

Medical Technologies Advisory Committee Interests Register

Topic: Robot-assisted surgery for soft-tissue procedures

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Name	Role with NICE	Type of interest	Description of interest	Interest arose	Interest declared	Interest ceased	Comments
Michael Kolovetsios	Committee member	Financial interest	Medtronic company employee	Ongoing	18.09.2024	Ongoing	Declaration prevents participation
Katherine Boylan	Committee Member	Financial Interests	Leading on the negotiation of a research, development and innovation master agreement between my employing organisation (Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust) and Medtronic. It is currently close to sign off, but no projects have been initiated as a result yet. Robotic surgery is likely to be a topic which we explore for collaboration in the future. I will not have any personal financial benefit as a result, but the success of future collaboration could benefit my organisation, either through paid research contracts or joint adoption projects	Ongoing	16.09.2024	Ongoing	No further action

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Katherine Boylan	Committee Member	Financial Interests	Received payment from Medtronic for participating in an advisory panel around their remote monitoring technology. I did not benefit financially personally - the money went back into my employing organisation	April 2023	16.09.2024	One off	No further action
Katherine Boylan	Committee Member	Non - Financial professional & personal interests	CMR and Intuitive are suppliers to my employing organisation. I have not been involved in these supplier relationships. I understand my employing organisation is speaking to both companies around the local ambitions to expand the robotic surgery programme, but I haven't been directly involved to date.	Ongoing	16.09.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Liviu Titu	Specialist Committee Member	N/A	NIL	N/A	05.2024	N/A	No Further action
Toby Page	Specialist Committee Member	N/A	NIL	N/A	05.2024	N/A	No Further action
Prasanna Sooriakumaran	Specialist Committee Member	N/A	NIL	N/A	05.2024	N/A	No Further action

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Declan Dunne	Specialist Committee Member	Financial Interests	Applying to become specialist trainer in robotic surgery	Not yet completed application form but intending to pursue over next 6 months.	09.07.2024	Not yet applied	No further action
Declan Dunne	Specialist Committee Member	Financial Interests	Considering Private practice	Not yet completed application form but may start during next 6 months	09.07.2024	Not yet applied	No further action
Declan Dunne	Specialist Committee Member	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Robotic surgery has led to an improvement in my own physical health as I have had multiple spinal fractures and suffer with chronic back pain.	01.12.2022	09.07.2024	ongoing	No further action
Declan Dunne	Specialist Committee Member	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Paper under submission relating to the outcomes of robotic gallbladder surgery	Currently under review by Journal	09.07.2024	Ongoing	No further action
David van Dellen	Specialist committee member	Financial Interests	Travel expenses paid by Intuitive Company, and overnight stay. (single occurrence, no continuous sponsorship)	29.04.2024	01.01.2025 (in advance of 2 nd committee meeting)	30.04.2024	This declaration was received after 1 st committee meeting had taken place.

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							David did not attend 2 nd committee meeting. His earlier participation did not impact the status of the topic.
David Van Dellen	Specialist Committee Member	Financial Interests	Gore - speaking on behalf and arranging immersion courses in hernia surgery and mesh (not relevant to this committee)	11.2020	09.07.2024	Ongoing	No further action
David Van Dellen	Specialist Committee Member	Financial Interests	Allergan - speaking on behalf and arranging immersion courses in hernia surgery and mesh (not relevant to this committee)	11.2016	09.07.2024	05.2023	No further action
David Van Dellen	Specialist Committee Member	Financial Interest	Egis - speaking on behalf and arranging immersion courses in hernia surgery and mesh (not relevant to this committee)	02.2022	09.07.2024	07.2023	No further action
David Van Dellen	Specialist Committee Member	Financial Interest	Chiesi - arranging educational courses for Transplant trainees (not relevant to this committee)	11.2023	09.07.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Sheraz Marker	Specialist Committee Member	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Robotic assisted publications from US NCDB datasets	2022	07.2024	2023	No further action

