

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**Education**

I am forty three years old, married and have three children, Clive 16yrs, Jake 11yrs and Nicole 8yrs old.

I received my secondary education at St. Albert The Great College where I obtained eleven ordinary level passes with a grade A in English language, English literature, Mathematics, French, Maltese, Arabic, Italian, Biology, and grade B in Physics, Chemistry and Religion.

I attended the Junior College 6<sup>th</sup> form and obtained three passes at advanced level with a grade A in Physics and Chemistry and a grade B in Biology.

**Qualifications and post-graduate courses**

- 1992 - MD from the University of Malta
- 1994 - Registered in the Malta Medical register (No. 2353)
- 1999 - Appointed Associate fellow of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (AFRCS).
- 2004 - Appointed Fellow of the European Board of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons (FETCS)
- 2009 – MA, Master of Arts in creativity and innovation
- 2011 – Currently reading a PhD in genetics at the University of Malta, a project entitled;  
  
'Potential crosstalk between remote ischaemic pre-conditioning and clock genes in achieving myocardial protection'

## **Memberships**

- Basic surgical skills course held by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.
- ATLS. November 2002 obtained the Advanced Trauma Life Support certificate held in Guildford UK.
- International English Language exam, IELTS obtained June 2002 from University of Cambridge.
- Obtained the UK Certificate of full Registration as a Medical Practitioner (GMC No. 6035945)

## **General Experience**

- Full member of the European association of Cardiothoracic surgeon
- Member of the Royal College of Surgeon of Edinburgh
- Member of the American society of cardiac rehabilitation
- Member of the Heart Failure Society of America (HFSA)

### **1992–1994**

#### **House officer**

- Nine months in medicine
- Six months in obstetrics and gynaecology
- Six months in general surgery
- Three months in dermatology

### **1994-1995**

#### **Medical Officer**

- Six months in primary health care
- Three months in psychiatry
- Three months in general surgery

### **1996–1999**

#### **Basic Surgical Trainee**

- Six months in urology
- Six months in orthopaedics
- Six months in the accident and emergency department.

- One year general surgery
- One year cardiac surgery
- Six months plastic/paediatic surgery

During my basic training I also had further experience as:

#### **Liaison Officer**

- Mr.Bianchi visiting consultant in paediatric surgery.

#### **Scholarship in Italy**

In March 1994 I won a scholarship awarded by the Mediterranean Burns Club. I attended for five weeks at the Centro Traumatologico Ortopedico divisione di chirurgia plastica in Turin Italy where I actively participated in

- Reconstructive procedures
- Microsurgical freeflaps
- Maxillofacial surgery
- Acute burn surgery.

#### **Present appointments**

#### **Resident Specialist in Cardiac-thoracic surgery Mater Dei hospital.**

I started my training in cardiac surgery as a senior house officer in October 1998.

During my training I have done a one in three on call rota for the first two years and a one in two on call for the last eight years.

In July 2003 I was appointed Projects manager by Saint James Hospital (private hospital) to set up a cardiac surgery service.

The work entailed purchasing of equipment for the theatre, intensive care, and perfusion department. It also involved recruiting staff for the cardiac team.

In June 2004 I went to the United Kingdom where I worked in the Leeds General Infirmary as a Trust Doctor in cardiothoracic surgery. Here I worked with a team of 9 cardiac surgeons where I had exposure to both routine and emergency surgery. I was also involved in mitral valve repairs and arrhythmia surgery.

While I was working in Leeds I successfully sat for the European board exam in cardiothoracic surgery held in Leipzig Germany.

In October 2004 I returned to Malta to continue the cardiac surgery project in the private sector.

The permit for the cardiac intensive care was issued in November 2004 and we performed the first coronary angioplasty with full surgical cover on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2004.

In December 2004 I was appointed Head of cardiac services by the Saint James Group.

## **Teaching and Audit**

- Lecturer and examiner in anatomy for Occupational Therapy students for two years.
- Anatomy demonstrator for medical students for eight months.
- Tutor for third year medical students.
- I participate regularly in the Journal club.
- Tutor in basic life support.

Local coordinator for EORTC.

- June 1996 to June 1997 , local coordinator appointed by the director of surgery for the EORTC ( European Organisation for the Research and Treatment of Cancer ) study in the treatment of metastatic prostate cancer (Protocol 30954).

