

Barry Evans - Wessex

Leadership:

Mr. Evans has been in the forefront of our specialty both on the local and on the national stage. He is acclaimed internationally for his contribution to skull base and craniofacial surgery. His publications and lectures are frequently cited both in the literature and in presentations.

Mr. Evans was awarded the Down Surgical Prize from our Association in 2006 for his significant contributions to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and elected President of BAOMS, serving in this capacity in 2009. As President he set up the first Master Classes during the national conference; these were particularly helpful to trainees as it made it possible for us to meet the various leaders in our specialty. He has been an Examiner for the Intercollegiate FRCS for over 10 years and member of the Intercollegiate Examination Board and until recently sat on the Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) committee responsible for surgical standards for all the Intercollegiate FRCS Examinations. He has been on various panels both at the national and international level during his career.

Mr. Evans has shown vision and foresight in leading us and has been instrumental in taking the specialty into the new age. He is a doyen of Skull Base Surgery – actually one of the founders of the British Skull Base Society over 20 years ago. Everything that he stands for is worth emulating. He has shown the trainees by leading from the front. The innovative things that he has introduced and his commitment to our specialty is recognised nationally and internationally.

Training and Development

Mr. Evans has been a trainer on the South Coast for twenty-five years. He has taught a whole generation of consultants. At the undergraduate level he teaches head and neck surgery/ anatomy to medical students at Southampton University. He regularly trains undergraduates for their SSM, some of the work being translated into audit projects and presentations. He has been the Course Director for the “Basic Surgical Anatomy of the Head and Neck” Course at the RCS, London for many years. He is the Lead Tutor for “Craniofacial and Access Dissection” on the South Coast Anatomy course. He was recognised as the best tutor for the 1st decade of this Course. His enthusiasm to teach and learn from others is unparalleled.

Professionalism

BTE, as his trainees and staff affectionately know him, has been a mentor to many. He is on the pastoral pool of the Southampton University. He has always had words of encouragement when the chips are down. He is well liked and respected by clinicians and nurses alike. His professional approach and unbiased opinion has led many to seek him out for a second opinion and as an expert witness. On the odd occasion when things may have gone wrong he has been the first to accept liability without ever transferring the blame onto trainees. A quality worthy of a true leader who leads from the front.

Resourcefulness

Mr. Evans has always kept patient interest as his core. It will suffice to say that he set up the Skull Base Unit in Southampton with others to make it the tertiary referral centre for craniofacial trauma and skull base pathology.

Communication

He is an excellent speaker and a fantastic orator. He is one of the few who has the gift to captivate the audience. One only needs to see the Foster's beer advertisement to understand his sense of Australian humour.

Outside the specialty his knowledge of culture, history and music will give any OMFS surgeon a run for their money. His one other love is a good cup of coffee. To the south coast trainees past and present alike he has been a great friend, a true philosopher and a "guru" in the truest sense.