# **Curriculum Vitae**

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<u>Undergraduate studies</u>: 1/2003-7/2008: Academic Degree in Medicine (**MBBS** equivalent); Aristotle University School of Medicine, Greece (1<sup>st</sup> class honours).

### Post-graduate studies:

7/2009-7.2013: **Ph.D.** - "Association of functional genetic polymorphisms with the development of abdominal aortic aneurysm and outcome after endovascular repair"; Aristotle University School of Medicine, Greece & University of Birmignham, UK – international collaborative study between two academic and clinical institutions.

# Selected registrations, professional-body memberships:

02/2021 - present: Research Collaboration for Peripheral Arterial Disease (**RCPAD.org**) - founding member 08/2022 - present: **NICE** Technology Appraisal Committee (TAC) - member 06/2021 - present: **BJS Open** Associate Editor 05/2020 - present: **BJS** Assistant Editor; **PLOSOne** Associate Editor 02/2020 - present: Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes **KDIGO** Vascular Committee - member 01/2020-12/2020: Royal College of Surgeons of England **Hunterian Professor 2020** 10/2019 - present: **Vascular Society of GB & Ireland** Peripheral Arterial Disease Research Group - vice chair 02/2018 - present: **NIHR Health Technology Assessment Clinical Evaluation & Trials Committee** - member 03/2018 - present: **UK Perioperative Medicine Clinical Trials Network** - PI for Midlands 02/2018 - present: **Royal College of Surgeons**, England (London), UK (FRCS) - Fellow (FRCS) 01/2018-06/2019: **Vascular and Endovascular Research Network (VERN)** founding member, ex-president 01/2018 - present: **NIHR Surgical MedTech Co-operative** - PI for Midlands 03/2016 - present: **Higher Education Academy** - Fellow (FRCS)

Languages: Greek, English

### Work experience:

Current [supported by a National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Advanced Fellowship until April 2024]

**Associate Professor of Vascular Surgery**, NIHR Leicester Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) & Department of Cardiovascular Sciences, University of Leicester.

### Honorary Consultant Vascular & Endovascular Surgeon, Leicester Vascular Institute.

**Academic expertise:** applied vascular surgical research including randomised trials; complex intervention development and evaluation; international large-scale collaborative research (I have established and led one of the

largest cardiovascular research networks globally – VERN); organ protection in vascular disease(s), especially relating to renal injury.

**Clinical expertise:** complex peripheral revascularisation using modern endovascular techniques; limb salvage; internationally recognised for my peripheral endovascular expertise.

# **Previous Research Posts**

- 01/10/2014-30/09/2019: NIHR Clinical Lecturer, NIHR Leicester BRC & East Midlands Deanery
- 07/2009-07/2013: **PhD** fellow, Birmingham University & Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

# **Previous Clinical Posts**

- 01/10/2018-01/10/2019: Post-CCT Senior Lower Limb Fellow, Guy's & St Thomas' Hospital, London
- 01/10/2014-30/09/2018: NIHR ACL & General/Vascular Surgery Registrar, East Midlands Deanery
- 02/10/2013-30/09/2014: General & Vascular Surgery Registrar (ST4 colorectal surgery), University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire, West Midlands Deanery
- 3/10/2012-1/10/2013: General & Vascular Surgery Registrar (ST3 vascular surgery), Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust, West Midlands Deanery
- 03/08/2011-01/08/2012: Core Surgical Trainee (CT2), West Midlands Deanery 6/12 Vascular Surgery (University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire) 6/12 Colorectal Surgery (Worcestershire Acute Hospitals)
- 04/08/2010-02/08/2011: Core Surgical Trainee (CT1), West Midlands Deanery 4/12 Vascular Surgery (George Eliot Hospital) 4/12 Urology (George Eliot Hospital) 4/12 Trauma & Orthopaedics (George Eliot Hospital)
- 01/10/2008-03/08/2010: Academic Foundation Trainee, West Midlands Deanery.

