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Professional Profile

I am a experienced Consultant ophthalmic surgeon with a special interest in cataract surgery and retinal disease. I was a substantive Consultant at Bartshealth NHS Trust in London for 13 years and held the post of Clinical Network Director for Ophthalmology for 6 years. I had also held the posts of Clinical Lead, Clinical Governance Lead and Lead for the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme.

I am currently the Royal College of Ophthalmologists (London) Education Committee Lead for Leadership.

I have recently relocated to the West Country.

I am the Director or Eye Care Surgical Ltd which provides high quality private eye care and eye surgery as well as reputable medicolegal services.

I am a highly competent cataract surgeon and have performed over 4000 cataract operations in the NHS, private sector and independent sector. I also have comprehensive experience in managing retinal eye disease. I am trained in writing medicolegal reports and as an expert witness and hold up to date accredited professional skills in both of these areas.

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Medicolegal services and training

Scope of practice	As a professional witness of fact As an expert witness in Ophthalmology
Services	Report writing Court attendance
Settings	Civil court Tribunals/ fitness to practice/ other
Training	18/10/2023 Court room skills course (BMA & Bond Solon) 04/12/2023 Expert witness report writing (Bond Solon)
Experience	Police reports Serious incident reports Fitness to practice witness statement Clinical advisor in a patent dispute
Fees	Hourly rate of £350 plus VAT subject to variation

NHS Clinical Experience

Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon (April 2023-date)

Organisation	Somerset Foundation Trust Yeovil District Hospital Somerset
Post	Consultant Eye Surgeon with a special interest in Cataract Surgery and Medical Retina
Clinical activity	40 cataract surgeries per month, 40 subspecialty consultations in retina, cataract and urgent eye conditions (including trauma) per week

Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon (Nov 2009- Apr2023)

Organisation	Barts Health NHS Trust Whipps Cross Hospital
Post	Consultant Eye Surgeon with a special interest in Cataract Surgery and Medical Retina

**Clinical activity,
service development
and training**

40 complex cataract surgeries per month
80 subspecialty clinic consultations per week
Lead for the urgent pathway for Wet macular degeneration & Injection clinics
Lead the high flow cataract surgery hubs
Lead trainer for clinical nurse specialists, allied health professionals

NHS Management Experience

Clinical Lead for Ophthalmology & Governance Lead (2014-2018)

Organisation	Barts Health NHS Trust
Operational	Led on organisational culture change transforming the service into a high performing team delivering exceptional clinical care
Governance	Delivered a safe and effective service by maintaining high clinical governance standards

Clinical Network Director (2016-2023)

Organisation	Barts Health NHS Trust
Strategic Development	Involved in delivering the Surgery Strategy and the Centre for Surgical Excellence for Ophthalmology Led recovery and transformation of services post-COVID with improved cross-site collaborative working

Clinical Leadership Experience

Organisation	Royal College of Ophthalmologists
Post	Education Committee Lead for Clinical Leadership & Management
Qualifications	Certificate in Oxford Womens Leadership Development Programme 2021 Clinical Leaders Development Programme 2019
Responsibilities	Organiser of the Royal College Professional skills in Clinical Leadership Course Speaker at the Royal College New Consultants course, Ophthalmic Practitioner Training course etc

Other Experience

Research	PI for numerous clinical trials including the NIHR funded STAR study into the role of stereotactic radiotherapy in the treatment of wet macular degeneration More than 25 publications in peer reviewed journals
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Mentoring

Mentor for the Womens Network (QMUL) and Barts Medical School
Mentor for senior Consultants at Somerset FT

Appendix 1 Qualifications

Qualification	Description	DATES
FRCOphth	Fellow of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists	2015
FRCS Eye	Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh	1999
MS Eye	Masters in Surgery University of Calcutta	1994
DO	Diploma in Ophthalmology University of Calcutta	1992
MBBS	Medical degree University of Calcutta	1990

