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Personal details

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Qualifications

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

Prizes

1998:	Europeaon Union Scholarship, University of Catania
1995:	Clementi Prize for academic excellence, 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 Infirmary, Newcastle.
Oct 2008–Sept 2009	Specialist Registrar in Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle
Oct 2007–Sept 2008	Specialist Registrar in Upper Gastrointestinal and Colorectal Surgery Wansbeck General Hospital, Ashington

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

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
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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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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.

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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 polypropylene 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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J Sultan, F Di Franco, CJ Seal, JA Kirby, BK Shenton, SM Griffin. The effect of omega-3 fatty acids (O-3FA) on antioxidant status, human leukocyte antigen-DR expression on leukocytes and clinical outcome in oesophago-gastric cancer surgery. Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Bournemouth, 2008.

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.

F Di Franco, J Sultan, I Anderson, J Kirby, B Shenton, S Preston, D Karat, N Hayes, SM Griffin. Prospective study of the effect of perioperative nutrition with omega-3 fatty acids on Human Leukocyte Antigen-DR expression on Monocytes and

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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.

F Di Franco, S Robinson, JA Kirby, BK Shenton, S Stamp, SR Preston, D Karat, N Hayes, SM Griffin. Evaluation of human leucocyte antigen-DR expression on Monocytes and T-cells in response to phorbol-myristate-acetate stimulation for oesophago-gastric surgery. British Association of Surgical Oncology, London, 2004.

F Di Franco, S Robinson, R Johnson, JA Kirby, BK Shenton, SR Preston, D Karat, N Hayes, SM Griffin. Effects of neoadjuvant chemotherapy on perioperative human leukocyte antigen-DR expression on monocytes for oesophago-gastric cancer. Italian Society of Surgery, Rome, 2004.

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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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.