# Under-graduate electives and exchange programmes

- 2006 (July, August) and 2004 (July): Elective, Department of Rheumatology, Dudley NHS Trust
- **2003** (July, August): **Student Exchange Scholarship**, Department of Transplant & Cardiac Surgery, LKH (Landeskrankenhaus), Graz, Austria; IFMSA (*International Federation of Medical Students Associations*) international exchange studentship (scholar).

### Managerial experience:

I have established (since 2014) and led the Vascular and Endovascular Research Network (VERN), which is the leading vascular collaborative globally with membership extending to 53 countries. In 2019 I set up a pan-European network of research active Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) centres, the RCPAD collaborative, quickly establishing it as the leading network for PAD research in 17 European countries.

I have received formal managerial and academic leadership training by Harvard University and the NIHR (Diplomas in Academic and Surgical Leadership).

Academic supervision & study oversight: Successfully supervised (2014-present) 2 MD, 4 BSc, and 1 PhD students.

Currently supervising an Academic Clinical Lecturer (ACL) funded by the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

Chief investigator for 4 national clinical studies (applied vascular research) & primary investigator for 4 clinical trials locally (2 national and 2 international studies). Deputy Chief Investigator of the NIHR HTA funded BASIL-3 trial.

# Courses:

I have received formal training on developing and delivering large scale clinical research, including a variety of advanced courses by **Harvard University Medical School**, **NIHR**, and the **Wellcome** Trust, including world-class senior academic leadership courses (see below). I have completed all **Royal College of Surgeons** courses relating to vascular surgery and/or radiological interventions.

### Selected courses (reverse chronological order):

- 1) Harvard University Surgical Leadership Programme 2019-2021 cohort (18 months)
- 2) Oxford University Advanced Qualitative Research Course 2021 (5 days)
- 3) NIHR Leadership Programme, Ashridge Business School (18 month leadership course in healthcare & research, including personal coaching, 2015-2017 18 months)
- 4) Office for National Statistics Accredited Researcher (AR number: ONSF20364)
- 5) Running and Setting-up Streamlined Clinical Trials, Nuffield Department, Oxford University, April 2016
- 6) United Kingdom Clinical Scholars Research Training (UKCSRT) Programme, 6 month programme on clinical research by Harvard University (scholarship)
- 7) Train the Trainers, Royal College of Surgeons, January 2016
- 8) Design and Analysis of Randomised Controlled Trials, University of Bristol, June 2015
- 9) Randomized Controlled Studies Workshop, Academy of Medical Sciences, June 2014

### Publications (updated August 2022):

- 167 peer-reviewed publications (available on MEDLINE)
- 4,444 citations
- 89 manuscripts published in a journal with an impact factor>5.0
- h-index: 37

### Original peer-reviewed papers:

### Reverse chronological order

Wong KH, Zlatanovic P, Bosanquet DC, Saratzis A, Kakkos SK, Aboyans V, et al. Antithrombotic therapy for aortic aneurysms: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg. 2022.

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### **Reviewer for grant applications - major funders:**

NIHR RfPB: 2015-present (6 applications reviewed)
NIHR Health Services & Delivery Research: 2015-present (2 applications reviewed)
NIHR HTA: 2016-present (HTA Clinical Evaluation and Trials panel member since July 2018)
BHF Fellowships scheme: 2018-present (2 applications reviewed)
MRC Doctoral Fellowships scheme: 2018-present (2 applications reviewed).

# Editorial memberships for peer-reviewed Journals:

British Journal of Surgery, Assistant Editor, since 2020
BJS Open, Editor, since 2021
PLOSOne, Associate Editor, since 2020
Vascular and Endovascular Review, Editor, since 2020
Frontiers in Surgery Associate Editor for Vascular Surgery, since 2020

# Selected national or international audits (as audit lead):

- 1) GIVE audit (national UK): incidence of wound infections in vascular patients (2018-present).
- 2) Management of lipids in individuals with peripheral arterial disease (2018); UK audit by VERN and Amgen Inc.
- **3)** Management of cardiovascular risk factors in men with small aneurysms (2015-2017); nationwide audit with the Vascular and Endovascular Research Network.
- **4)** Cardiovascular risk protection among NAAASP screening units in the UK (2015-2016); nationwide audit with the Vascular and Endovascular Research Network.

