

Mr Oliver Richards

CV

PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL SPECIALISMS

Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon

MBChB (Hons) BSc (Hons) FRCS (SN)

QUALIFICATIONS & ACCREDITATION

- Certificate of Completion of Training in Neurosurgery, United Kingdom, 2023
- Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (Surgical Neurology), Royal College of Surgeons of England, 2022
- Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Royal College of Surgeons of England, 2016
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB Hons), University of Leeds School of Medicine, 2012
- Bachelor of Science in Anatomy in Relation to Medicine (BSc Hons), University of Leeds, 2010

MEDICO-LEGAL TRAINING

- Bond Solon Expert Witness Course - Report Writing for Expert Witnesses, May 2026
- Available for instructions across England and Wales from claimant and defendant solicitors
- All reports prepared in accordance with CPR Part 35, Practice Direction 35, and the Civil Justice Council Protocol

PAST & PRESENT POSITIONS

- **Consultant in Paediatric Neurosurgery (Locum)**, Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool, 2025-present
- **Consultant in Paediatric and Adult Neurosurgery (Locum)**, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Sheffield, 2024-2025
- **Consultant in Paediatric Neurosurgery (Locum)**, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Oxford, 2023-2024
- **International Fellow in Clinical Paediatric Neurosurgery**, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, 2022-2023
- **Neurosurgery Run-Through Training**, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Leeds, 2015-2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (Surgical Neurology)
 - Specialty Advisor for the Neurosurgery Update
- General Medical Council, number 7271223
 - Specialist Register for Neurosurgery

OVERVIEW

Mr Oliver Richards is a Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon with extensive experience in complex paediatric and adult neurosurgery, including neuro-oncology, neurovascular conditions, hydrocephalus and spinal disorders. He currently practises at Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and has held consultant posts at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals and Oxford University Hospitals. His training includes an international fellowship in Paediatric Neurosurgery at The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, alongside neurosurgical training in Leeds.

Mr Richards brings substantial expertise to medico-legal work, offering clear, evidence-based expert opinion in cases involving traumatic brain injury, spinal injury, hydrocephalus, paediatric neurosurgical conditions and complex neurological presentations.

His broad clinical experience is supported by a strong academic background, including peer-reviewed publications, international presentations and involvement in multicentre neurosurgical trials. He is recognised for his analytical approach, attention to detail and ability to communicate complex neurosurgical issues clearly to the Court.

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TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- University of Liverpool School of Medicine, Examiner, 2025
- Faculty, Yorkshire Regional Neurosurgical Teaching, Consent in Children, 2024
- Faculty, Fundamentals of Paediatric Neurosurgery Course, Hydrocephalus, 2024
- Clinical Supervisor, Oxford, 2023-2024
- Neurosurgical Intern/Resident Clinical Supervisor, 2022-2023
- Paediatric Neurosurgery Rounds, Coordinator/Presenter, 2022-2023
- Junior Neurosurgical Trainee Clinical Supervisor, 2020-2022
- Neurosurgery Weekly Departmental Teaching Co-ordinator, 2014-2016
- Foundation Representative, Foundation Programme Personal and Professional Development Day Teaching Committee, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, 2013
- Breakfast Club Finals Teaching, Pinderfields General Hospital, 2013
- Student Volunteer, Becoming a Doctor Taster Day, 2010
- Medic2Medic Mentor, 2010-2012
- Widening Access to Medicine Mentor, 2006-2008

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Specialty Advisor, Neurosurgery Update, Royal College of Surgeons of England, 2025
- ENLIVEN-UK, Endoscopic Lavage after Intraventricular Haemorrhage in Neonates in the UK, National Randomised Controlled Trial on the Efficacy of Neuro-Endoscopic Lavage, 2025
- Trainee Primary Investigator, Dexamethasone in Chronic Subdural Haematoma, Multi-Centre Randomised Trial, 2017

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- British Neurosurgical Trainee Association Codman Travelling Fellowship Award, 2022
- 'GR8X' Award, Recognition of Excellent Care, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, 2021
- Shortlisted for Junior Doctor 'Extra Mile' Award, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, 2019
- 'Time to Shine Award', Hospital Hero Patient Nomination, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, 2018
- Professor Harold Ellis Medical Student Prize for Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons of England, Runner Up, 2011
- Society of British Neurological Surgeons Undergraduate Elective Bursary, 2011
- Leeds Undergraduate Research Enterprise Scholarship, 2008

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Richards, O. & Ibrahim, G. 'Prenatal Neurosurgery' in Ethical Challenges for the Future of Neurosurgery, ed. Ammar, A. & Bernstein, M., Springer Nature, Switzerland, 2024
- Diaz, S., Richards, O., Elliot, M. & Chumas, P. 'Paediatric Type Tumours in the Adult Population' in Advances and Technical Standards in Neurosurgery, Volume 50, ed. Di Rocco, C., Springer Nature, Switzerland, PMID: 38592530, 2024

