

Declaration of Interests Form

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- ❖ Definitions and guide for completion are shown on next page
- ❖ Please include any information which you think may be relevant
- ❖ Include information which, whilst not strictly a personal or non-personal interest, may be perceived to cause a conflict of interest
- ❖ Please also include details of any *personal* interests in the pharmaceutical industry held by partners or any adult members of your immediate household. Names of household members need not be declared and only the type of interest (e.g. stocks, shares) and company name need be stated.

Competing Interests

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Intellectual Interests

My views on the pelvic mesh devices and procedures have evolved from 2011 till today. I expressed the following views, both in private and in public forums:

- The use of pelvic **mesh for prolapse** has little or no proven benefit to women over and above the native tissue alternatives. With the highest risk of mesh-related adverse events, it should not be used - unless future long term research (particularly PROSPECT/VUE) suggests otherwise.
- The risks associated with the **transobturator mesh tape for incontinence** (both the approach-related and mesh-related ones) outweigh its benefits, for most women. Therefore, it should not be used - except with approval of regional / national MDT.
- The benefit : risk ratio and trade-off balance of the **retropubic mesh tape for incontinence** are probably less favourable than those of native tissue surgery, for most women. Therefore, it should be offered only to women who are equally and fully informed about the non-mesh native tissue surgical alternatives.
- **Mesh Removal Surgery** is evolving. Technical skill sharing and transfer are required.

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<i>Industry Interests</i>			
UCB Pharma*	Speaker Honoraria	Personal – Financial – Non-specific Kentera [®]	2007 - 2007
Pfizer*	Education Courses Sponsorship Speaker Honoraria	Personal – Financial – Non-specific Toviaz [®]	2007 - 2012
Astellas Pharmaceuticals	Financial support through a service development contract with A&A O&G Dept. Team training and purchase of equipment.	Non-personal – Financial – Non-specific Vesicare [®] Betmiga [®]	2010 - 2013
Astellas Pharmaceuticals*	Conference sponsorship Consultancy honoraria	Personal – Financial – Non-specific Vesicare [®] Betmiga [®]	2011 - 2015
Bard*	Education Courses Sponsorship Preceptor / Surgical Trainer Honoraria	Personal – Financial – Specific Nuvia [®] , Avaulta [®] and Ajust [®]	2011 - 2012
Boston Scientific*	Education Courses Sponsorship	Personal – Financial – Specific Uphold [®]	2012 - 2012
Neomedic*	Conference Sponsorship	Personal – Financial – Specific Remeex [®]	2013 - 2013
Johnson & Johnson - Ethicon Endoscopy	Education Courses Sponsorship	Personal – Financial – Non-specific Flo seal [®]	2013 - 2015
Olympus	Sponsorship of Laparoscopic Urogyn Cadaver Workshop -Glasgow	Non-personal – Financial – Non-specific	2014 - 2014
SEP Pharma / Contura*	Education Courses Sponsorship Speaker / Preceptor / Trainer Fees – Training surgeons on bulking agent procedures	Personal – Financial – Specific Bulkamid [®]	2015 - 2017

*More details on amount of funds received from industry since the start in 2007 were published from January 2014 onwards on my personal page on ***Who Pays This Doctor?*** – A voluntary national register. www.whopaysthisdoctor.org/doctor/33

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Research Interests			
Chief Scientist Office (CSO), NHS Research Scotland (NRS) & NHS Ayrshire & Arran	Career Fellow - Research Fellowship Programme	Personal – Financial – Specific	2013 - Ongoing
National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)	Co-grant applicant for PURSUIT study, a recently funded (£1.7m) multicenter RCT for surgical treatment of recurrent stress urinary incontinence in women	Non-personal – Financial – Specific	2018 - Ongoing
University of Stirling	Co-grant applicant and Principal Investigator for NIHR-funded TOPSY study (£1.1m).	Non-personal – Financial – Specific	2018 - Ongoing
University of Aberdeen	Co-grant applicant and Principal Investigator for NIHR-funded OPAL (£1.2m) study. Principal Investigator for SIMS Studies and NIHR-funded PROSPECT and VUE studies.	Non-personal - Financial – Specific	2009 - Ongoing
The General Medical Council and University of Aberdeen	Referrer - to ensure accuracy and integrity of the SIMS pilot (short- and long-term) studies.	Non-personal – Non-financial – Specific	2016 - Ongoing

