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Qualifications

2010: FRCS General Surgery
2010: MD, Newcastle University
2001: FRCSI
1995: MBBS, University of Catania

Employment record

Sept 2015–present
Assoicated Medical Director - Surgery Division,
Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS Trust, Hungtingon

July 2011–present
Consultant Upper Gastrointestinal and Laparoscopic
Surgeon, Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon

Oct 2010–June 2011
Specialist Registrar in Bariatric Surgery Sunderland
Royal Hospital, Sunderland.

Oct 2009–Sept 2010
Specialist Registrar in Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery
Northern Oesophago-Gastric Unit, Royal Victoria Infir-
mary, Newcastle.

Oct 2008–Sept 2009
Specialist Registrar in Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery
Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle

Oct 2007–Sept 2008
Specialist Registrar in Upper Gastrointestinal and Colo-
rectal Surgery Wansbeck General Hospital, Ashington

Oct 2006–Sept 2007
Specialist Registrar in Colorectal and Vascular Surgery,
University Hospital of North Durham, Durham.

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Oct 2005–Sept 2006	Specialist Registrar in Breast and Endocrine Surgery, University Hospital of North Tees, Stockton
May 2005–Sept 2005	Specialist Registrar in Breast Surgery, Sunderland Royal Hospital, Sunderland
Feb 2003–April 2005	Research Fellow in Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery Northern Oesophago-Gastric Unit, Newcastle University
Aug 1999–Jan 2003	Specialist Registrar in Breast and Colorectal Surgery, University Hospital of Hartlepool, Hartlepool
Aug 1999–March 2002	Newcastle Basic Surgical Training Scheme SHO in Accident & Emergency, General Surgery, Transplant and Trauma & Orthopaedics.
Nov 1998–July 1999	Supernumerary SHO in General Surgery, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle.
April 1996–Oct 1998	SHO in General Surgery, Department of Surgery, University of Catania
April 1995–March 1996	JHO in Medicine and Surgery, Vittorio Emanuele Hospital, Catania

Clinical experience

I have been working as a Consultant General Surgeon since July 2011. My main subspecialty interest is upper gastrointestinal and laparoscopic surgery. I perform laparoscopic surgery for the management of gallstones (cholecystectomy and bile duct exploration), gastro-oesophageal reflux, hiatus hernia, and achalasia. I also perform open/ laparoscopic hernia repair (including inguinal, femoral, umbilical, ventral and incisional hernia). I am on the general surgery on call rota and I perform surgery for acute intra-abdominal conditions such as appendicitis, upper and lower gastrointestinal perforation, bowel obstruction and trauma. I am a JAG certified upper gastrointestinal endoscopist and I provide a regular service for both diagnostic and therapeutic upper gastrointestinal endoscopy.

Research experience

Feb 2003–April 2005	Research Fellow Northern Oesophago-Gastric Unit, Newcastle University Supervisor: Professor SM Griffin MD thesis awarded in 2010: "Perioperative immunonutrition with omega-3 fatty acids in oesophago-gastric cancer surgery: effects on leukocytes' human leukocyte antigen-DR expression and clinical outcome."
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Training Courses

January 2015	Essentials in Bariatric Surgery Emergencies Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London
April 2014	Clinical teaching Diploma (training the trainer equivalent) Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, Huntington
February 2014	Oesophageal Diseases Course Addenbrooke's Hospital Cambridge
October 2013	Emergency Ultrasound UK (FAST) Course
May 2012	Advanced Hiatal Surgery Course Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Edinburgh
December 2009	Laparoscopic Ventral & Incisional Hernia Course NUGTIS, Hexham General Hospital, Hexham
December 2008	Intermediate Skills for Laparoscopic Surgeons (laparoscopic suturing) Cushieri Skills Centre, University of Dundee, Dundee
March 2008	Sedation for non-anaesthetist Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne
February 2008	Management Skills for Junior and Middle Grade Doctors Medicology ltd, Manchester
February 2007	Laparoscopic Inguinal Hernia Course NUGITS, Hexham General Hospital, Hexham
June 2006	Stapled Haemorrhoidectomy Course, University Hospital of North Tees, Stockton on Tees
October 2005	Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy Course , University Hospital of North Tees, Stockton on Tees
June 2004	First Northern Upper GI Therapeutic Endoscopy Course James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough
March 2004	Upper GI Surgery Masterclass The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
February 2003	Statistical Methods for Surgeons, The Royal College of Surgeons of England
August 2002	First Northern Upper GI Therapeutic Endoscopy Course James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough
July 2002	Northern Region "Hands On" Colonoscopy Course James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough
January 2002	Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient North Staffordshire Hospital, Stoke on Trent

