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Mr Little started life as a basic scientist studying Physiology. After obtaining first class honours he went on to study medicine and qualified at Cambridge University in 1983 with a distinction in Surgery. He undertook his training as an ophthalmologist at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London. He was appointed Consultant Ophthalmologist to the Royal Free Hospital and Honorary Senior Lecturer at London University in 1993. In April 2009 he takes up the post of Consultant Ophthalmologist at Moorfields in order to use his surgical and teaching experience to lead their training program in Cataract Surgery.

He has always been involved in undergraduate and post-graduate teaching. He has extensive experience in both organising and delivering training courses and contributes to surgical training courses in the USA, Europe and the UK. He has organised and chaired over 30 international courses in cataract surgery and has given over 100 invited presentations. He was elected a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy in 2006 and invited as visiting Professor to the University of Iowa in 2008.

He has authored numerous chapters, published over 40 clinical and scientific papers and given over 70 presentations at national and international meetings. He also referees articles for peer-reviewed journals including the British Journal of Ophthalmology, Eye, and the Journal of Cataract & Refractive Surgery.

His expertise in cataract surgery has been recognised by his appointment in 2008 as the sole International Member of the Clinical Cataract Committee of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (ASCRS). In the same year he was elected to the prestigious International Intraocular Implant Club (IIIC), which has only 250 members globally. It was founded in 1966 by the late Sir Harold Ridley (inventor of the intraocular lens implant) in order to provide "a forum for the exchange of ideas and knowledge between master surgeons and industry leaders from around the globe dedicated to the art and science of lens implantation". He is a member of the Information Technology Committee, the Microsurgical Training Sub-Committee and E-learning Sub-Committee of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists and served on the Council of the UK & Ireland Society for Cataract and Refractive Surgeons.

He has invented as well as modified ophthalmic instruments that are in regular use at home and abroad. He is a Principal UK Expert and Royal College of Ophthalmologists Representative on the International Working Group on standards for ophthalmic surgical equipment.

Since 1996 he has been involved with ORBIS, the international eye charity that has as its flagship the DC10 "Flying Eye Hospital". He works for them as an active member of their Volunteer Faculty training doctors and nurses in developing countries. He has undertaken programs in Bangladesh, Myanmar, the Philippines, Jamaica and Ethiopia. He is also one of ORBIS' official UK Ambassadors together with Sir Richard Branson and works in this capacity to promote ORBIS both in the UK and Europe.

His enthusiastic commitment to video editing has produced over 1,000 training videos that are mostly for teaching surgery but also include many of general clinical interest. In 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008 he won both national and international awards for his videos from institutions including the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, ASCRS and the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

For the last five years Mr Little has been working on the production of The Video Atlas of Eye Surgery, the first volume of which won a High Commendation at the BMA 2005 Book Awards. This is a collaborative venture, of which he is the Series Editor, involving surgeons from UK, Europe and the United States. Its purpose is to provide a video-based structured training program in eye surgery. Through the American Academy of Ophthalmology these training movies are now distributed internationally and used by over 50% of trainee ophthalmologists in the USA. Profits from sales of this training material support ophthalmology training in the developing world through his links with international eye charities.

He lives in north London and is in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of his marriage to Kate who is a local GP and they have three children who are now all at an age where they find their parents simply an embarrassment.