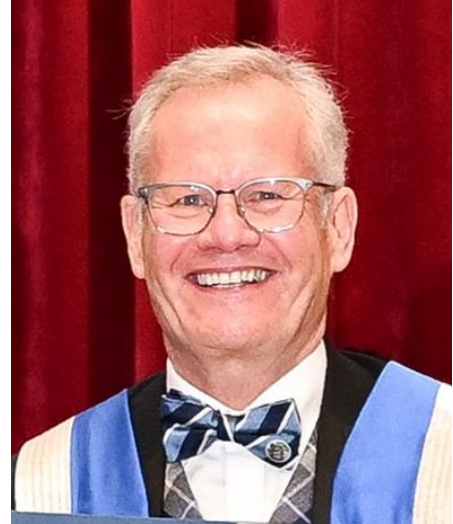


Professor Robin William PATON

Ad Hominem Fellowship of HKCOS 2025

Professor Robin William PATON is a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon with special interest in paediatric orthopaedics, Honorary Professor of University of Lancashire, and Council Member, Honorary Secretary and Trustee of Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He is an international leader in screening policy of developmental dysplasia of hip (DDH), a devoted medical educationist and key contributor in orthopaedic training and examination in the United Kingdom and Hong Kong.



Professor Paton received MB ChB from University of Glasgow in 1980, FRCS Edinburgh in 1984, FRCS Glasgow in 1985 and FRCS Orthopaedics Edinburgh in 1989. He was AO Travelling Fellow in Stuttgart, Germany in 1990. He served as Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon for 31 years from 1991 till retirement in 2022 at Blackburn Royal Infirmary, which was later transformed into Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital in 2006 under East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust (ELHT).

Professor Paton was pivotal in orthopaedic development in North West England, introducing modern surgical techniques of trauma and paediatric orthopaedics, developing sub-regional children's orthopaedic service in deprived area with high incidence of genetic disease, and most importantly, establishing DDH screening programme at regional and national levels. From 2002 to 2024, he sat thrice in NHS Newborn Infant Physical Examination (NIPE) committee for developing and revising DDH screening national guidelines, as an expert representative for British Society of Children's Orthopaedic Surgery (BSCOS) and National Expert Medical Advisor of Public Health England and NHS.

He is very productive in research, with multitudinous influential publications in international peer reviewed journals. His main research focus is paediatric orthopaedics, particularly DDH. He received PhD degree from University of Lancaster with his thesis on DDH screening programme in 2011. His substantial DDH research publications were cited by many international guidelines. He is a reviewer for many prestigious journals, chosen as the first-ever Reviewer of the Month by the Bone and Joint Journal in June 2022. In recent years, he participated in aspiring paediatric orthopaedic projects in various roles, such as national-wide BOSS surveillance study for Perthes disease and slipped capital femoral epiphysis (SCFE), Cochrane intervention review on splinting for DDH and BSCOS DDH consensus study.

Another defining feature of Professor Paton is his enthusiasm in medical education. He has been a university teacher for 28 years, 20 years at University of Manchester from 1997 to 2017 as Honorary Clinical Lecturer and Honorary Senior Lecturer. In the past 14 years, he has been teaching at University of Central Lancashire, renamed as University of Lancashire in 2024. He developed and taught its Musculoskeletal MSc Course as Surgical Lead in Orthopaedics in 2011-16. Appointed as Visiting Professor in 2012, he helped in creating its School of Medicine and Dentistry, and developing MBBS curriculum as Secondary Lead in Surgery in 2013-14. He has become Honorary Professor since 2019. He was also an inspiring, well-loved trainer and supportive friend for orthopaedic trainees in ELHT, providing mentorship and research expertise. A strong advocate of medical education, he has been teaching and organizing courses and annual meetings throughout his career.

He started as an examiner for Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in the Intercollegiate FRCS (Trauma & Orthopaedics) Examinations from 1999 to 2013 and hosted the 2012 Examination in his hospital. He joined EMQ/MCQ Question Writing Committee in 2005-8, and was Paediatric Orthopaedic Question Lead in 2014-6. He has been elected as Council Member since 2016. This provided opportunities for his devotion in education. He engaged in various committees, boards and faculties, co-

chaired Trainees Committee, and presided the Education Strategy Chair. Amid COVID pandemic of 2020-22, he delivered regular lectures on surgical education via College's webinars and podcasts. He has been appointed as Honorary Secretary since 2022, taking charge to implement new Code of Conduct and review Royal Charter, Laws, Regulations, Disciplinary Code, and Council electoral process, as part of College's modernization initiatives. He sat in Faculty of Dental Surgery and other committees, and represented College in Scottish Academy, Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, British Orthopaedic Trainees Association, British Orthopaedic Association, and General Medical Council. He continued to deliver regular lectures at various meetings on surgical education and leadership. His term as Honorary Secretary ends this year. He has been appointed as a Trustee in September and will assume a new role as Vice President in coming November.

Professor Paton have been a loyal friend of Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons (HKCOS) for 11 years. Since 2014, he has supported RCSEd-HKCOS Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination as examiner, assessor, and RCSEd Examiner Lead in 2018-22. He has helped our training centres accreditation since 2015. He has assisted in our training and examination development in recent years.

Professor Paton's clinical excellence won him ELHT STAR Award for Outstanding Contribution in 2009, and National Silver Clinical Excellence Awards in 2011, renewed in 2016. His contribution in orthopaedic research was recognized with John Sharrad Memorial Medal from BSCOS in 2012, King James IV Professorship from RCSEd in 2016, and Sir Walter Mercer Lectureship from BOA in 2021. He was chosen as Orthopaedic Trainer of the Year by Northwest Orthopaedic Trainees Association in 2006 and 2014. He received Fellowship of Faculty of Surgical Trainers FFSTEd in 2016, the highest award for individual with a clear commitment to excellence in surgical education and training. Last year, he received Fellowship in Dental Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Ad Hominem – FDS RCSEd (Ad Hominem) for his unfailing support during his term of Honorary Secretary.