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September 2001

Basic Surgical Skills for Safe Laparoscopic Surgery
 MATTU, The Royal College of Surgeons of England

September 2000

Advanced Trauma Life Support Newcastle General Hos-
 pital, Newcastle upon Tyne

May 1999

Basic Surgical Skills Course The Medical School, New-
 castle University

Teaching Experience

I am a registered educational and clinical supervisor. I regularly supervise ten trainees per year. I regularly teach in the following courses:

- Preparing for Patients Course (part b), University of Cambridge
- Basic Surgical Skills Course, Addenbrooke Hospital, University of Cambridge
- Laparoscopic Inguinal Hernia Course, Hinchingbrooke Institute of Laparoscopic Surgery

I also deliver regular lectures to junior doctors such as “Management of abdominal pain in the Accident and Emergency Department” and “Management of upper gastrointestinal emergencies”. Furthermore, I deliver clinical teaching sessions to junior doctors (ie teaching ward rounds, theatre, endoscopy and outpatients).

Audit

Feb 2012 –Sept 2015

Clinical audit lead for general surgery, Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS Trust

My responsibilities include promoting the Trust policies of clinical audit within the Department of Surgery. I also produce a yearly audit plan and monitor the progress of audits. I facilitate any process needed to act on findings of completed audits. Among several audits conducted since I took over as clinical audit lead, the most important are:

- National Appendicectomy Audit - Br J Surg 2013 Aug; 100(9):1240-52
- National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (on going)
- Dementia assessment in surgical wards (CQC)

Management

June 2014–Sept 2015

- Trust Appraisal Lead, Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS Trust

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Publications

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S Markar, A Karthikesalingam, F Di Franco, A Harris. Systematic review and meta-analysis of single incision versus conventional multiport appendicectomy. *Br J Surg* 2013; 100(13):1709-18.

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C Gestenkorn, G Jackson, F Di Franco, O Thomusch, D Talbot. Outcome of PTLD in renal and liver allograft recipients. *Transplantation Proceedings* 2001; Jun 33(4): 2469-72.

R Vecchio, F Di Franco, C Ranzani, F Latteri, M Magnano, E Cacciola. Delayed rectal perforation by retained surgical drain. *European Journal of Surgery*; 1999; 165(8): 811-12

F Mosca, A Stracqualursi, F Latteri, F Palazzo, R Vecchio, F Di Franco, A Consoli. Synchronous primary carcinoma of the colon. Diagnostic and therapeutic problems. *Giornale di Chirurgia*. 1998; 19(8-9):347-50.

R Vecchio, F Di Franco, F Palazzo, F Mosca, A Stracqualursi, F Latteri. Hartmann's operation in colorectal tumours. Evolutions of indications in a series of 46 patients. *Giornale di Chirurgia* 1998; 19(8-9): 335-37.

R Vecchio, P Fazio, F Di Franco, R Leonardi, A Garufi, R Foti. Caroli's disease: a case report. *Italian Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology*. 1997; 29(2): 197.

R Vecchio, F Mosca, G Ciaccio, M Ferrara, F Di Franco, S Latteri. Physiopathological and therapeutic aspects of oesophageal diverticula. *Minerva Chirurgica*. 1997; 52(4): 329-35.

S Di Franco, R Fontana, A Trovatiello, F Di Franco. Tension free inguinal hernioplasty using polipropilene graft. Initial experience. *Acta Chirurgica Mediterranea*. 1996; 12: 43-45.

S Di Franco, R Fontana, V Leone, A Trovatiello, F Di Franco. Caecal diverticulitis. *Chirurgia Triveneta*. 1996; 36(3);1-3.

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Presentations to learned societies

A Solodkyy, Q Azeem, S Gergely, F Di Franco, AM Harris. True day case rate of laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair and a review of factors contributing to unexpected overnight stay in a District General Hospital. The 14th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery, Paris, 2014.

A Solodkyy, Q Azeem, S Gergely, F Di Franco, AM Harris. True day case rate of laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair and a review of factors contributing to unexpected overnight stay in a District General Hospital. Association of Laparoscopic Surgery of Great Britain and Ireland. London, 2013.

J Sultan, F Di Franco, CJ Seal, P Davis, YKS Viswanath, SR Preston, N Hayes, SM Griffin. Long term survival following perioperative immunonutrition for oesophago-gastric cancer surgery, Association of Upper GI Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Newcastle, 2013

A Solodkyy, N Oswald, F Di Franco, S Gergely, AM Harris. True day case rate of laparoscopic cholecystectomy in a high volume specialist unit and a review of factors contributing to unplanned overnight stay. European Association of Endoscopic Surgery, 2013, Vienna

H Room, T Birks, H Parwaiz, T Booth, F Di Franco. Are plain abdominal and erect chest radiograph still diagnostically useful, cost effective and relevant in acute admissions in modern surgical practice? Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Glasgow, 2013.

