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Specialist registration (Orthopaedic
Surgery)

PROFILE

Fellowship-trained hand and upper limb surgeon in full-time private practice at the Mater Private Hospital Rockhampton. Irish orthopaedic higher surgical training; an MD in flexor tendon biomechanics; subspecialty fellowships in orthoplastic hand surgery (Manchester, UK) and shoulder surgery ×2 (Brisbane). Founder and director of CQ Hand + Upper Limb. Chair of the Mater Private Hospital Rockhampton Medical Advisory Committee and Orthopaedic Craft Group, and Senior Lecturer with the University of Queensland Rural Clinical School.

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS & LEADERSHIP

2020 – present	VMO – Hand & Upper Limb, Mater Private Hospital Rockhampton Founder & Director, CQ Hand + Upper Limb (established 2020) – full-scope hand, wrist, elbow and shoulder surgery
June 2026 – present	Chair, Medical Advisory Committee – Mater Private Hospital Rockhampton Senior medical advisory body: practitioner credentialing and scope of practice, clinical governance, quality & safety
Feb 2026 – present	Chair, Orthopaedic Craft Group – Mater Private Hospital Rockhampton Clinical standards, peer input to credentialing, orthopaedic service matters
2020 – present	Senior Lecturer – University of Queensland Rural Clinical School (Rockhampton): medical-student teaching alongside clinical practice
2016 – 2022	SMO – Rockhampton Base Hospital General orthopaedic trauma and specialist upper limb (public appointment)

QUALIFICATIONS & EXAMINATIONS

MB BCH BAO	University of Galway (NUI Galway)	Conferred 19 June 2002
CCBST	Certificate of Completion of Basic Surgical Training, RCS Edinburgh (No. 003698)	2 February 2007
MRCS	Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh	Conferred 8 June 2007
MD (Doctor of Medicine)	University of Galway – “A Barbed Device for Tendon Repair”	Conferred 23 November 2011

FRCS (Tr & Orth)	Intercollegiate Specialty Examination (Belfast)	Conferred 10 December 2012
CCST	Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training, RCSI	30 June 2014
FRACS (Orthopaedics)	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (Adelaide)	Conferred 31 January 2020

REGISTRATION & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

AHPRA	Specialist registration – Orthopaedic Surgery	MED0001905888
RACS	Fellow, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	2020 – present
AOA	Australian Orthopaedic Association (FAOrthA)	Member
AHSS	Australian Hand Surgery Society	Full member
SESA	Shoulder & Elbow Society of Australia	Full member
QHSS	Queensland Hand Surgery Society	Full member
BSSH	British Society for Surgery of the Hand	Overseas member
AAOS	American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons	International member, 2021 – present
AMA	Australian Medical Association (AMA Queensland)	Member, 2020 – present
MIPS	Medical Indemnity Protection Society (Australia)	M900075554

Previous: Irish Medical Council specialist register No. 139233 (no longer registered); General Medical Council (UK) 7380843, relinquished; Medical Defence Union (UK) 344359C.

FELLOWSHIP TRAINING

2015 – 2016	Sports Shoulder Fellowship – St Andrew's War Memorial & The Prince Charles Hospitals, Brisbane Dr K MacGroarty, Dr D Rimmington – sports shoulder, arthroscopic shoulder reconstruction, shoulder arthroplasty (12 months)
2014 – 2015	Inaugural Cutbush Shoulder Fellowship – Brisbane Hand & Upper Limb Clinic Assoc Prof K Cutbush, Prof M Ross, Dr P Duke – shoulder arthroplasty, arthroscopy and instability; hand & upper limb trauma with microvascular call (12 months)
2013 – 2014	TIG Advanced Training Post in Hand Surgery – Wythenshawe & Salford, Manchester Prof V Lees, Mr L Muir – the BSSH-recognised orthoplastic hand fellowship; hand and microsurgical reconstruction (12 months)

SURGICAL TRAINING

HIGHER SURGICAL TRAINING – ORTHOPAEDICS (RCSI, 2008 – 2014)

Six-year Irish national training scheme (NTN ROI 024-084). Rotations: Mayo General (trauma, arthroplasty, spine); Waterford Regional (trauma, arthroplasty, hand); Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital (tumour reconstruction, arthroplasty); Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin (paediatric orthopaedics, spine deformity); Beaumont Hospital (trauma, shoulder & elbow, sports knee); Mater Misericordiae University Hospital (trauma, shoulder & elbow, spine, foot & ankle); Galway University Hospitals (hand surgery, shoulder and adult reconstruction). Final year as TIG hand fellow, Manchester.

