis**, A. Freeman, D. Visvikis, D.C. Costa, S.K. Luthra, M. Novelli, I. Taylor, P.J. Ell.
In vivo imaging of cellular proliferation in colorectal cancer using Positron Emission Tomography
GUT 2003, **52 (11)**, 1602-6
- **D.L. Francis**, D.Visvikis, D.C. Costa, T.H.A. Arulampalam, C. Townsend, S.K. Luthra, I. Taylor, P.J. Ell.
Potential impact of [18F]3'-deoxy-3'-fluorothymidine versus [18F]fluoro-2-deoxy-D-glucose in Positron Emission Tomography for colorectal cancer.
European Journal of Nuclear Medicine 2003, **30**, 988-994
- F. Fausto Palazzo, **Daren L Francis**, Martin A Clifton
Randomised clinical trial of Ligasure™ versus open haemorrhoidectomy
British Journal of Surgery 2002, **89**, 154-157
- D. Visvikis, **D.L. Francis**, D.C. Costa, R. Mulligan, C. Townsend, T.H. Arulampalam, M.S. Islam, I. Taylor, P.J. Ell
Glucose utilisation and cell proliferation in colorectal cancer
European Journal of Nuclear Medicine (2002) 29:280
- PJ Conaghan, **DL Francis**, E Figueira, CL Ingham Clark
The Introduction of Emergency Day Surgery
Journal of One Day Surgery 2001; **10(4)**: 15-17.

Abstracts and Presentations

- Investigating symptomatic evacuatory dysfunction: A comparative study between MRI and fluoroscopic defecatory proctograms
F E. Rizal, I Suliman, R Shah, S Hassan, S Vessal, P. Mathur, D. Francis

Tripartite Colorectal Meeting 2014

- MEASURING TUMOUR HETEROGENEITY, WATER DIFFUSION AND GLUCOSE METABOLISM USING PET/MRI IN PATIENTS WITH PRIMARY COLORECTAL CANCER
S Dindyal, D Francis, A Groves
**Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland 2013 Annual Meeting
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July 2013 at the BT Convention Centre, Liverpool**

- **Enhanced recovery in the elderly following elective colorectal resection**

Benjamin Stubbs, David Foldes, Eldriana Rizal, Daren Francis
Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland 2013 Annual Meeting
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I am a general surgical advisor to BBC television drama for Holby City. I have been involved in this medical drama for over ten years and I am currently working on my fifth series. The programme is a regular prime time fixture and attracts up to 9 million viewers. I am involved in the whole process from story ideas through to reading scripts. I attend regular medical meetings with the full production team and advise on set for theatre scenes.

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