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David Chuter	Lay Specialist Committee Member	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	ICPV, Charity Chair	07.2023	07.2024	Ongoing	No further action
David Chuter	Lay Specialist Committee Member	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Digestive Cancer Europe, Board member (Volunteer role)	05.2022	07.2024	Ongoing	No further action
David Chuter	Lay Specialist Committee Member	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	use MY data, Unpaid Director	02.2023	07.2024	Ongoing	No further action
John Organ	Lay Specialist Committee Member	Financial Interests	Royal marsden ppi panels paid for meetings	01.2024	07.2024	Ongoing	No further action
John Organ	Lay Specialist Committee Member	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Ambassador throat cancer foundation. Founder life after lary no financial gain	05.2023	07.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Carmine Civile	Expert	Non-Financial	BIARGS Nursing representative	2023	07.2024	Ongoing	No further action

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Debashis Ghosh	Expert	Financial Interests	Private Practice		28.08.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Debashis Ghosh	Expert	Financial Interests	Medicolegal Expert		28.08.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Deena Harji	Expert	Financial Interests	Private Robotic Practice - HCA Manchester	17.07.2023	07.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Deena Harji	Expert	Financial Interests	Intuitive Surgical Educational Workshop Renumeration	14.04.2024	07.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Deena Harji	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Executive member of Royal College of Surgeons Robotic and Digital Initiative	1.10.2020	07.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Deena Harji	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	NiHR HS&DR. REINFORCE Project - Real-World, In-Situ, Evaluation of The Introduction And Scale-Up Of Robot Assisted Surgical Services In The NHS: Evaluating Its Impact On Clinical And Service Delivery,	05.2021	07.2024	Ongoing	No further action

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			Effectiveness And Cost. £1.3 million. May 2021. Co-Applicant				
George Mochlolis	Expert	N/A	NIL	N/A	06.2024	N/A	N/A
Gijs Van Boxel	Expert	Financial Interests	Proctor for Intuitive Surgical	1.11.2021	06.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Gijs Van Boxel	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Chief Investigator for STARLING Trial (Robotic-assisted cholecystectomy vs Laparoscopic cholecystectomy. Trial in planning phase, with a likely start date of Spring 2025	01.01.2024	06.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Gijs Van Boxel	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Committee Member RCS RADAR	01.01.2023	06.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Jajini Vargese	Expert	N/A	NIL	N/A	28.08.2024	N/A	N/A
James Tibbott	Expert	Financial Interests	Paid presentation on behalf of Gideon Richter on our experience of using their new drug RYEQO for fibroids	04.2024	06.2024	06.2024	No further action
James Tibbott	Expert	Financial Interests	I am the local TPD for the delivery of gynaecology training in Yorkshire and humber. How we could deliver the SITIM on robotic	09.2022	06.2024	09.2025	No further action

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			surgery and simulation for that is something I am looking at				
James Tibbott	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	I will be the PI for the REINFORCE study looking at the benefits of robotic surgery	01.2024	06.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Joshua Burke	Expert	Indirect Interest	Charity Trustee - The Association of Surgeons in Training	12.2023	06.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Joshua Burke	Expert	Indirect Interest	Charity Trustee - CORESS Patient Safety Chairty	12.2023	06.2024	Ongoing	No further action

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Karen Redmond	Expert	Financial Interests	Work part-time in clinical private practice. Otherwise nothing to declare.	2011	05.09.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Karen Redmond	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Co-chair Thoracic Surgery Subcommittee and Trustee SCTS UK & Ireland	2023	05.09.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Karen Redmond	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	ITS Council Member, Ireland	2022	05.09.2024	Ongoing	No further action