BASIC SURGICAL TRAINING (RCSI, 2003 – 2005)

Western scheme: orthopaedics (Merlin Park), vascular and general surgery (University Hospital Galway), urology (Letterkenny), general surgery (Roscommon). Registrar and SHO posts in Galway 2005 – 2007 alongside the MD. Internship: University Hospital Galway / Merlin Park, 2002 – 2003.

DOCTORAL RESEARCH (MD)

2006 – 2011

“A Barbed Device for Tendon Repair” – University of Galway & Xircon

Design of a barbed device for repair of zone-II flexor tendons of the hand, with ex-vivo mechanical testing against traditional suture techniques. Supervisor Mr M O'Sullivan; director Prof M Kerin; external examiner Prof J Dias. Awarded 2 June 2011. The thesis work generated the JBJS(Br), JHS(Am) and JHS(Eur) tendon-repair papers below and the AAOS/FESSH/ASSH/EFORT presentation series.

EDITORIAL & ACADEMIC ROLES

2020 – present

Senior Lecturer, University of Queensland Rural Clinical School

2014 – present

Reviewer – Frontiers in Surgery (Orthopaedic Surgery section)
Frontiers Media

PUBLICATIONS & BOOK CHAPTERS (32)

SHOULDER & ELBOW

All-Arthroscopic Latissimus Dorsi Transfer **CO-AUTHOR**

Cutbush K, Peter NA, Hirpara KM

Arthroscopy Techniques 2016;5(3):e607–13 · doi:10.1016/j.eats.2016.02.007

All-Arthroscopic Technique for Reconstruction of Acute Acromioclavicular Joint Dislocations **CO-AUTHOR**

Cutbush K, Hirpara KM

Arthroscopy Techniques 2015;4(5):e475–81 · doi:10.1016/j.eats.2015.05.001

Arthroscopic Latarjet Stabilization of the Shoulder With Capsulolabral Repair **CO-AUTHOR**

Cutbush K, Hirpara KM

Techniques in Shoulder & Elbow Surgery 2015;16(3):76–82 · doi:10.1097/bte.000000000000056

Anterior Surgical Approaches to the Shoulder **BOOK CHAPTER**

Ross M, Hirpara KM, Pinedo M, Gutierrez V

In: Normal and Pathological Anatomy of the Shoulder (Springer) 2015 · doi:10.1007/978-3-662-45719-1_37

Digital photography for assessment of shoulder range of motion: A novel clinical and research tool **CO-AUTHOR**

O'Neill BJ, O'Briain DE, Hirpara KM, Shaughnessy M, Brennan D, Kaar TK

International Journal of Shoulder Surgery 2013;7(1):17–21 · doi:10.4103/0973-6042.109888

Clavicle fractures: A comparison of five classification systems and their relationship to treatment outcomes **CO-AUTHOR**

O'Neill BJ, Hirpara KM, O'Briain DE, McGarr C, Kaar TK

International Orthopaedics 2011;35(6):909–14 · doi:10.1007/s00264-010-1151-0

Fracture of the scapular neck sustained in an arm-wrestling match **CASE REPORT**

Considine S, Hirpara KM, Hynes DE

Irish Medical Journal 2014;107(9):292–3

Irreducible pulled elbow in an adolescent – a case report **CASE REPORT**

O'Neill BJ, Hirpara KM, Devitt A, O'Sullivan ME

European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery 2009;35(2):189–92 · doi:10.1007/s00068-008-8044-6

HAND & WRIST

A new barbed device for digital flexor tendon repair FIRST AUTHOR

Hirpara KM, Sullivan P, O'Sullivan ME

Journal of Bone & Joint Surgery (British) 2010;92(8):1165–70 · PMID 20675766 · doi:10.1302/0301-620X.92B8.23029

A biomechanical analysis of multistrand repairs with the Silfverskiöld peripheral cross-stitch FIRST AUTHOR

Hirpara KM, Sullivan P, Raheem OA, O'Sullivan ME

Journal of Bone & Joint Surgery (British) 2007;89-B(10):1396–401 · PMID 17957085 · doi:10.1302/0301-620X.89B10.19360

