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Biography

Andy is a Consultant in Anaesthesia & Intensive Care Medicine and past Clinical Director of Anaesthesia & Intensive Care in Warrington Hospitals, Cheshire.

He trained in Liverpool, North-West England and Melbourne, Australia.

Andy has a long-standing interest in airway management, especially extubation & in the ICU, on which he publishes regularly. He is a faculty member & contributing author of the Aintree Difficult Airway Management (ADAM) course in Liverpool & the Beyond Basics ICU airway course (University of Hong Kong).

He was an author of the Difficult Airway Society Extubation Guideline published in 2012. This was the first national extubation guideline to be published in the world.

He has served two terms as Hon. Treasurer of the Difficult Airway Society and also chaired the joint Difficult Airway Society - Intensive Care Society - Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine - Royal College of Anaesthetists working party which produced guidelines for tracheal intubation in critically ill adults. These were published in 2018. These represent the UK's airway and critical care communities' response to the findings, in NAP4, of sub-optimal airway management in ICUs and in EDs.

He co-authored the DAS ICS AAGBI FICM RCoA guidelines (adult & paediatric) for airway management in COVID19 & the National Patient Safety Improvement Programme COVID19 Tracheostomy guideline in 2020.

He represents DAS on the APA-DAS paediatric airway management guideline update group.

He presents & runs airway workshops in the UK & abroad. Andy has written chapters in US and UK airway management textbooks & produced the Critical Care chapter for the UCL Airway Management MOOC.

He is an executive of the Project for the Universal Management of the Airway (PUMA), aiming to produce an international, multi-disciplinary, consolidated guideline for airway management.

He is a founding executive of the international multi-disciplinary Safe Airway Society (SAS) based in Australia.

He was on the organising committee for the 2nd World Airway Management Meeting (WAMM) in Amsterdam in November 2019. This was the largest-ever airway management conference.

He is a member of the working party updating the DAS 2015 guideline and co-authored the PUMA / specialist airway societies Preventing Unrecognised Oesophageal Intubation guideline, 2022.