



Meet the Faculty

Professor Bo Abrahamsen, Consultant Endocrinologist

(Holbæk Hospital, Holbæk, Denmark)



Bo Abrahamsen is an endocrinologist by training and primarily treats patients with osteoporosis, metabolic bone diseases and parathyroid disorders. He attended Medical School in Odense, Denmark and Experimental Pathology at St. Andrews, UK, and did part of his PhD lab work in Worcester, MA, USA.

A Consultant Endocrinologist at Holbæk Hospital, he is Professor of Clinical Database Research at the University of Southern Denmark and a Visiting Professor in Musculoskeletal Epidemiology at University of Oxford. His research interests include fracture- and lifecourse epidemiology, and the safety and efficacy of anti-osteoporosis drugs and supplements.

Professor Abrahamsen is President of the European Calcified Tissue Society, served on both ASBMR Task Forces on Atypical Femur Fractures, received the Golden Femur award in 2010 and has been a member of the Board of Directors of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research.

Professor David Armstrong, Consultant Rheumatologist

(Western Health Trust, Londonderry, Northern Ireland, UK)



Professor Armstrong trained as rheumatologist in Belfast and Manchester, before taking up his first consultant post in County Durham.

Moving back to Northern Ireland in 2008, he set up a Fracture Liaison Service and Osteoporosis Clinic in his Trust, and now sees a wide range of common and rare bone diseases from across Northern Ireland. He has a particular interest in Pregnancy Associated Osteoporosis, and in nutrition. He is a Visiting Professor at the Nutrition Innovation Centre for Food and Health at Ulster University, Vice Chair of the Clinical and Research Committee of the Royal Osteoporosis Society, and a member of the Expert Advisory Group for NOGG. He publishes widely on various bone related subjects including on vitamin D, and is at present the Editor of the Ulster Medical Journal.

He also co-presents the award-winning podcast BoneUp, with Dr Richie Abel from Imperial College, covering a wide range of clinical and research topics in bone metabolism and related conditions. The show features regular live episodes recorded at international conferences, giving early career professionals a chance to have their research and practice recognised.

Sarah Connacher (RN), Lead Specialist Nurse Practitioner

(Fracture Prevention & Osteoporosis Service, Oxfordshire Fracture Prevention Service, Oxford, UK)



I trained at Southampton University and qualified with a Bachelor of Nursing in 2004. I began my career as a Trauma Nurse at Oxford University Hospitals before joining the Oxfordshire Fracture Prevention Service in 2011. Since then, I've progressed from Nurse Specialist to Clinical Nurse Lead for our Gold Standard FLS, a role I've held since 2020.

I also chair the South Central Fracture Reduction Group and lead the Steering Group for the development of a new ICB wide Fracture Liaison Service.

My specialist interests include nurse leadership, effective FLS delivery, and management of high-risk fracture patients. I recently completed my MSc in Health Sciences with a specialist focus on leadership and quality improvement.

Professor Kassim Javaid, Professor in Osteoporosis and Rare Bone Diseases

(Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, Oxford, UK)



Dr Javaid is an adult rheumatologist at the Oxford University Hospitals NHS trust and an Professor in Osteoporosis and Rare Bone Diseases at the University of Oxford.

He specializes in clinical and research of common and rare metabolic bone diseases. He is the clinical lead for Oxford Fracture Prevention Service and the national Fracture Liaison Service Audit for England and Wales run through the Royal College of Physicians.

Internationally, he co-chairs the International Osteoporosis Foundation Capture the Fracture programme that has audited over 400 services globally. He is clinical lead for the Oxford Rare bone disease service for adults and the national 100,000 Genomes Clinical Interpretation partnership for musculoskeletal conditions. His research interests include epidemiology of musculoskeletal diseases with a focus on rare diseases of the bone, vitamin D and secondary fracture prevention.

Professor Richard Keen, Consultant Rheumatologist
(Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore, UK)



Professor Richard Keen graduated from St Mary's Hospital Medical School. After his general professional training in London and Sheffield, he started specialist training in Rheumatology. His PhD examined the genetic epidemiology of postmenopausal osteoporosis. He was appointed to the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in 1999 and is currently Director of the Metabolic Bone Disease Centre.

The Centre sees patients both nationally and internationally with a wide range of bone diseases, and Professor Keen's team is actively involved in clinical research studies evaluating new treatments for these conditions.

Professor Tahir (Tash) Masud, Consultant Physician in Internal and Geriatric Medicine
(Nottingham University Hospital, NHS Trust, Nottingham, UK)



Professor Masud is a Consultant Physician in Geriatric and General Medicine at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and an Honorary Professor of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Nottingham. After his undergraduate training at the University of Oxford and St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, he gained his postgraduate training in London and Newcastle-Upon-Tyne and research training as a Research Fellow in St Thomas' Hospital London.