The optimum length of the Silfverskiöld circumferential cross-stitch FIRST AUTHOR

Hirpara KM, Sullivan P, O'Neill B, O'Sullivan ME

Journal of Hand Surgery (European) 2009;34(5):651–5 · PMID 19959448 · doi:10.1177/1753193409090102

The effects of freezing on the tensile properties of repaired porcine flexor tendon FIRST AUTHOR

Hirpara KM, Sullivan P, O'Sullivan ME

The Journal of Hand Surgery (American) 2008;33(3):353–8 · PMID 18343291 · doi:10.1016/j.jhssa.2007.12.011

A technique for porcine flexor tendon harvest FIRST AUTHOR

Hirpara KM, Abouazza OA, O'Neill B, O'Sullivan ME

Journal of Musculoskeletal Research 2006;10(4):177–80 · doi:10.1142/s0218957706001856

An inverting circumferential suture for flexor tenorrhaphy CO-AUTHOR

Sullivan PJ, Hirpara KM, Healy C, Kelly J

Hand Surgery 2011;16(1):9–14 · doi:10.1142/s0218810411005229

An assessment of skin preparation in upper-limb surgery CO-AUTHOR

Sullivan PJ, Healy C, Hirpara KM, Kelly J

Journal of Hand Surgery (European) 2008;33(4):513–6 · doi:10.1177/1753193408090766

Conservative treatment of distal radius fracture using thermoplastic splint: pilot study results CO-AUTHOR

Al Khudairy A, Hirpara KM, Kelly IP, Quinlan JF

European Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery & Traumatology 2012;22(7):549–53 · doi:10.1007/s00590-012-1042-8

Fastform: new era in immobilisation of upper-limb fractures CO-AUTHOR

Al Khudairy A, Hirpara KM, Kelly IP, Quinlan JF

Injury Extra 2011;42(9):102–3 · doi:10.1016/j.injury.2011.06.343

Early results of collagenase in the treatment of Dupuytren's contracture CO-AUTHOR

Considine S, Heaney RM, Hirpara KM

Irish Journal of Medical Science 2014;183(2):255–8 · doi:10.1007/s11845-014-1111-6

The effect of repair width on the strength of the Silfverskiöld peripheral suture technique PUBLISHED ABSTRACT

Hirpara KM, Sullivan P, Raheem OA, O'Sullivan ME

Journal of Hand Surgery (European), conference abstracts 2007;32E(suppl 1):A-0389 · doi:10.1016/j.jhse.2007.02.122

A comparison of two, four and six-strand core repairs with the Silfverskiöld peripheral suture in an ex-vivo linear testing model PUBLISHED ABSTRACT

Hirpara KM, Raheem OA, Sullivan P, O'Sullivan ME

Journal of Hand Surgery (European), conference abstracts 2007;32E(suppl 1):A-0332 · doi:10.1016/j.jhse.2007.02.119

BROADER ORTHOPAEDICS & SURGERY

Non-operative modalities to treat symptomatic cervical spondylosis FIRST AUTHOR

Hirpara KM, Butler JS, Dolan RT, O'Byrne JM, Poynton AR

Advances in Orthopedics 2012;2012:294857 · PMID 21991426 · doi:10.1155/2012/294857

Anterior cruciate ligament graft tensioning – is the maximal sustained one-handed pull technique reproducible?

CO-AUTHOR

O'Neill BJ, Byrne FJ, Hirpara KM, Whyte E, Curtin W

BMC Research Notes 2011;4:228 · PMID 21774830 · doi:10.1186/1756-0500-4-244

A quantitative assessment of facial protection systems in elective hip arthroplasty **FIRST AUTHOR**

Hirpara KM, O'Halloran E, O'Sullivan M
Acta Orthopaedica Belgica 2011;77(3):375–80 · PMID 21846007

The effectiveness of MRSA colonisation screening in asymptomatic healthcare workers in an Irish orthopaedic unit **CO-AUTHOR**

Edmundson SP, Hirpara KM, Bennett D
European Journal of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases 2011;30(9):1063–6 · doi:10.1007/s10096-011-1192-3

Successful treatment of chronic osteomyelitis of the radius **CASE REPORT**

O'Neill BJ, Hirpara KM, Kaar TK
ISRN Pediatrics 2011;2011:649143 · doi:10.5402/2011/154878

