



Mr David Hamilton

MBBS, BMedSci (Hons), DOHNS, PhD,
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Present Appointments

Consultant Otolaryngologist & Head and Neck Surgeon,

Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne

Medical Health and Care Director Northeast & North Cumbria

Honorary Senior Lecturer, Newcastle University

Clinical Interests

Consultant Otolaryngologist and Head and Neck surgeon at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, one of the busiest ENT units in the UK. Combining a high-volume clinical practice with a senior academic role, having secured over £4.6 million in research funding. Annual cancer workload includes a high number of major resections, including multi-surgeon complex cases and transoral robotic/laser procedures.

Medical Health and Care Director providing a strategic leadership role overseeing research delivery across the region, in particular increasing capability and capacity of the research workforce. Includes oversight of 33 specialty leads and sitting on the regional leadership team.

Medico-Legal Experience

Head and neck oncology: expert management of all head and neck cancer including complex resections, transoral laser microsurgery and robotic surgery.

Thyroid surgery: specialist practice for complex thyroid pathology, including anaplastic thyroid cancer, complex goitre, and paraganglioma.

General ENT: Adult and paediatric ENT conditions, airway management and emergency ENT care.

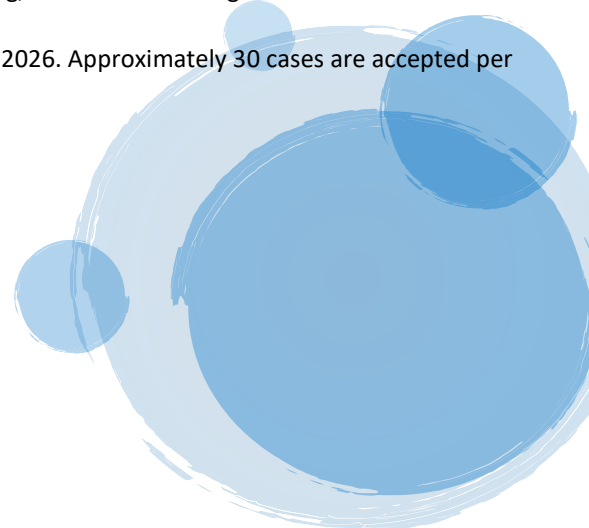
Informed consent & medical ethics: Recognised authority on the legal standards of consent (Montgomery compliant). PhD on patient involvement in complex team decisions and serving as Chair of the Trust Consent Group and leading national training on shared decision-making.

Experienced in providing medico-legal reports dealing with Standard of Care, Delay in Diagnosis, Causation, Tumour Doubling, Condition and Prognosis.

Expert Witness training completed in 2026. Approximately 30 cases are accepted per year.



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Education and qualifications

- **FRCS (ORL-HNS)** | Royal College of Surgeons | 2016
- **PhD** (Decision Making in MDTs) | Newcastle University | 2014
 - Thesis: "Patient involvement in multidisciplinary team decision making: an ethnographic study" . Explored how patients are involved in complex team cancer decisions. Work presented over 40 times and over 150 citations.
- **Diploma in Clinical Research** | Newcastle University | 2011
- **DOHNS** | Royal College of Surgeons | 2008
- **MRCSEd** | Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh | 2007
- **MBBS** | Newcastle University | 2004
- **BMedSci (Hons, 1st Class)** | Newcastle University | 2003

Publications

Published extensively on clinical outcomes, guidelines, and decision-making.

Selected highlights include:

- Hamilton DW, et al. Precision medicine in laryngeal cancer: Protocol of the laryngeal cancer cohort (LARCH). BMJ Open. 2023.
- Hamilton DW (Co-Author). Nasal Airway Obstruction Study (NAIROS): a phase III randomised controlled trial. BMJ. 2023. (A practice-changing trial on septoplasty effectiveness confirming the utility of surgery) .
- Hamilton DW, et al. How do patients make decisions in the context of a multidisciplinary team. BMJ Open. 2022. (Cited >90 times; forms the evidence base for the ICONS consent course) .
- Hamilton DW (Lead Author). Chapter: Laryngeal Cancer. Oxford Textbook of Otolaryngology.
- Hamilton DW. Transoral robotic surgery for recurrent tumors of the upper aerodigestive tract (RECUT). Journal of the National Cancer Institute. 2022. (International study redefining surgical margins).

References

Available upon request