A Solodkyy, N Oswald, F Di Franco, S Gergely, AM Harris. True day case rate of laparoscopic cholecystectomy in a high volume specialist unit and a review of factors contributing to unplanned overnight stay. Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Glasgow, 2013.

RFR Fisher, AC Wells, S Gergely, F Di Franco, AM Harris. Is groin ultrasound scan prior to hernia repair a useful diagnostic tool? European Association of Endoscopic Surgery, Brussels, 2012.

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F Di Franco, J Sultan, I Anderson, J Kirby, B Shenton, S Preston, D Karat, N Hayes, SM Griffin. Effect of perioperative nutrition with omega-3 fatty acids on Human Leukocyte Antigen DR expression on monocytes and activated T lymphocytes in patients undergoing oesophago-gastric cancer surgery. Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Manchester, 2007.

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T-lymphocytes in patients undergoing esophago-gastric cancer surgery. Digestive Disease Week, Washington DC, 2007.

S Robinson, F Di Franco, S Preston, D Karat, N Hayes, SM Griffin. Predisposition to Barrett's oesophagus in symptomatic first-degree relatives of patients with oesophageal adenocarcinoma. Spanish Association of Surgery, Madrid, 2006.

J Sultan, F Di Franco, I Anderson, S Johnson, SM Griffin, CJ Seal. The effects of oesophago-gastric surgery on antioxidant status. British Association of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, Brighton, 2006.

J Sultan, F Di Franco, I Anderson, S Johnson, SM Griffin, CJ Seal. Neoadjuvant chemotherapy does not affect markers of nutritional status in patients undergoing oesophago-gastric surgery. British Association of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, Brighton, 2006.

S Robinson, F Di Franco, S Preston, D Karat, N Hayes, SM Griffin. Symptomatic first-degree relatives of patients with oesophageal adenocarcinoma are predisposed to Barrett's oesophagus. Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Edinburgh, 2006.

F Di Franco, I Anderson, S Wilson, P Davis, YKS Viswanath, SR Preston, D Karat, N Hayes, SM Griffin. Effect of perioperative immunonutrition with Omega-3 fatty acids on clinical outcome after subtotal oesophagectomy: results of a pilot study. 10th World Congress of the International Society of Diseases of the Esophagus, Adelaide, 2006

F Di Franco, I Anderson, S Wilson, Davis P, YKS Viswanath, SR Preston, D Karat, N Hayes, SM Griffin. A prospective randomised controlled trial of immunonutrition with Omega-3 fatty acids in oesophago-gastric cancer surgery. Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Dublin, 2005.

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F Di Franco, SR Preston. Oesophago-gastric cancer case presentation. Scottish and Northern Upper Gastrointestinal Society, Newcastle, 2004.

F Di Franco, S Robinson, SR Preston, D Karat, N Hayes, SM Griffin. Conservative treatment versus oesophagectomy following iatrogenic perforation of oesophageal carcinoma. Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Cambridge, 2004.

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JD Evans, F Di Franco, D Karat, N Hayes, SM Griffin, SR Preston. Current urgent referral guidance to primary care teams (PCTS) fails many patients with early oesophago-gastric cancer. Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Cambridge, 2004.

S Robinson, F Di Franco, R Johnson, SR Preston, D Karat, N Hayes, SM Griffin. The significance of metastatic lymph node involvement in post-oesophagectomy survival: analysis of 367 patients. Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Cambridge, 2004.

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C Gerstenkorn, F Di Franco, H Robertson, S Ali, JA Kirby, D Talbot. Contribution of Cytomegalovirus serology for long term graft survival in cadaveric kidney transplantation. British Transplantation Society, Cardiff, 2000.

F Di Franco, R Vecchio, A Stracqualursi, F Mosca, S Latteri. Role Hartmann's procedure in colo-rectal tumours. Sicilian Society of Surgery, Cefalù, 1997.

Book chapters

F Di Franco F, S Rawat, GR McLatchie. Diseases of liver, biliary tree and pancreas. In Oxford Handbook of Clinical Surgery, 3 edition Editors: GR McLatchie and DJ Leaper – 2007, Oxford University Press.

F Di Franco F, GR McLatchie. Anatomy for Surgeons. In Oxford Handbook of Operative Surgery, 2 edition Editors: GR McLatchie and DJ Leaper – 2006, Oxford University Press.

F Di Franco F, GR McLatchie. Hernias. In Oxford Handbook of Operative Surgery, 2 edition Editors: GR McLatchie and DJ Leaper – 2006, Oxford University Press.