Brodie's abscess presenting in a young soccer player following ankle injury **CO-AUTHOR**

Edmundson SP, Hirpara KM, Ryan RS, O'Grady PM
Irish Journal of Medical Science 2011;180(2):553–6 · doi:10.1007/s11845-010-0615-y

Cyclical ischaemic preconditioning modulates the adaptive immune response in human limb ischaemia-reperfusion injury **CO-AUTHOR**

Sullivan PJ, Sweeney KJ, Hirpara KM, Malone CB, Curtin W, Kerin MJ
British Journal of Surgery 2009;96(4):381–90 · PMID 19283744 · doi:10.1002/bjs.6554

Delayed presentation of carotid artery dissection following major orthopaedic trauma resulting in dense hemiparesis **CASE REPORT**

Edmundson SP, Hirpara KM, Ryan RS, McElwain JP, O'Grady PM
Journal of Bone & Joint Surgery (British) 2009;91-B Suppl · doi:10.1302/0301-620x.91b4.22008

Re: A novel technique for the removal of well-fixed cementless large-diameter metal-on-metal acetabular components **LETTER**

Hirpara KM, Bennett D
The Journal of Arthroplasty 2009;24(5):825–6 · doi:10.1016/j.arth.2009.03.015

The “Wii Knee”: a case of patellar dislocation secondary to computer video games **CASE REPORT**

Hirpara KM, Abouazza OA
Injury Extra 2008;39(4):116–7 · doi:10.1016/j.injury.2007.07.034

EARLIER WORK

A comparative parallel-group study with and without the “magic bullet” in the perioperative and postoperative period for abdominal aortic aneurysm surgery and femoral-popliteal revascularisation **CO-AUTHOR**

Oaikhinan K, Hirpara KM, Akhtar Y, Sultan S
Irish Journal of Medical Science 2003;172(suppl 1)

Comparative study of the use of synthetic graft in aortic and femoral-popliteal segment: does InterGard silver-impregnated Dacron and carbon DistaFlo graft offer a better outcome? **CO-AUTHOR**

Oaikhinan K, Akhtar Y, Hirpara KM, Sultan S
Irish Journal of Medical Science 2003;172(suppl 1)

PRIZES & AWARDS

2007	28th Cappagh Residents' Prize Best presentation of research at the Cappagh Residents' Prize meeting – nine selected projects, typically the culmination of postgraduate-degree work
2007	Freyer Orthopaedic Medal Best research presentation, Orthopaedic Session, 32nd Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture & Surgical Symposium
2008	EFORT Free Paper Prize – short-listed to top 10 Barbed flexor-tendon device paper short-listed to the top 10 for the Free Paper Award, 9th EFORT Congress, Nice

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES (43 TOPICS · 64 VENUES)

2026

Experience with Remplir in Common Upper Limb Conditions **INVITED SPEAKER**

Hirpara KM

– Orthocell Nerve Symposium, University of Technology Sydney, Sydney · 12 June 2026

2025

The Shoulder for Hand Therapists – anatomy, assessment and conditions **INVITED SPEAKER**

Hirpara KM

– Australian Hand Therapy Association – Queensland Division SIG, Online · 30 July 2025

Salvage of locked forearm following traumatic injuries of the distal radioulnar joint: a case series and discussion **FIRST AUTHOR**

Hirpara KM

– Australian Hand Surgery Society Annual Scientific Meeting, The Westin Perth, Perth · 30 April – 3 May 2025

Getting Started in Private Practice (2025) **INVITED SPEAKER**

Hirpara KM

– Device Technologies SCOPE Case Series Dinner Meeting, Marriott Hotel, Melbourne · 28 February 2025

Everything you wanted to know about the shoulder, and more! **INVITED SPEAKER**

Hirpara KM

– Mater GP Education Dinner, CocoBrew, Rockhampton · 18 February 2025

2024

Getting Started in Private Practice **INVITED SPEAKER**

Hirpara KM

– Device Technologies SCOPE: Focusing on your Future (Shoulder), Kolling Institute, Sydney · 29 February 2024

Arthroscopic Shoulder Surgery – cadaveric skills laboratory **FACULTY INSTRUCTOR**

Hirpara KM

– Device Technologies SCOPE: Focusing on your Future (Shoulder), Kolling Institute, Sydney · 29 February 2024

