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## Current position

*Clinical Doctoral Fellow*, Department of Surgery and Cancer, Imperial College London

## Memberships and Registration

Membership	Number
General Medical Council	7016858
General Dental Council	258556
Medical Protection Society	376166
British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons	2682
European Head and Neck Society	2869
British Association of Head and Neck Oncologists	924
European Association of Craniomaxillofacial Surgeons	6883

## Grants, Awards and Honours

2018	BAOMS Research Grant—£10,000 awarded for research into lipidomics of head and neck squamous cell carcinoma, in collaboration with the Institute of Head and Neck Cancer Studies and Education and the Phenome Centre Birmingham.
2012	Distinction Year 2 BDS—Awarded for excellence in examinations related to craniofacial biology and development.

## Qualifications

2011—2015	BDS, Newcastle University.
2010	MRCSEd, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.
2005—2008	MB BChir, Cambridge Clinical School.
2002—2005	BA(Hons), later MA(Cantab), Fitzwilliam College Cambridge.

## Appointments Held

### ACADEMIC AND MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENTS

2020—	Deputy Lead, British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (BAOMS) Reconstruction Subspecialty Interest Group.
2019—	Clinical PhD Candidate, Imperial College London.
2019—	Trainee member, National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) Head and Neck Research Group.
2019—	Trainee member, NCRI Head and Neck Surgery and Localised Therapies Subgroup.
2016—2019	NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow, Institute of Head and Neck Studies and Education (InHANSE), University of Birmingham.
2015—2019	Director, OpenOdontoHub, A Community Interest Company supported by NHS England for the development of open-source electronic dental health record software
2015—2016	Junior Trainee & Members Representative, BAOMS Council.
2014—2015	President, BAOMS Junior Trainee Group.
2013—15	Journal Club Section Editor, Face Mouth and Jaw Surgery, providing educational analyses of papers for the international trainee journal of OMFS until its closure.
2013—2014	Treasurer, BAOMS Junior Trainee Group.
2009—2010	Treasurer, Sunderland Royal Hospital Doctors' Mess.

### CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

2019—	Clinical Doctoral Fellow, Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead.
2018—2019	OMFS Specialty Trainee, University Hospitals Birmingham.
2017—2018	OMFS Specialty Trainee, Worcester Royal Hospital.
2016—2017	OMFS Specialty Trainee, University Hospitals Birmingham.
2015—2016	OMFS Trust Doctor, Sunderland Royal Hospital.
2011—2015	Emergency Medicine Staff Grade, South Tyneside District Hospital.
2010—2011	Core Surgical Trainee, Hull & East Yorkshire Hospitals.
2008—2010	Foundation Trainee, Sunderland Royal Hospital.

## Publications

Summary of total number of publications to date...

## FULL MANUSCRIPTS

- 2020 Chouhan, R., **Higginson, J.** and Martin, T. 'Confidential Image Transfer: An Ethico-Legal Dilemma'. *British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* 58, no. 4 (May 2020): 478–80.  
doi:[10.1016/j.bjoms.2020.02.013](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjoms.2020.02.013).
- 2019 Borsetto, D., **Higginson, J. (Joint first authors)**, Aslam, A., Al-Qamachi, L., Dhanda, J., Marioni, G., Franchella, S., *et al.* 'Factors Affecting Prognosis in Locoregional Recurrence of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma'. *Journal of Oral Pathology & Medicine* 48, no. 3 (March 2019): 206–13.  
doi:[10.1111/jop.12815](https://doi.org/10.1111/jop.12815).
- 2018 **Higginson, J.A.**, Bartram, A.C., Banks, R.J. and Keith, D.J.W., 'Condylar Hyperplasia: Current Thinking'. *British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* 56, no. 8 (October 2018): 655–62.  
doi:[10.1016/j.bjoms.2018.07.017](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjoms.2018.07.017).
- 2018 Zavattini, A., Mancini, M., **Higginson, J.**, Foschi, F., Pasquantonio, G. and Mangani, F., 'Micro-Computed Tomography Evaluation of Microleakage of Class II Composite Restorations: An in Vitro Study'. *European Journal of Dentistry* 12, no. 03 (July 2018): 369–74.  
doi:[10.4103/ejd.ejd\\_28\\_18](https://doi.org/10.4103/ejd.ejd_28_18).
- 2015 *Acknowledged for statistical analysis*—Banks, J., Adams, S., Laughlan, K., Allgar, V., Miller, G., Jayagopal, V., Gale, R., Sedman, P. and Leveson, S., 'Roux-En-Y Gastric Bypass Could Slow Progression of Retinopathy in Type 2 Diabetes: A Pilot Study'. *Obesity Surgery* 25, no. 5 (May 2015): 777–81. doi:[10.1007/s11695-014-1476-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11695-014-1476-7).
- 2011 Nyhsen, C.M., Lawson, C. and **Higginson, J.**, 'Radiology Teaching for Junior Doctors: Their Expectations, Preferences and Suggestions for Improvement'. *Insights into Imaging* 2, no. 3 (June 2011): 261–66.  
doi:[10.1007/s13244-010-0052-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13244-010-0052-5).