Appendix 2 Previous Posts

Location	Description	DATES
Barts Health NHS Trust	Substantive Consultant Ophthalmic surgeon	Nov 2009 to April 2023
Bristol Eye Hospital/ Kings College Hospital	Consultant (locum) Ophthalmic surgeon	Oct 2007 to Oct 2009 (23 months)
Kings College Hospital London	Post-CCT Research Fellow (Medical Retina)	April 2006 to Sep 2007
Southwest peninsular rotation (Taunton, Exeter, Plymouth, Torbay) & Milton Keynes Gen Hosp	Ophth Specialist Registrar rotation Ophth Specialist Registrar (LAT)	Oct 2002 to Mar 2006
Birmingham and Midland Eye Centre	Junior Research Fellow (Medical Retina)	Oct 2001 to Sep 2002
Calderdale Healthcare and Tennent Institute Glasgow	Ophth Specialist Registrar (LAS & FTTA)	2000 to 2001 (14 months)
Sutton Hospital/ Mayday Hospital/ North Middlesex Hospital London	Senior House Officers posts in Ophthalmology	1997 to 2000
University of Calcutta	Ophth Registrar, Masters, Diploma and SHO posts	1991 to 1996

Appendix 3 Publications (Patra nee Chatterjee)

1. Thomas DS, Warwick A, Olvera-Barrios, *Patra* S A UK EMR Users Group, et al Estimating excess visual loss from neovascular age-related macular degeneration in the UK during the COVID-19 pandemic: a retrospective clinical audit and simulation model BMJ Open 2022;12:e057269. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2021-057269