2022

AHSS Hand & Wrist Session **SESSION CONVENOR & MODERATOR**

Hirpara KM

– AOA Knowledge Summit, Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns · 22–24 June 2022

2021

QLD Shoulder Cadaver Lab **FACULTY INSTRUCTOR**

Hirpara KM

– Johnson & Johnson Institute, Medical Engineering Research Facility (QUT), Brisbane · 16 October 2021

Shoulder, Elbow and Hand for General Practice **INVITED SPEAKER**

Hirpara KM

– GP Education Orthopaedics Workshop (Mater Health), Empire Apartment Hotel, Rockhampton · 6 March 2021

2020

Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty (Delta Xtend) – cadaveric skills laboratory **FACULTY INSTRUCTOR**

Hirpara KM

– Johnson & Johnson Institute, Medical Engineering Research Facility (QUT), Brisbane · 2 March 2020

2018

Do Wrist Fractures Require a Splint after Fixation? CO-AUTHOR

Faruque R, Hirpara KM

– Queensland Hand Surgery Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Noosa · 23–25 November 2018

Shoulder Instability INVITED SPEAKER

Hirpara KM

– Grand Rounds – Patient Safety and Quality Half Day, Rockhampton Hospital, Rockhampton · 29 August 2018

Proximal Humeral Fractures: ORIF, Hemi or Reverse? INVITED SPEAKER

Hirpara KM

– AOA Queensland Branch Annual Scientific Meeting, Sofitel Noosa, Noosa · 7–10 June 2018

2016

Management of Hand Conditions via Telehealth – a Central Queensland Experience CO-AUTHOR

Footitt F, Hirpara KM, Smith A

– Queensland Hand Surgery Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Gold Coast · 25–27 November 2016

Arthroscopic Latarjet with Labral Repair CO-AUTHOR

Cutbush K, Hirpara KM

– 13th International Congress of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery (ICSES), Jeju · May 2016

2015

Shoulder Anatomy, Mechanics and Pathology INVITED SPEAKER

Hirpara KM

– LMT & National Surgical Nurse Education Day, Brisbane · 18 July 2015

Principles of Fracture Management INVITED SPEAKER

Hirpara KM

– LMT & National Surgical Nurse Education Day, Brisbane · 14 March 2015

2014

Arthroscopic Posterior Bone Block – is it a viable technique? FIRST AUTHOR

Hirpara KM, Cutbush K

– Shoulder and Elbow Society of Australia Closed Conference, Melbourne · 9 November 2014

Arthroscopic ACJ Reconstruction of the CC Ligaments and ACJ Capsule – presentation of a technique CO-AUTHOR

Cutbush K, Hirpara KM

– Shoulder and Elbow Society of Australia Closed Conference, Grand Hyatt, Melbourne · 7 November 2014

The Manchester experience of flexor tendon rehabilitation INVITED SPEAKER

Hirpara KM

– Queensland Hand Society, Brisbane · 25 July 2014

2009

The incidence of trochanteric bursitis in an Irish back-pain population FIRST AUTHOR

Hirpara KM, Edmundson S, Karkuri A, Hughes B

– Irish Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting, Port Laoise · 18 June 2009

The effectiveness of MRSA colonisation screening in asymptomatic orthopaedic healthcare workers in an Irish orthopaedic centre CO-AUTHOR

Edmundson SP, Hirpara KM, Neill R, Bennett D

– Irish Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting, Port Laoise · 18 June 2009

The effect of personality traits on total knee arthroplasty outcomes CO-AUTHOR

Walls R, Hirpara KM, Albadi M, Alkahtani R, Church H, O'Byrne J

- Irish Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting, Port Laoise · 18 June 2009
- EFORT Congress, Vienna · 3 June 2009
- 33rd Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium (poster), Galway · September 2008

Static and dynamic digital imaging as methods of monitoring patient recovery from shoulder surgery CO-AUTHOR

O'Briain DE, O'Neill B, Kelly J, Shaughnessy M, Yeatman E, Hirpara KM, Kaar TK

- Irish Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting, Port Laoise · 18 June 2009

Clavicle fractures – a comparison of five classification systems and their relationship to treatment outcomes CO-AUTHOR

O'Neill BJ, Hirpara KM, O'Briain DE, McGarr C, Kaar TK

- EFORT Congress, Vienna · 3 June 2009

Functional outcome after shoulder surgery – are clinical photographs a reliable method for measuring range of motion in the community? CO-AUTHOR