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<i>Surgical Training Interests</i>			
Various manufacturers of medical devices and surgical instruments – Johnson & Johnson, Olympus, Applied Medical, Covidien, Vectec, June Medical, Bard and Neomedic	Supply of medical devices and surgical instruments for the Urogynaecology Cadaver Workshops - Glasgow, Manchester and London.	Non-personal – Non-financial – Specific	2013 - Ongoing
NHS Ayrshire & Arran	Lead faculty – Laparoscopic and native tissue Urogyn Workshops - Glasgow.	Personal – Financial – Specific	2015 - 2016
London Medical Education Academy (LMEDAC)	Course Director, Laparoscopic and native tissue Urogyn Workshops – Glasgow, Manchester and London.	Personal – Financial – Specific	2016 - Ongoing
<i>Medico-legal Interests</i>			
Central Legal Office – NHS Scotland	Provision of medico-legal advice, expert opinion and report writing - mostly on mesh litigation	Personal – Financial – Specific	2014 - Ongoing
Various law firms acting on behalf of mesh manufacturers, patient claimants and defendant clinicians – in Scotland, England, Wales, Northern Ireland, The Republic of Ireland, USA and Australia	Provision of medico-legal advice, expert opinion, report writing and/or appearance in court – mostly on mesh litigation	Personal – Financial – Specific	2014 - Ongoing
<u>Law Firms in Scotland acting on behalf of patient claimants against mesh manufacturers</u>	<u>Provision of general medico-legal advice</u>	<u>Personal – Financial – Specific</u>	<u>2019 - Ongoing</u>
Oaklaw Consultancy Ltd	Own limited company dealing with medico-legal consultancy through a third party – Medico-legal Admin Service (MLAS)	Personal – Financial – Specific	2017 - Ongoing

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<i>Government and Parliament Interests</i>			
Scottish Government - Short-Life Working Group, Expert Group and Independent Review Group	Clinician member	Personal – Non-financial – Specific	2013 - 2017
NHS England – Mesh Oversight Group	Clinician member - Information subgroup	Personal – Non-financial – Specific	2013 - 2017
UK Department of Health - Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP)	Clinician member – National Data Capture Group for Pelvic Mesh	Personal – Non-financial – Specific	2018 - Ongoing
National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) – Interventional Procedure Advisory Committee (IPAC)	Clinician member	Personal – Non-financial – Non-specific	2017 - Ongoing
Westminster Parliament - All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Polypropylene Mesh	Clinician member	Personal – Non-financial – Specific	2017 - Ongoing
Parliaments in Holyrood, Westminster and The Dail Eireann	Witness to Committees, signatory on patient petitions and/or participant in patient safety lobbies	Personal – Non-financial – Specific	2017 - Ongoing
<i>Media Interests</i>			
Social Media - Twitter	Active tweep with an account dedicated to public understanding of scientific evidence in relation to urogyn procedures (mesh and native tissue alternatives).	Personal – Non-financial – Specific	2014 - Ongoing
Mainstream UK and International Media	TV, Radio and Newspaper Interviewee (including BBC Scotland, BBC Panorama, Sky News, Canadian CTV and Aljazeera).	Personal – Non-financial – Specific	2016 - Ongoing

Clinical Societies Interests

Various National and International Specialist Societies	Member of societies and various subcommittees	Personal – Non-financial – Specific	2008 - Ongoing
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