2. Nagar A, *Patra S* et al. The Risk of Posterior Capsule Rupture during Phacoemulsification Cataract Surgery in Eyes with Previous Intravitreal Anti Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Injections. The Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrs.2019.09.004>
3. Panos GD, *Patra S* et al. The long-term efficacy and safety of FAc Intravitreal Implant 190 µg (ILUVIEN®) in DMO in a multi-ethnic inner city population. Accepted for publication by The European Journal of Ophthalmology Sep 2019
4. LEAVO study group (*Patra S* et al). Clinical Effectiveness of Intravitreal Therapy With Ranibizumab vs Aflibercept vs Bevacizumab for Macular Edema Secondary to Central Retinal Vein Occlusion: A Randomized Clinical Trial. JAMA Ophthalmol. 2019 Aug 29. doi: 10.1001/jamaophthalmol.2019.3305.
5. Massa H, *Patra S*, Panos GD et al. Macular edema associated with non-infectious uveitis: pathophysiology, etiology, prevalence, impact and management challenges. Clin Ophthalmol. 2019 Sep 10;13:1761-1777. doi: 10.2147/OPTH.S180580. eCollection 2019.
6. Chakravarthy U, *Patra S*, et al. Patient-reported outcomes in the RELIGHT clinical trial of ranibizumab in diabetic macular oedema. BMJ Open Ophthalmol. 2019 Apr 30;4(1):e000226. doi: 10.1136/bmjophth-2018-000226. eCollection 2019
7. Massa H, *Patra S*, Panos GD et al. Intravitreal fluocinolone acetonide implant (ILUVIEN) for diabetic macular oedema: a literature review. J Int Med Res. 2019 Jan;47(1):31-43. doi: 10.1177/0300060518816884. Epub 2018 Dec 16
8. LaMantia A, *Patra S*, Zambarakji H et al. Treatment of Refractory Diabetic Macular Edema with the Iluvien Implant in Vitrectomised and Non-vitrectomised Eyes. Int J Ophthalmol 2018;11(12):1951-1956
9. Hussain M, *Patra S*. How Good a Cataract Surgeon are You? The Importance of Risk Assessment in Cataract Surgery. Foundation Years Journal. 2018; 12(4)
10. The United Kingdom Diabetic Retinopathy Electronic Medical Record (UK DR EMR) Users Group: Report 4 - Real world data for the impact of deprivation on the presentation of diabetic eye disease at hospital services. Br J Ophthalmol. 2018 Sep 29. pii: bjophthalmol-2018-312568. doi: 10.1136/bjophthalmol-2018-312568. [Epub ahead of print]
11. Oyewole K, Tsogkas F, Westcott M, *Patra S*. Benchmarking cataract surgery outcomes in an ethnically diverse and diabetic population: final post-operative visual acuity and rates of post-operative cystoid macular oedema. Eye, (23 June 2017) | doi:10.1038/eye.2017.96
12. *Patra S*, Katzakis M et al. Choroidal Granuloma- A Case of Ocular Tuberculosis. Foundation Years Journal. 2015; 9(6)
13. Cai Y, *Patra S*. Triage in a Busy Eye Casualty. Foundation Years Journal. 2015; 9(6)
14. *Patra S*, Kayali N. Patient Management: Managing Diabetic Retinopathy. Foundation Years Journal. 2013; 7(3):27–32.
15. Mitry D, *Patra S*. Combination treatment with focal laser photocoagulation and intravitreal ranibizumab for polypoidal choroidal vasculopathy: a case series. Eur J Ophthalmol. 2012 Mar 20:0. doi: 10.5301/ejo.5000135. [Epub ahead of print]
16. Sivaprasad S, *Patra S*, Dacosta J et al. A pilot study on the combination treatment of reduced-fluence photodynamic therapy, intravitreal ranibizumab, intravitreal dexamethasone and oral minocycline for neovascular age-related macular degeneration. Ophthalmologica. 2011;225(4):200-6.
17. Harikrishnan A, Anderson K, *Patra S*. Severe visual loss secondary to central serous chorioretinopathy following prolonged immune suppression with oral prednisolone. From JRSM Short Reports JRSM Nov 1, 2010 103:469-470
18. *Patra S*, Gomm E et al. Interobserver agreement between primary graders and an expert grader in the Bristol and Weston diabetic retinopathy screening programme: A quality assurance audit. Diabetic Medicine 2009 Aug;26(8):820-823
19. Lip PL, *Chatterjee S*, Caine GJ, Hope-Ross M, Gibson J, Blann AD, Lip GY. Plasma vascular endothelial growth factor, angiopoietin-2, and soluble angiopoietin receptor tie-2 in diabetic retinopathy: effects of laser photocoagulation and angiotensin receptor blockade. Br J Ophthalmol 2004 Dec;88(12):1543-6.
20. *Chatterjee S* et al. Diabetic retinopathy progression and visual outcome after phacoemulsification in South-Asian and Afro-Caribbean patients with diabetes. Eye 2004 Jun;18(6):575-9.
21. *Chatterjee S*, Moore S, Kumar B. The punch biopsy in management of basal cell carcinomas of the eyelid. Orbit 2004 Jun;23(2):87-92.
22. Kemp EG, Harnett A, *Chatterjee S*. Pre-operative and intra-operative mitomycin C adjuvant therapy in the management of ocular surface neoplasias. Br J Ophthalmol 2002 Jan;86(1):31-4.
23. *Chatterjee S*, Chattopadhyay S, Hope-Ross M, Lip PL. Hypertension and the eye: Changing perspectives. J Hum Hypertens 2002 Oct;16(10):667-75.
24. Nguyen D, *Chatterjee S*, Bates R. Persistent hyperplastic primary vitreous in a family with neurofibromatosis 2. J Pediatr Ophthalmol Strabismus. 2005 Jul-Aug;42(4):247-9.
25. *Chatterjee S* et al. A rare and unusual congenital AV communication of the retina. Eye 2004 Jan;18:74-5.
26. *Chatterjee S*, Lip PL. Polypoidal choroidal vasculopathy: Is it really idiopathic? Eye 2004 Jan;18(1):84-6.

27. *Chatterjee S* et al. From minimal background diabetic retinopathy to profuse sight threatening vitreoretinal haemorrhage: Management issues in pregestational diabetes and pregnancy. *Diabetic medicine* 2003 Aug;20(8):683-5.
28. *Chatterjee S*, Gibson JM. Photodynamic therapy as a treatment option in punctate inner choroidopathy. *Br J Ophthalmol* 2003 Jul;87(7):925-7