O'Neill BJ, O'Briain DE, Hirpara KM, Shaughnessy M, Yeatman E, Kaar TK

- EFORT Congress, Vienna · 3 June 2009

2008

A barbed device for digital flexor tendon repair FIRST AUTHOR

Hirpara KM, O'Sullivan ME, Kerin MJ

- AAOS Annual Meeting (poster P230), Las Vegas · 25–28 February 2009
- ASSH Scientific Congress, Chicago · 19 September 2008
- 33rd Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium, Galway · September 2008
- FESSH Scientific Congress, Lausanne · 19 June 2008
- EFORT Congress (short-listed to top 10, Free Paper Prize), Nice · 31 May 2008
- IHSS Scientific Congress, Dublin · 24 April 2008
- Presidential Medal Competition, RCSI Charter Day, Dublin · 15 February 2008
- 28th Cappagh Residents' Prize, Dublin · 31 August 2007

2007

Effects of freezing on the tensile properties of repaired flexor tendons FIRST AUTHOR

Hirpara KM, Raheem OA, Sullivan P, O'Sullivan ME

- 32nd Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium (poster), Galway · 7 September 2007
- FESSH Scientific Congress, Athens · 30 June 2007
- BSSH Spring Scientific Meeting, Leeds · 3 May 2007

Biomechanical analysis of the Silfverskiöld epitendinous suture technique with varying widths of repair FIRST AUTHOR

Hirpara KM, Sullivan P, Raheem OA, O'Sullivan ME

- FESSH Scientific Congress, Athens · 30 June 2007
- EFORT Congress, Florence · 15 May 2007
- BSSH Spring Scientific Meeting, Leeds · 3 May 2007
- 31st Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium, Galway · 1 September 2006

A comparison of two, four and six-strand core repairs with the Silfverskiöld peripheral suture in an ex-vivo linear testing model FIRST AUTHOR

Hirpara KM, Raheem OA, Sullivan P, O'Sullivan ME

- 32nd Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium, Galway · 7 September 2007
- FESSH Scientific Congress, Athens · 30 June 2007
- BSSH Spring Scientific Meeting, Leeds · 3 May 2007
- Atlantic Orthopaedic Club, Sligo · 24 February 2007

A case report of intertrochanteric hip fracture secondary to high-velocity RTA after hip resurfacing **FIRST AUTHOR**

Hirpara KM, Thakral R, Curtin W

- EFORT Congress (e-poster, rated top 30%), Florence · 11–15 May 2007
- Atlantic Orthopaedic Club, Galway · 19 November 2005

Risks, benefits and cost-effectiveness of autologous blood transfusion drains compared with suction drains and autologous blood transfusion following total knee arthroplasty **CO-AUTHOR**

Abouazza OA, Hirpara KM, Walsh A, O'Sullivan ME

- 32nd Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium, Galway · 7 September 2007

Functional outcome and complications after volar plating of distal radial fractures **CO-AUTHOR**

Murphy M, Ong J, Hirpara KM, Walsh A, O'Sullivan ME

- 32nd Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium, Galway · 7 September 2007

The inverting epitendinous suture **CO-AUTHOR**

Sullivan PJ, Healy CE, Hirpara KM, Brennan W, Dockery P, Kelly JL

- BAPRAS Summer Scientific Meeting, Deauville · 4–6 July 2007
- 31st Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium, Galway · 2 September 2006

2006

Four years of experience with scaphoid compression fixation **FIRST AUTHOR**

Hirpara KM, Thakral R, Beirne C, O'Sullivan ME

- 31st Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium, Galway · 1 September 2006
- Irish Hand Surgery Society Meeting, Galway · 21 April 2006

Quantitative comparison of three forms of facial protection in elective hip arthroplasty **FIRST AUTHOR**

Hirpara KM, McCarthy T, Lenehen B, O'Sullivan ME

- 31st Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium, Galway · 2 September 2006
- PanCeltic Meeting, Ayrshire · 15–17 June 2006

Metal-on-metal bearings in total hip replacement **CO-AUTHOR**

Curtin W, Hirpara KM, Raheem OA

- Corail Learning Course, Annecy · November 2006

2005

Quantitative assessment of helmet visor contamination in total hip arthroplasty **FIRST AUTHOR**