Karen Redmond	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	<p>Publications:</p> <p>Lung volume reduction surgery: a micro-costing analysis from a national tertiary referral centre.</p> <p>Mulryan K, Sorensen J, Waller D, Redmond K. Eur J Cardiothorac Surg. 2024 Jun 3;65(6):ezae222. doi: 10.1093/ejcts/ezae222. PMID: 38 833683</p> <p>METHODS: Three pathways were defined by their surgical procedures: bronchoscopic endobronchial valve insertion (EBV-LVRS), video-assisted thoracic surgery LVRS and robotic-assisted thoracic surgery LVRS. The costing model considered use of hospital resources from the LVRS ...</p> <p>Is robotic lobectomy cheaper? A micro-cost analysis.</p> <p>Shanahan B, Kreaden US, Sorensen J, Stamenkovic S, Redmond KC. J Robot Surg. 2022 Dec;16(6):1441-1450. doi:</p>		05.09.2024		No further action
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			<p>10.1007/s11701-022-01377-x. Epub 2022 Feb 28.PMID: 35226288 Free PMC article.</p> <p>Higher capital costs and operating room costs associated with Lobectomy via Robot Assisted Thoracic Surgery (RATS) have previously been suggested as the principal contributors to the elevated overall cost. This study uses a micro-costing approach to a previous analysis of ...</p> <p>Robotic sleeve lobectomy-recent advances.</p> <p>Shanahan B, O'Sullivan KE, Redmond KC.J Thorac Dis. 2019 Apr;11(4):1074-1075. doi: 10.21037/jtd.2019.02.103.PMID: 31179042 Free PMC article. No abstract available.</p> <p>A systematic review and meta-analysis of robotic versus open and video-assisted thoracoscopic</p>				

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			<p>surgery approaches for lobectomy.</p> <p>O'Sullivan KE, Kreaden US, Hebert AE, Eaton D, Redmond KC. Interact Cardiovasc Thorac Surg. 2019 Apr 1;28(4):526-534. doi: 10.1093/icvts/ivy315.PMID: 30496420</p> <p>It is inferior to both VATS and open with respect to operative duration (robotic vs. VATS; WMD 4.98, 95% CI 2.61-7.36, P < 0.001, robotic vs. open WMD 65.56, 95% CI 53.66-77.46, P < 0.00001). ...CONCLUSIONS: This is the largest published systematic review and...</p> <p>A systematic review of robotic versus open and video assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS) approaches for thymectomy.</p> <p>O'Sullivan KE, Kreaden US, Hebert AE, Eaton D, Redmond</p>				

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			<p>KC.Ann Cardiothorac Surg. 2019 Mar;8(2):174-193. doi: 10.21037/acs.2019.02.04.PMID: 31032201 Free PMC article. Review.</p> <p>Original research articles comparing robotic to VATS or to open thymectomy for myasthenia gravis, anterior mediastinal masses, or thymomas were included. ...Robotic thymectomy was comparable with the VATS approach; both have the advantage of avoiding median sternoto ...</p>				
Karen Redmond	Expert	Indirect interests	Co-chair Thoracic Surgery Subcommittee and Trustee SCTS UK & Ireland	2023	05.09.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Leanne Ashrafian	Expert	Financial Interests	Bristol Myers Squibb – Advisory board /speaking engagements	03.2024	31.07.2024	03.2024	No further action
Leanne Ashrafian	Expert	Financial Interests	Intuitive Surgical - speaker	01.11.2024	01.01.2025	01.11.2024	
Leanne Ashrafian	Expert	Financial Interests	Astra Zeneca –Speaking engagements	06.2024	31.07.2024	Ongoing	No further action

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Leanne Ashrafian	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Robotic representative for Society of Cardiothoracic Surgeons Thoracic Surgery Subcommittee	2022	31.07.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Leanne Ashrafian	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Participation in Health Technology Wales (HTW) Evidence Appraisal Report Robot-assisted thoracic surgery	03.2024	31.07.2024	01.2024	No further action
Marrielle Nobbenhuis	Expert	Financial Interests	Proctor Intuitive Surgical	2015	05.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Marrielle Nobbenhuis	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Past president of BIARGS	06.2021	05.2024	11.2023	No further action
Marrielle Nobbenhuis	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	council member SERGS	06.2022	05.2024	Ongoing	No further action