## **Research and publications**

- In 2006 I started a Masters by The Edward de Bono Institute for the Design and Development of Thinking.
- In March 2009 I submitted my dissertation in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a Master of Arts in Creativity and Innovation. The core subject of my research was decision making and the title of my dissertation was:

‘The Thinking Cardiac Surgeon:

An Analysis of Intra- operative Decision Making’

In June 2009 I obtained my M.A.

- Presently reading a PhD with the university of Malta, the subject title being;

‘Potential crosstalk between remote ischaemic pre-conditioning and clock genes in achieving myocardial protection’

### First author publications

1. ' A Retrospective Study of Patients admitted to our burns unit' .

Published in December 1994 Vol. 7 No. 4 Annals of the Mediterranean Burns Club.

2. 'A retrospective study of patients who were referred for cardiac surgery assessment but did not undergo bypass.

Presentation at the Fourth Maltese Medical Conference  
10th to the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1999.

3. 'Cost-comparison in Off-pump and conventional CABG in a small unit'.

Poster presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Meeting Of The Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center held in Athens, Greece on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2000.

4. 'Clinical outcome and cost comparison between off-pump and on-pump CABG. An ongoing dilemma'.

Presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Congress of Association of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons of Asia in December 2001.

5. 'Empyema thoracis caused by a foreign body inhaled 30 years previously'

Accepted on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2003 for publication in the Interactive Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery journal.

6. 'Obesity not necessarily a disadvantage during routine CABG'

Oral presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> Maltese medical conference

held between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2003.

#### Second author publications

- 'Repair of torn pulmonary artery in redo operation'.  
Published in December 1999 Vol. 68 No. 6 p2354 The Annals Of Thoracic surgery.
  
- 'Late presentation and successful treatment of classical scimitar syndrome'.  
Published in Images in Paediatric cardiology 2003:16.
  
- Auditing surgical skills in the cardiothoracic trainee.  
Presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the European Society of Surgery, held on the 11 – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2004 in Malta.
  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> International Meeting of the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center held in Athens, Greece on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2000.
  
- The VII Annual Meeting for Residents in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery entitled 'Hot topics in Cardiac Surgery' held in Milan from 11-13 October 2001.
  
- 16<sup>th</sup> EACTS annual conference held in Monaco 22 to 25 September 2002.
  
- Level A course at the European school for cardio-thoracic surgery held in Bergamo Italy 3-8 March 2003.
  
- 17<sup>th</sup> EACTS annual conference held in Austria October 2003
  
- 18<sup>th</sup> EACTS annual conference held in Leipzig Germany September 2004
  
- 19<sup>th</sup> EACTS annual conference held in Barcelona

#### **Meetings**

September 2005

- Master course in Mitral valve repair held in Paris December 2005.
- 20<sup>th</sup> EACTS annual conference held in Stockholm September 2006.
- 21<sup>st</sup> EACTS annual conference held in Geneva Switzerland September 2007.
- 22<sup>st</sup> EACTS annual conference held in Lisbon Portugal September 2008.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> EACTS annual conference held in Vienna Austria October 2009
- 24<sup>th</sup> EACTS annual conference held in Geneva Switzerland
- September 2010

## **Interests**

During my spare time I like to paint. In June 1999 I successfully completed a one year course of foundation in arts at the National School of Arts. During this time I gained experience in the use of different media and studied the history of art from Minoan period up to the gothic era.

Other interests are cycling, jogging, five-a-side football, table tennis and lawn tennis.

Wine is my passion and I have attended several courses to enhance my knowledge and attended conferences abroad. This experience culminated in 2008 when I set up a wine bar by the name of VINUM at Fontanella.

I am president of Lions club La Valletta since 2008 and I have been involved in various fund raising activities during these one and a half years of office. Lions is part of a worldwide non governmental organisation with 1.3 million members and its aim is to promote the principles of good government and good citizenship, take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community to encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward.

**Projects and Plans**

My ambition is to become competent in mitral valve repair surgery and arrhythmia surgery and set up this service which is not available in my country. I also envisage the growth of the cardiac services in the private sector and hopefully expand our services in north Africa.