

Joe Hardwicke

Professor & Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon



I qualified MB ChB from the University of Sheffield in 2000 and completed basic surgical training, obtaining MRCS, and then specialized in the field of Burns and Plastic Surgery. I then undertook a period of research as Healing Foundation Research Fellow at Cardiff University School of Dentistry, with the award of PhD in 2009 for his thesis “Polymer therapeutics to modify cellular responses in impaired human wound healing”. I subsequently became a Specialty Registrar in Burns and Plastic Surgery in the West Midlands Deanery culminating with the award of FRCS (Plast.) in 2013. During my training, I became the first Lecturer in Plastic Surgery to be appointed by the University of Birmingham and have published over 100 peer-reviewed papers and four book chapters and have been the recipient of the Society of Academic and Research

Surgery Jackson Prize, Sankey Research Prize, Laing essay prize and British Association of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (BAPRAS) Innovation prize. I completed my surgical training with a Royal College of Surgeons Senior Clinical Fellowship in Microsurgery and Lower Limb Trauma reconstruction.

I have been appointed as a Consultant Plastic Surgeon at University Hospitals of Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) NHS Trust since 2017. I am an honorary Professor and the University of Warwick and Visiting Professor at Coventry University and am/have been Chief and Principal Investigator on several clinical trials. I am Trauma Research Lead the UHCW Major Trauma Centre and Lead Clinician to the Warwickshire Specialist Skin Multidisciplinary Team. To date, I have been involved in securing over £13 million in research funding, investigating novel diagnostics, innovative approaches to soft tissue reconstruction, and trauma simulation and rehabilitation. I am currently the BAPRAS representative to the Scar Free Foundation Research Committee.

I enjoy teaching training and as well as being an Assigned Education Supervisor in Plastic Surgery to Health Education England, I am a current Royal College of Surgeons Advanced Trauma Life Support Instructor, teaching trauma doctors of all levels, as well as lecturing on topics in Burns and Plastic Surgery to medical students and trainee doctors both locally and nationally.