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Nuha Yassin	Expert	Financial Interest	Robotic proctor/trainer for DaVinci	08.2022	05.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Nuha Yassin	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	IRCSEng council member and lead for future of surgery, robotics and digital surgery (a device agnostic college and programme)	07.2023	05.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Timothy Pencavel	Expert	Financial Interest	Proctor in HPB Robotics - Intuitive Europe	02.2024	05.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Neil Hawkins	Committee Member	Financial interests	Alongside my academic role, I have provided advice and undertaken analysis for a number of pharmaceutical and biotech companies related to HTA activities and am listed as a director of a company providing HTA services. I have not provided consultancy to any of the stakeholders listed for this appraisal.	Ongoing	20.09.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Nahid Gul	Professional Expert	Financial	Gynaecologist working in private sector providing laparoscopic surgery in Spire Murrayfield Wirral and Robotic gynaecological surgery in HCA Christie Manchester working with multidisciplinary team of colorectal and urology. Using intuitive robot in clinical	2020	21.01.2025	Ongoing	No further action – info only

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			practice for complex cases.				
Nahid Gul	Professional Expert	Financial	Gynaecologist worked as NHS consultant gynaecologist for 19 year as gynaecancer lead (Wirral university teaching hospital), implemented laparoscopy surgery for gynaecancer in 2019 after NICE recommendation and robotic surgery in 2013. Work with multidisciplinary team of colorectal and urology.	2001	21.01.2025	2020	No further action – info only
Nahid Gul	Professional Expert	Financial	Robotic proctor for CMR robotics providing support for new gynaecological robotic surgeons starting robotic surgery	2020	21.01.2025	Ongoing	No further action – info only
Nahid Gul	Professional Expert	Financial	Trained as gynaec robotic surgeon by intuitive and CMR	2013 & 2020	21.01.2025	Ongoing	No further action – info only
Nahid Gul	Professional Expert	Financial	Advisory for BBARUN for providing laparoscopic surgery in gynaecology . Attending and meetings	2022	21.01.2025	Ongoing	No further action – info only
Nahid Gul	Professional Expert	Non-Financial professional	President of British and Irish robotic gynaecological surgeons (BIARGS)	11.2023	21.01.2025	Ongoing	No further action – info only

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Nahid Gul	Professional Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	RCOG SIPS document in robotic gynaecological surgery	2023	21.01.2025	2023	No further action – info only
Nahid Gul	Professional Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Developed robotic training curriculum in gynaecology for BIARGS and RCOG, now implemented RCOG STIM module for training future gynaecological surgeons.	2019	21.01.2025	Ongoing	No further action – info only
Nahid Gul	Professional Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Undertake training courses for trainees and consultants for laparoscopic and robotic surgery		21.01.2025	Ongoing	No further action – info only
Nahid Gul	Professional Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Given GP and patients talks for patient education and treatment options including robotic surgery.		21.01.2025	Ongoing	No further action – info only

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Nahid Gul	Professional Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Representing RCOG at GRIFT for gynaecology	2025	21.01.2025	Ongoing	No further action – info only
Nahid Gul	Professional Expert	Indirect Interests	Representing BIARGS society		21.01.2025	Ongoing	No further action – info only
Jason Fleming	Expert	Financial Interests	Honorarium paid by Intuitive (lecture fee)	08.11.2024	08.11.2024	(one off)	Prevents from role of SCM
Jason Fleming	Expert	Financial Interests	One off consultancy discussion regarding ENT instrument requirements for TORS (CMR Surgical)	26.01.2024	26.01.2024	Ongoing	No further action
Jason Fleming	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	Member of TORS Medical Advisory Board for CMR Surgical (concerned developing clinical hazard guidelines; no financial compensation)	1/8/2023	25/9/2023	Ongoing	No further action
Jason Fleming	Expert	Non-Financial professional & personal interests	PI for Prospective Clinical Study to Assess the Safety and Efficacy of Versius, in Transoral Robotic Surgery (https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT06112535)	13.12.2023	23.08.2024	Ongoing	Declare and participate
John McGrath	Expert	Non-Financial	Co-applicant on REINFORCE trial NIHR robotics in the NHS	10.2022	10.02.2025	Ongoing	No further action

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John McGrath	Expert	Indirect Interest	Chair of NHSE Steering committee on RAS	01.2023	10.02.2025	Ongoing	No further action