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- Mithani, K., Quon, J., Breitbart, S., et al. 'Hemispherectomy at The Hospital for Sick Children: Expanded Indications and Lessons Learned Over 35 Years', Journal of Neurosurgery: Pediatrics, PMID: 38941627, 2024
- Mithani, K., Richards, O., Ebdon, M., et al. 'Intraoperative Changes in Large-Scale Thalamic Circuitry Following Laser Ablation of Hypothalamic Hamartomas', NeuroImage: Clinical, PMID: 38714093, 2024
- Greuter, L., Richards, O., Malik, N., et al. 'Supraorbital Minicraniotomy for Open Ommaya Reservoir Placement in Pediatric Craniopharyngiomas: A Case Series and Technical Report', Journal of Neurosurgery: Pediatrics, PubMed ID: 37410604, 2023
- Richards, O., Saeed, F., Derham, C. & Tyagi, A. 'Cranio-cervical Fusion in the Paediatric Population: Case Series of 21 Patients', British Journal of Neurosurgery, PubMed ID: 36722455, 2023
- Richards, O., Cromie, K.J., Akhounbay-Fudge, C., et al. 'ABO Blood Group in Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Haemorrhage: A Pilot Study', Acta Neurochirurgica, PubMed ID: 35039955, 2022
- Richards, O., Gelder, C., Nisar, S., et al. 'A Comparison of the Extent of Resection in Pineal Region Tumours via the Occipital Transtentorial and Supracerebellar Infratentorial Approaches', British Journal of Neurosurgery, PubMed ID: 34009093, 2021
- Hutchinson, P., Edlmann, E., Bulters, D., et al. 'Trial of Dexamethasone for Chronic Subdural Hematoma', New England Journal of Medicine, PubMed ID: 33326713, 2020
- Richards, O., Goacher, E., Pal, D., Tyagi, A., Chumas, P. & Derham, C. 'Intramedullary Spinal Cord Tumours: A Single Centre 10-Year Review of Clinical and Pathological Outcomes', British Journal of Neurosurgery, PubMed ID: 32441154, 2020

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- Malucci, C.L., Jenkinson, M.D., Conroy, E.J., et al. 'Antibiotic or Silver Versus Standard Ventriculoperitoneal Shunts (BASICS): A Multicentre, Single-Blinded, Randomised Trial and Economic Evaluation', *Lancet*, PubMed ID: 31522843, 2019
- Edlmann, E., Thelin, E.P., Caldwell, K., et al. 'Dex-CSDH Randomised, Placebo-Controlled Trial of Dexamethasone for Chronic Subdural Haematoma: Report of the Internal Pilot Phase', *Scientific Reports*, PubMed ID: 30971773, 2019
- Selvanathan, S., Richards, O., Alli, S., Elliott, M., Tyagi, A.K. & Chumas, P. 'Outcome and Prognostic Features in Paediatric Pineoblastoma: Analysis of Cases from the Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results Registry (1990-2007)', *Acta Neurochirurgica*, PubMed ID: 31104125, 2019
- Kolias, A.G., Edlmann, E., Thelin, E.P., et al. 'Correction to: Dex-CSDH Randomised, Placebo-Controlled Trial of Dexamethasone for Chronic Subdural Haematoma: Report of the Internal Pilot Phase', *Trials*, PubMed ID: 30885268, 2019
- Kwon, C.S. & Richards, O. 'In Reply to "Prognostic Scoring for Chronic Subdural Haematoma: Is Decision Making Easier?"', *World Neurosurgery*, PubMed ID: 30049035, 2018
- Kwon, C.S., Al-Awar, O., Richards, O., Izu, A. & Lengvenis, G. 'Predicting Prognosis of Patients with Chronic Subdural Haematoma: A New Scoring System', *World Neurosurgery*, PubMed ID: 29061462, 2018
- Power, A.M. & Richards, O. 'Trigeminal Neuralgia: Accuracy of Internet-Based Patient Information', *Face Mouth & Jaw Surgery: International Trainee Journal of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery*, 2013
- Richards, O. 'What Do Junior Doctors Do All Day?', *Student BMJ*, 2013
- Choi, D., Timothy, J. & Richards, O. 'Response to Mr N. Todd: Cervical Arthroplasty, the Beginning, the Middle, the End?', *British Journal of Neurosurgery*, PubMed ID: 22844995, 2012
- Richards, O., Choi, D. & Timothy, J. 'Cervical Arthroplasty: The Beginning, the Middle, the End?', *British Journal of Neurosurgery*, PubMed ID: 21815734, 2012
- Richards, O. 'Brief Lives', *Student BMJ*, 2011