## LETTERS, CASE REPORTS & TECHNICAL NOTES

- 2020 Lwazi, S., Wates, E. and **Higginson, J.**, 'Bony Cystic Lesion with Associated Sub-mandibular Lymphadenopathy on a Background of Breast Carcinoma: An Unexpected Case of Cervicofacial Actinomyces'. *BMJ Case Reports* 13, no. 4 (April 2020): e232850.  
doi:[10.1136/bcr-2019-232850](https://doi.org/10.1136/bcr-2019-232850).
- 2018 **Higginson, J.**, McMillan, K., Mustafa, E.M. and Grew, N., 'Use of the Superficial Inferior Epigastric Vein as an Unusual Interpositional Vein Graft'. *British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* 56, no. 8 (October 2018): 761–62.  
doi:[10.1016/j.bjoms.2018.07.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjoms.2018.07.001).
- 2018 Wates, E., **Higginson, J.**, Kichenaradjou, A. and McVeigh, K., 'A Severe Deep Neck Odontogenic Infection Not Prioritised by the Emergency Department Triage System and National Early Warning Score'. *BMJ Case Reports*, 7 May 2018, bcr-2018-224634.  
doi:[10.1136/bcr-2018-224634](https://doi.org/10.1136/bcr-2018-224634).

2016

**Higginson, J.**, Nugent, M., and Robinson, C.M., ‘Should We Test for High-Risk Human Papilloma Virus in Patients with Oral Dysplasia?’ *British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* 54, no. 5 (June 2016): 590–91.  
doi:[10.1016/j.bjoms.2016.04.016](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjoms.2016.04.016).

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2018 **Higginson J.**, Praveen P., Martin T., Parmar S. (2018) ‘Reconstruction in the Oral Cavity: When and How.’ In: Vermorken J., Budach V., Leemans C., Machiels J.P., Nicolai P., O’Sullivan B. (eds) *Critical Issues in Head and Neck Oncology*. (2018) Springer, Cham.  
doi:[10.1007/978-3-319-98854-2\\_7](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-98854-2_7)

#### PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

- 2019 Payne, K., **Higginson, J.**, McCaul, J., Sharma, N., Mehanna, H. and Nankivell, P., ‘Prognostic Biomarkers in Oral Epithelial Dysplasia: A Systematic Review’. *British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* 57, no. 10 (December 2019): e58–59.  
doi:[10.1016/j.bjoms.2019.10.169](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjoms.2019.10.169)
- 2019 **Higginson, J.**, Mawji, S., Dattani, A., Barnard, N. and McVeigh, K., ‘Malignant Melanoma of the Head and Neck: Does Subsite of Origin Affect Prognosis?’ *British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* 57, no. 10 (December 2019): e100.  
doi:[10.1016/j.bjoms.2019.10.290](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjoms.2019.10.290).
- 2019 Ali, M., Mustafa, E.M., **Higginson, J.** and Sharp, I., ‘Operative Procedure Code (OPCS) Consistency and Its Implication on Theatre Efficiency at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham’. *British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* 57, no. 10 (December 2019): e6–7.  
doi:[10.1016/j.bjoms.2019.10.009](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjoms.2019.10.009).
- 2019 Wates, E., Ria, B., Samara, E. and **Higginson, J.**, ‘Urgent Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in the Pregnant Patient: A Review of the Literature’. *International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* 48 (May 2019): 70.  
doi:[10.1016/j.ijom.2019.03.214](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijom.2019.03.214).
- 2019 Wates, E., Tan, S., **Higginson, J.** and McVeigh, K., ‘An Incomplete DNACPR Form for a Palliative Head and Neck Oncology 25-Year-Old: Was It Valid?’ *International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* 48 (May 2019): 85.  
doi:[10.1016/j.ijom.2019.03.258](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijom.2019.03.258).
- 2018 Jones, F., **Higginson, J.** and Mattine, S., ‘Clinical Photography: Are We Obtaining Appropriate Consent?’ *British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* 56, no. 10 (December 2018): e4–5.  
doi:[10.1016/j.bjoms.2018.10.017](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjoms.2018.10.017).
- 2018 Mawji, S., **Higginson, J.**, Chaggar, J., Venkatasami, M. and Green, J., ‘Orthognathic Surgery: A Bibliometric Analysis of the Evidence Base’. *British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* 56, no. 10 (December 2018): e45.  
doi:[10.1016/j.bjoms.2018.10.134](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjoms.2018.10.134).
- 2017 Chouhan, R., **Higginson, J.**, and Martin, T., ‘Confidential Image Transfer: An Ethico-Legal Dilemma’. *British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* 55, no. 10