Hirpara KM, McCarthy T, Devitt A, Curtin W, O'Sullivan ME

- 30th Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium, Galway · 2 September 2005

MIVA thyroidectomy – a novel technique (video presentation) **FIRST AUTHOR**

Hirpara KM, Jawad A, Ishtiaq A, Quill D

- Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland, Galway · 17 November 2005

2004

An observational parallel-group comparative study with and without the “Magic Bullet” (aspirin, cardioselective beta-blocker, pravastatin and clopidogrel) in the perioperative and postoperative period for AAA surgery and femoral-popliteal revascularisation **CO-AUTHOR**

Oaikhinan K, Hirpara KM, Akhtar Y, Heskin L, Mannind B, Arema M, Courtney D, Sultan S

- Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland Meeting, Harrogate · 28–30 April 2004

2003

Opportunities in vascular surgery – endovascular intervention of the aorto-iliac and femoral-popliteal segments: a comparative parallel group study of bypass surgery and angioplasty **CO-AUTHOR**

Hynes N, Akhtar Y, Hirpara KM, McManus C, Oaikhinan K, Courtney D, Quill D, Sultan S

- Sylvester O'Halloran Surgical Scientific Meeting, Limerick · 7–8 March 2003

Comparative study of the use of synthetic graft in the aortic and femoral-popliteal segment: does InterGard silver-impregnated Dacron and carbon Distaflo graft offer a better outcome? CO-AUTHOR

Oaikhinan K, Akhtar Y, Hynes N, Hirpara KM, McManus C, Quill D, Courtney D, Sultan S

– Sylvester O'Halloran Surgical Scientific Meeting, Limerick · 7–8 March 2003

COURSES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2014 – PRESENT

J&J Joint Reconstruction Webinar: Rotator Cuff Repair – Strategies & Techniques – Johnson & Johnson Institute, online, June 2020

APOS Instructional Course – Australian Paediatric Orthopaedic Society, Sofitel Noosa, 29–30 August 2019

Shoulder Arthroplasty Masters Meeting – Wright Medical, Sydney, 7–8 September 2018

QLD Arthroscopy & Arthroplasty Instructional Course (cadaveric) – Johnson & Johnson Institute, MERF Brisbane, 5 May 2018

3rd Annual Advanced Shoulder & Elbow Symposium – Zimmer Biomet Institute, Sydney, 16–17 February 2018

UPPER LIMB (2007 – 2013)

BSSH Instructional Course in Hand Surgery (Series 5, Course 6) – Wrist, Occupational & Medicolegal Aspects – BSSH, Manchester, 14–15 June 2013

BSSH Instructional Course in Hand Surgery (Series 5, Course 5) – The Child's Hand & Tumours – BSSH, Manchester, 1–2 February 2013

BSSH Instructional Course in Hand Surgery (Series 5, Course 4) – Fractures, Joint Injuries & Arthritis – BSSH, Manchester, 8–9 June 2012

BSSH Instructional Course in Hand Surgery (Series 5, Course 3) – Tendon Injury, Paralysis & Rehabilitation – BSSH, Manchester, January 2012

BSSH Instructional Course in Hand Surgery (Series 5, Course 2) – Nerve Injury, Compression, Pain & Anaesthesia – BSSH, Manchester, 9–10 June 2011

BSSH Instructional Course in Hand Surgery (Series 5, Course 1) – Skin & Soft Tissue, Infection, Dupuytren's Disease – BSSH, Manchester, 4–5 February 2011

GENERAL & CRITICAL CARE (2003 – 2013)

Training the Trainers – RCS England, December 2013

Clinical Management Course for Surgeons – Keele University, November 2013

ATLS – recommended as Instructor Potential, UHCW Coventry, September 2013

Miller Orthopaedic Review Course – Oxfordshire, January 2012

Preparation for Practice Workshop (Queensland) – RACS, 2017

Foundation Skills for Surgical Educators – RACS, Rockhampton, 2 September 2017

Melbourne International Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty Symposium – DePuy Synthes, Melbourne, 5–6 May 2017

Shoulder Arthroscopy & Arthroplasty Course – DePuy Synthes Mitek & Extremities, Bangkok, 9–10 September 2016

Royal North Shore Shoulder Symposium – DePuy Synthes / RNSH, Sydney, 18–19 September 2015