**Presentations:** I regularly present (invited) for online vascular training platforms such as Vascupedia.

224 abstracts in a variety of surgical conferences & 71 invited talks or lectures. Selected conference presentations:

- 1) VSGBI 2020: Hunterian lecture "Renal injury in vascular & endovascular surgery"
- 2) VSGBI 2017: "HYDRA-P trial" (BJS Prize session) (oral presented)
- 3) VSGBI 2016: "The impact of EVAR on renal function" (BJS Prize session) (oral presented)
- 4) **SARS 2016:** "Investigation of the effect of genetic polymorphisms on aortic growth in patients with abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA)" (oral presented) shortlisted for **Patey prize**.
- 5) **SARS 2016:** "Reporting individual surgeon outcomes does not affect number and characteristics of abdominal aortic aneurysms offered treatment in the UK" (oral presented) shortlisted for **Patey prize**.
- 6) **SARS 2016:** "Cardiovascular risk profile and management of risk factors in patients with small abdominal aortic aneurysm" (oral 2<sup>nd</sup> author).
- 7) VSGBI 2015: "Impact of AKI on long-term cardiovascular events after aneurysm repair" (Sol Cohen prize session) (oral presented).
- Charing Cross 2015: "Patterns of vascular trauma in a regional audit in the UK" awarded European Society of Vascular Surgery 1<sup>st</sup> prize.
- 9) VSGBI Meeting 2013 (November 2013): "An inflammatory polymorphism is related with neck-growth post-EVAR" (BJS Prize Session) (oral presented)

# Teaching - I am a fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA) (2016 onwards)

### Selected teaching activities:

- Vascular limb salvage academy (VaLSA): national complex peripheral revascularisation course (annual). The leading course for peripheral arterial disease in the UK and Europe. I am the lead of the endovascular modules and founding member of the VaLSA Society.
- Masters (MSc) in Cardiovascular Sciences, Department of Cardiovascular Sciences, Leicester University: convenor of the cardiovascular module.
- Anatomy & clinical skills demonstration course (2010-2021, University of Warwick): lead & organiser. Weekly anatomy course for medical students and junior doctors. Runs over a period of 4 months (triennially) based on state-of-the-art anatomy specimens, including interactive oral presentations and clinical demonstrations. I led the set-up of the course and have been demonstrating at multiple anatomy stations over a 4 year period (during core and SpR training).
- Endovascular Simulation. I have participated as faculty and organiser in several training days and endovascular courses between 2014 and present; I have also completed an international research project investigating the value of simulation in endovascular training.

# <u>IT skills:</u>

Expert user of Microsoft Office suites/applications, including Access and advanced knowledge of database creation and management, including use of software such as OpenClinica and REDCap.

Expert website creation and HTML knowledge – I have created and ran websites for several studies and research projects/networks.

I use social media for research purposes and I have a very active Twitter research account (@a\_saratzis).

I am an expert user of R, SPSS, Stata, and SAS platforms. I have advanced experience using "big data" resources, as evidenced by several relevant publications and a series of courses completed during my training.

### Prizes, Grants, Academic Distinctions:

I am currently supported by an NIHR Advanced Fellowship (2019 until 2024).

I received an RCSEng Hunterian Professorship for 2020 (research relating to vascular renal injury).

### Grants as chief investigator / lead are highlighted

2003

 International Federation of Medical Students' Association (IFMSA) Scholarship for Elective Placement (Heart & Transplant Surgery, LKH Hospital, Graz, Austria)

### 2004 & 2006 (awarded on 2 occasions)

 Electromedical Research Fellowship Grant: R&D Directorate, Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust, Dudley, UK – overall value £26,000 (PhD fellowship)

#### 2010

- Arthur Guest Prize (07/2010) Regional prize for best oral presentation (interesting case). Royal College of Physicians. (£300).
- Post Graduate Award (PGA) in Professional Skills (07/2009 07/2010) Birmingham University

2012

- Rob Benny Prize (awarded to best Core Trainee at West Midlands Deanery, £300)
- Maquet Bursary Specialty Skills in Vascular Surgery (Royal College of Surgeons, £500)
- Wellcome Trust Bursary Advanced Genomic Analyses (Cambridge University, £700)