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

International Oral

- Kalra, N., Richards, O., Goodden, J., et al. '20-Year Experience of the Surgical Management of Paediatric Craniopharyngioma in a Tertiary UK Paediatric Centre: The Leeds Experience', *International Society of Paediatric Neurosurgery*, Chile, 2023
- Dias, S., Richards, O. & Chumas, P. 'Childhood Tumours in Adults: A Single Centre Analysis', *European Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery*, Rome, 2023
- Richards, O., Ebdon, M., Greuter, L., et al. 'Large Scale Network Changes Immediately After MRI-Guided Laser Interstitial Thermal Therapy for Hypothalamic Hamartoma', *Canadian Neurological Sciences Federation Congress*, Canada, 2023
- Richards, O., Nisar, S., Gelder, C., Goodden, J., Chumas, P. & Tyagi, A. 'A Single UK Centre Analysis of Open Surgical Resection for Pineal Region Tumours in Children', *International Society of Paediatric Neurosurgery*, Singapore, 2021
- Kwon, C.S., Al-Awar, O., Richards, O. & Izu, A. 'Prognosis of Chronic Subdural Haematoma Patients: A New Scoring System', *American Association of Neurological Surgeons*, Los Angeles, 2017
- Richards, O., Wilson, J. & Timothy, J. 'Early Clinical Experience of nanOss-C: The First ACDF Cage Made Purely from Nanocrystalline Hydroxyapatite', *Eurospine*, Liverpool, 2013

National Oral

- Dias, S., Richards, O. & Chumas, P. 'Childhood Tumours in Adults: A Single Centre Analysis', *Society of British Neurological Surgeons*, Cork, 2023
- Richards, O., Cromie, K.J., Akhunbay-Fudge, C., et al. 'ABO Blood Group in Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Haemorrhage: A Pilot Study', *Society of British Neurological Surgeons*, Cardiff, 2022
- Richards, O., Goacher, E. & Derham, C. 'Intramedullary Spinal Cord Tumours: A Single Centre Ten Year Experience', *Society of British Neurological Surgeons*, London, 2018
- Richards, O., Goacher, E. & Derham, C. 'Intramedullary Spinal Cord Tumours: A Single Centre Ten Year Experience', *BritSpine*, Leeds, 2018
- Bhatt, H., Richards, O., Pal, D. & Derham, C. 'Spinal Surgery in Nonagenarians: Are We Making Them Better?', *BritSpine*, Nottingham, 2016

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International Poster

- Richards, O., Malik, N., Greuter, L., et al. 'MRI-Guided Laser Interstitial Thermal Therapy for Hypothalamic Hamartoma in a Paediatric Population: The SickKids Experience', Joint Section of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Washington DC, 2022
- Malik, N., Greuter, L., Richards, O., Warsi, N. & Ibrahim, G. 'Implantation of Stereoelectroencephalography in Children: The SickKids Experience', Joint Section of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Washington DC, 2022
- Richards, O., Sivakumar, G., Goodden, J., Tyagi, A. & Chumas, P. 'Non-Oncological Paediatric Biopsies: A Single Centre Eleven Year Experience', International Society of Paediatric Neurosurgery, Birmingham, 2019
- O'Hara, D., Miller, A., Goodden, J., et al. 'Neuropsychological Outcomes Following Awake Craniotomy for Low Grade Glioma', Society of Neuro-Oncology, Phoenix, USA, 2019
- Richards, O., Kwon, C., Bolton, W., et al. 'Grade Two Glioma Surgery: A Large, Single Centre Review of Clinical, Histological, Genetic and Surgical Outcomes', Society of Neuro-Oncology, Phoenix, USA, 2019
- Richards, O., Goacher, E. & Derham, C. 'Intramedullary Spinal Cord Tumours: A Single Centre Ten Year Experience', European Association of Neuro-Oncology, Stockholm, 2018
- Goacher, E., Richards, O. & Derham, C. 'Intramedullary Spinal Cord Tumours: A Single Centre Ten Year Experience', Society of Neuro-Oncology, New Orleans, USA, 2018

National Poster

- Richards, O., Goacher, E. & Derham, C. 'Intramedullary Spinal Cord Tumours: A Single Centre Ten Year Experience', British Neuro-Oncology Society, Southampton, 2018
- Sheikh, A., Richards, O. & Tyagi, A. 'Convexity Meningioma at Previous Craniotomy Site: A Rare Occurrence', Society of British Neurological Surgeons, York, 2015
- Power, A.M. & Richards, O. 'Trigeminal Neuralgia: Accuracy of Internet-Based Patient Information', Junior Trainees' Group of British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Annual Meeting, 2013
- Richards, O., Timothy, J., Shad, A., Kitilinski, B. & Radek, M. 'Early Clinical Experience of nanOss-C: The First ACDF Cage Made Purely from Nanocrystalline Hydroxyapatite', Society of British Neurological Surgeons, Leeds, 2012