BSSH Instructional Course in Hand Surgery (Series 4, Course 5) – The Child's Hand & Tumours – BSSH, Manchester, 5–6 February 2010

Northwick Park Microsurgical Workshop – NPIMR, London, March 2013

Wet Lab: Advanced Trauma of the Distal Radius – Synthes, Leiden, March 2012

Xiapex (collagenase) Training – Pfizer, Dublin, September 2011

Current Concepts in Upper Limb Reconstruction – Accumed, Dublin, June 2009

AO Hand and Wrist Fixation – AO Education UK, University of Warwick, October 2008

Mitek Core Skills in Shoulder Arthroscopy – DePuy, Dublin, October 2008

Cadaveric Arthroscopic Carpal Tunnel Decompression – Irish Hand Society, UCD, September 2007

IRMER (radiation) Course – Pulvertaft Hand Centre, January 2012

Basic Science Course – RNOH Stanmore, October 2011

Expert Navigated Knee Course – Aesculap, Vienna, November 2009

AO Principles of Fracture Management – RCSI Dublin, January 2007

Taylor Spatial Frame – Smith & Nephew, Dublin, November 2006

Exeter Hip Symposium – Stryker, Exeter, February 2006

Bone Regeneration Workshop – Stryker, Limerick, December 2005

ATLS – RCS England, Bradford, January 2004

Basic Surgical Skills – RCS England, Sheffield, September 2003

CONFERENCES & MEETINGS ATTENDED (40)

2026 – AHSS Annual Scientific Meeting, Melbourne

2026 – Orthocell Nerve Symposium, Sydney

2025 – AHSS Annual Scientific Meeting, Perth

2025 – IFSSH-IFSHT Triennial Congress, Washington DC

2024 – Royal North Shore Shoulder Symposium, Sydney

2024 – SESA Biennial Closed Conference, Brisbane

2023 – AAOS Annual Meeting, Las Vegas

2023 – AOA Annual Scientific Meeting, Melbourne

2022 – AHSS Annual Scientific Meeting, Port Douglas

2022 – AOA Knowledge Summit, Cairns

2022 – AOA Queensland Branch ASM, Noosa

2020 – ASSH 75th Annual Meeting (virtual)

2019 – AOA Queensland Branch ASM

2018 – AOA Queensland Branch ASM, Noosa

2017 – 3rd Asian Pacific Wrist Association Congress, Adelaide

2017 – XXVI Congress of the International Society of Biomechanics, Brisbane

2016 – QHSS Annual Scientific Meeting, Gold Coast

2015 – AAOS Annual Meeting, Las Vegas

2015 – QHSS Annual Scientific Meeting

2014 – Queensland Hand Society, Brisbane

2014 – SESA Biennial Closed Conference, Melbourne

2009 – AAOS Annual Meeting, Las Vegas

2009 – Irish Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting, Port Laoise

2008 – 33rd Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium, Galway

2008 – ASSH Scientific Congress, Chicago

2008 – EFORT Congress, Nice

2008 – FESSH Scientific Congress, Lausanne

2008 – IHSS Scientific Congress, Dublin

2008 – Presidential Medal Competition, Dublin

2007 – 28th Cappagh Residents' Prize, Dublin

2007 – 32nd Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium, Galway

2007 – Atlantic Orthopaedic Club, Sligo

2007 – BSSH Spring Scientific Meeting, Leeds

2007 – EFORT Congress, Florence

2007 – FESSH Scientific Congress, Athens

2006 – 31st Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium, Galway

2006 – Irish Hand Surgery Society Meeting, Galway

2006 – PanCeltic Meeting, Ayrshire

2005 – 30th Sir Peter Freyer Memorial Lecture and Surgical Symposium, Galway

2005 – Atlantic Orthopaedic Club, Galway

MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP

Current hospital leadership (MAC Chair, Orthopaedic Craft Group Chair) listed under Appointments. Earlier roles: Administrative SpR at Galway University Hospitals (2013), Mater Misericordiae Hospital Dublin (2012) and Beaumont Hospital Dublin (2011 – 12) – call rotas, leave administration, SHO/intern management, education-programme organisation, ward/theatre/outpatient liaison; Administrative SHO, Galway (2005). Convenor & moderator, AHSS Hand & Wrist Session, AOA Knowledge Summit 2022, Cairns. Organiser, Western SpR Training Day, Galway (2006).