He has a research and clinical interest in osteoporosis and falls and has published widely in these areas. He has previously been a scientific advisor to the Royal Osteoporosis Society and is the main organiser of the annual International Conference on Falls and Postural Stability, and the co-organiser of the annual national Course in Osteoporosis and Metabolic Bone Disease. He also has Visiting Professorship at the University of Southern Denmark and has also served as the Clinical Sub-Dean at the University of Nottingham Medical School.

He is a recent Past President of the British Geriatrics Society (BGS), the former President of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)-Geriatric Medicine Section, the current Secretary of the Clinical Section of the International Association of Geriatrics and Gerontology (IAGG)-European Region, and is the President Elect of the European Geriatric Medicine Society (EuGMS).

Professor Terence O'Neill, Professor of Rheumatology and Clinical Epidemiology

(University of Manchester, Manchester, UK)



Professor O'Neill qualified in Medicine (MB BCh BAO) from Dublin University in 1984. After completing general medical training in Dublin, he worked for a year as registrar in rheumatology in Bath. Following this he was appointed as clinical research fellow at the arc epidemiology research unit in Manchester. After completing an MD he completed a further two years training as specialist registrar in rheumatology on the north west rotation before being appointed as a consultant rheumatologist.

He was appointed Senior Lecturer at the University of Manchester in 1997, Reader in 2007 and Professor of Rheumatology and Clinical Epidemiology in 2011.

His research has focused on characterising the epidemiology of osteoporosis and the major osteoporotic fractures in men and women, and more recently the occurrence and predictors of musculoskeletal frailty. As a member of the 'Research in Osteoarthritis Manchester (ROAM)' team he has been involved in the design and conduct of clinical trials of therapies for osteoarthritis.

Dr Karen Partington, Consultant Musculoskeletal Radiologist

(Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford University Hospitals Trust, Oxford, UK)



Karen Partington is a Consultant Musculoskeletal Radiologist at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust. After graduating from Glasgow University, Karen completed the MRCS and surgical training on the West of Scotland Surgical Programme, and then general radiology training and the FRCR on the Leeds Radiology Training Scheme. She completed a post CCST Musculoskeletal Radiology fellowship at the Oxford Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre before being appointed to a consultant post in Oxford in early 2014.

Karen has an active role in teaching and training in radiology and orthopaedics, and is the Head of School for Thames Valley radiology. She is the chair of the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) Curriculum and appointed member of the RCR specialty training board and RCR anatomy examination committee.

She is the Oxford lead radiologist for the Adult bone dysplasia MDT, Regional Myeloma service and one of the three core Oxford Bone tumour/Sarcoma MDT radiologists.

Karen has authored several Musculoskeletal Radiology book chapters, and presented at several national and international radiological and orthopaedic conferences. She teaches on national courses such as the Aintree Bones & Joints and FRCR courses and the FRCS Orthopaedic Miller Course.

Dr Zoe Paskins, Professor in Rheumatology and Honorary Consultant, Rheumatologist, NIHR Clinician Scientist

(Keele University, Keele, UK)



Dr Zoe Paskins is an Honorary Consultant Rheumatologist in Stoke-on-Trent and Reader in Rheumatology at the Primary Care Centre Versus Arthritis at Keele University.

She is Clinical Lead of the Midlands Metabolic Bone Centre (Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust) which includes the North Staffordshire Fracture Liaison and DXA service. She also leads the Keele osteoporosis research group with specific interests in primary care management of osteoporosis and clinician-patient communication, holding an NIHR Clinician Scientist Award to develop and evaluate a decision support tool in osteoporosis.

She is past Chair of the Midlands Bone Interest Group, a member of the National Osteoporosis Guideline Group, Chair of the Musculoskeletal Disorders Research Advisory Group for Versus Arthritis and sits on various committees for the Royal Osteoporosis Society.

Dr Madhavi Vindlacheruvu, Consultant Orthogeriatrician

(Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Cambridge, UK)



Dr Madhavi Vindlacheruvu is a Consultant Orthogeriatrician at Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, where she has led integrated fragility fracture care since 2006. A nationally recognised expert in orthogeriatrics and secondary fracture prevention, she is the Clinical Lead for Orthogeriatrics, the National Hip Fracture Database (NHFD), and the Fracture Liaison Service Database (FLS-DB) at Cambridge.

Dr Vindlacheruvu chairs the Eastern Region FLS Steering Group and serves as Clinical Advisor to the Royal Osteoporosis Society. Her leadership has driven regional expansion of fracture liaison services and the development of equitable, data-informed pathways for fragility fracture care.

Her research interests include AI-enabled imaging, osteoporosis management, and the optimisation of perioperative care for older adults.

She has contributed to numerous peer-reviewed publications, including recent work in Age and Ageing, Therapeutic Advances in Musculoskeletal Disease, and the British Journal of Neurosurgery. Dr Vindlacheruvu is also Deputy Director for Postgraduate Medical Education at Cambridge University Hospitals, mentoring multidisciplinary trainees and championing inclusive clinical leadership.