- (December 2017): e65.  
doi:[10.1016/j.bjoms.2017.08.304](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjoms.2017.08.304).
- 2017 **Higginson, J.**, Chowlia, H., Martin, T., Praveen, P. and Parmar, S., 'The Use of Interpositional Vein Grafts for Free Flap Reconstruction in a Tertiary Head and Neck Unit'. *Head & Neck* 39, no. S1 (May 2017): E71.  
doi:[10.1002/hed.24820](https://doi.org/10.1002/hed.24820).
- 2017 Viridi, M, **Higginson, J.**, Praveen, P., Martin, T. and Parmar, S., 'Are Fascia-Only ALT Flaps More Likely To Develop Donor Site Seroma?' *Head & Neck* 39, no. S1 (May 2017): E159–60.  
doi:[10.1002/hed.24820](https://doi.org/10.1002/hed.24820).
- 2016 **Higginson, J.**, Bartram, A. and Nugent, M., 'Cutting It Fine: A Re-Audit of Surgical Resection Margins And Timing of Pathology Reports'. *British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* 54, no. 10 (December 2016): e76–77.  
doi:[10.1016/j.bjoms.2016.11.036](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjoms.2016.11.036).
- 2012 **Higginson, J.**, Gunasekaran, S. and Jose, J., 'Day Case Septoplasty: Ensuring Quality within Our Teaching Hospital'. *International Journal of Surgery* 10, no. 8 (2012): S33.  
doi:[10.1016/j.ijssu.2012.06.174](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijssu.2012.06.174).

## Conferences and Courses Attended

- 2020 Data Analysis for Metabolic Profiling, Imperial College London.
- 2019 EHNS Head and Neck Robotic Surgery Symposium, Royal College of Physicians, London.
- 2019 Restoration of Dental Implants, BioHorizons at Houston Dental Centre, Weston-super-Mare.
- 2019 Advanced Placement of Implants, BioHorizons at Houston Dental Centre, Weston-super-Mare.
- 2019 BAOMS Annual Scientific Meeting, Birmingham.
- 2019 BAHNO Annual Scientific Meeting, Royal College of Physicians, London.
- 2019 Fellows in Training Conference, Sheffield.
- 2019 Placement of Implants Course, Sheffield.
- 2018 EACMFS Biennial Congress, Munich.
- 2017 Non-technical skills for surgeons, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.
- 2017 Head and Neck Dissection Course, Keele University.
- 2017 Microvascular Skills Workshop, The Griffin Institute, Northwick Park Hospital.
- 2017 Laser Core of Knowledge, Liverpool University.
- 2017 BAOMS Annual Scientific Meeting, Birmingham.
- 2017 IAOO Congress, Bangalore.
- 2017 BAHNO Annual Scientific Meeting, Royal College of Physicians, London.
- 2016 EACMFS Biennial Congress, London.
- 2016 BAOMS Annual Scientific Meeting, Brighton.
- 2016 BAOMS JTG Conference, Glasgow (Organised and attended).
- 2015 BAOMS Annual Scientific Meeting, Liverpool.
- 2015 BAOMS JTG Conference, Newcastle upon Tyne (Organised and attended).
- 2014 ATLS reverification, Cambridge.

2013	BAOMS JTG Conference, London.
2012	BAOMS Annual Scientific Meeting, Edinburgh.
2012	BAOMS JTG Conference, Edinburgh.
2012	ASiT Conference, Cardiff.
2012	Art in Surgery workshop, Cardiff.
2010	BAOMS JTG Conference, York.
2010	ALS, Sunderland.
2009	ATLS, Sunderland.

## Audit

2018	Re-audit of compliance with WHO peri-operative checklists in department-based Oral Surgery—submitted for presentation at BAOS 2018
2018	Audit of compliance with documentation of consent for clinical photography in patients undergoing surgery for head and neck cancer, presented at BAOMS 2018 Auditing speech and swallowing outcomes after major head and neck cancer treatment
2018	Re-audit of information governance in clinical images, Presented at BAOMS 2017
2017	Audit of information governance in clinical images, Presented at Pan-Birmingham OMFS audit meeting 2017
2017	Complications in day-case septoplasty, Presented at ASiT conference 2012
2012	

## Teaching

**Examiner—MBChB Finals** Examiner on the practical station in the OSCE for finals, May 2018. Attended training and orientation, and shadowed an experienced examiner before taking charge of the station.

**Seminar—Written Professional Communication** Final Year MBChB Component, Birmingham Medical School, Dec 2017, Tutor/Assessor, leading small group teaching sessions for final year medical students, enabling and ultimately assessing their ability to write comprehensively and concisely for referrals and discharges.

**Exam Setting—Human Diseases** BDS Human Disease Examination, Birmingham School of Dentistry, Aug 2017, Examiner, Attended a meeting to develop new questions for the dental student Human Diseases examination. Received training in MCQ setting and the Angoff process. Contributed numerous questions for use in the exam.

**Lecturer—Tumour Growth, Management & Prognosis** Fourth Year BDS Lecture at Birmingham School of Dentistry, lecturing fourth year dental students on aspects of oncology, with a focus on head and neck cancer. Lecture delivered annually from 2016

**Careers Adviser—West Midlands Dental Deanery** Regular speaker at careers days, advising trainees on the pathway to oral and maxillofacial surgery (2016–present).

## Leadership and Management