2013

- Prize for oral presentation West Midlands Surgical Society Meeting 2013
- BJS Prize VSGBI 2013

#### 2014

• Health Education England (HEE) Innovation Grant - £50,000 (chief investigator)

#### 2015

- Scholarship to attend UKCSRT Clinical Research Programme (£1,000)
- European Vascular Society Prize (EVST Prize) at Charing Cross Symposium
- Academy of Medical Sciences Lecturer Starter Grant £26,774 (chief investigator)
- Finalist Sol Cohen prize VSGBI 2015
- Starter grant University of Leicester £8,500 (chief investigator)
- NIHR RfPB PG-0215-36027; Female Aneurysm Screening Study Study £324,440 (co-primary investigator)
- Leicester NIHR Cardiovascular Biomedical Research Unit Small Grant £700

#### 2016

• Finalist – BJS Prize VSGBI 2016

### 2017

- HEEM Education & Research Grant £37,515 (chief investigator)
- East Midlands Academic School Clinical Lecturer Grant £8,337 (chief investigator)
- NIHR CRN Research Award 2017 (East Midlands)
- British Society for Endovascular Therapy Fellowship £3,237
- Finalist BJS Prize VSGBI 2017
- HEEM Simulation Grant £99,500 (chief investigator)

#### 2018

- Amgen Research Grant £6,000 (chief investigator)
- British Heart Foundation (BHF) Programme Grant RG/18/10/33842 "Deep phenotypic characterisation of abdominal aortic aneurysm growth" £587,498 (co-applicant 5%)

### 2019

- NIHR Advanced Fellowship NIHR300059 "Risk reduction In the NHS abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) Screening Programme: a co-developed cardiovascular prevention intervention (the CRISP study)" - £905,883 (personal award; chief investigator 100% i.e. 10 PAs for 54 months)
- NIHR Programme Grant NIHR200601 "Peripheral arterial disease, High blood pressure and Aneurysm Screening Trial (PHAST) – An evaluation of the acceptability, effectiveness and cost effectiveness of screening for peripheral arterial disease and high blood pressure at the same time as abdominal aortic aneurysm." -£2,401,083 (co-Cl, 8.5%)
- Abbott Medical Study Grant "Treatment of common femoral artery atherosclerotic disease using an interwoven nitinol stent (Supera) – the CONFESS study." – £123,283 (chief investigator)
- Hunterian Professorship 2020 Royal College of Surgeons (England)

### 2020

- NIHR Health Services and Delivery Research Programme NIHR130075 "In-silico trials of targeted screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm using linked healthcare data: can the efficiency of the NHS Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening Programme be improved whilst maintaining publicly acceptable levels of disease detection in an ethically acceptable manner." - £832,009 (co-applicant 5%)
- Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland & Circulation Foundation Research Grant no reference "The COVID-19 Vascular Service Study." - £5,538 (chief investigator).
- NIHR Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) NIHR202008 "An intervention to improve medical management of peripheral arterial disease - the CHABLIS Study." - £238,419 (chief investigator 10%).

#### 2021

- NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Commissioned Call 20/23 "Diagnostic tools to establish the presence and severity of peripheral arterial disease in people with diabetes." £662,761.68 (co-applicant 5%).
- Shockwave Medical (industry grant) "A national prospective cohort study assessing treatment of patients with peripheral artery disease using intravascular lithotripsy." - £86,437 (chief investigator).
- Abbott Medical (industry grant) "Fate of patients with chronic limb threatening ischaemia presenting to secondary care in the NHS - a study using national routinely collected data." - £288,201 (chief investigator).

### 2022

- Boston scientific (industry grant) "Health economic analysis of the impact of re-interventions in patients with peripheral arterial disease in Europe; COSTLY - TLR Study." - 423,000 euros (chief investigator).
- NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) "A randomised controlled trial assessing the clinical and costeffectiveness of Endovascular vs. Open revascularisation in severe oCClusive aorto-iliac disease. The EVOCC Trial. - £1,929,060 (chief investigator).