



Speaker Biographies



Mr Aryn Haji

**Consultant in Colorectal and
Laparoscopic Surgeon**

**King's College Hospital NHS
Foundation Trust**

- Mr Aryn Haji was appointed as a Consultant in Colorectal and Laparoscopic Surgery at King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in 2011 and is currently the Clinical Lead for Endoscopy and Colorectal Surgery.
- His clinical practice primarily consists of laparoscopic colorectal surgery, advanced colonoscopy and laparoscopic hernia surgery. Mr Haji graduated from the University of Cambridge in 1999 where he was awarded a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery degree and a Master of Arts. Mr Haji was admitted as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in February 2010 and received his certificate of completion of training (CCT) in March 2011.
- His research and clinical interests are in utilization of high frequency colonoscopy ultrasound in the staging of colorectal polyps and cancer. He completed a fellowship in advanced colonoscopy with Professor Kudo at Showa University in Japan in 2010 and since then has developed a practice of endoscopic mucosal resection and endoscopic submucosal dissection in the treatment of colorectal polyps and advanced endoscopy techniques. He also introduced Peroral endoscopic myotomy for Achalasia to the United Kingdom in 2013 and is the leading expert in this field in the UK.



Bu'Hussain Hayee

Consultant Gastroenterologist

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Hayee is a Consultant Gastroenterologist at King's College Hospital and has been Clinical Lead for the department since 2015. He trained at Guy's Hospital (GKT Medical School), graduating in 1999, and was appointed a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 2015. His PhD, awarded in 2010, examined the role of innate immunity and neutrophil function in Crohn's disease.

He is a Reader in Gastroenterology at King's College London and maintains an active research interest, supervising several PhD fellows and basic scientists.

He is nationally-accredited for bowel cancer screening colonoscopy and has specialist interests in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) and high-quality endoscopy. He is training lead for Endoscopy at King's and led development of the specialist IBD service from 2012-2017, being shortlisted for an HSJ Excellence in Healthcare award in 2017. In 2011, he was awarded a travelling fellowship to Yokohama, Japan to study advanced endoscopic techniques with Professors Haruhiro Inoue and Shin-ei Kudo and is co-director of the King's Institute of Therapeutic Endoscopy.



Dr John Anderson

Therapeutic Endoscopist and
Consultant Gastroenterologist

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

- Dr John Anderson, Therapeutic Endoscopist and Consultant Gastroenterologist in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
- Dr Anderson has an interest in advanced therapeutic endoscopy, endoscopic training and education.
- Dr Anderson is the Chairman of the BCSP accreditation and member of BSG Endoscopy Committee.
- He also has helped support and develop several international endoscopy training and bowel screening programmes in Europe, North America and Australia.



Dr Noriko Suzuki

Honorary Consultant Endoscopist

St Marks Hospital

- Dr Noriko Suzuki has been a member of the staff at St Marks since 1998 and an honorary consultant specialist endoscopist since 2004.
- Dr Suzuki trained in medicine at Osaka City University and completed specialist training in Japan. Her specialist interests include the prevention, diagnosis and management of intestinal diseases utilising endoscopy. She has a particular interest in complex therapeutic endoscopy such as endoscopic submucosal dissection.
- Currently she is a NICE committee member for lower GI ESD and the technical lead in the BSG ESD interest group. Also she has strong relationship with Japanese gastrointestinal society being an international committee member of Japanese Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Society and an international advisory member of the International Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Training Center in Kobe (I GET KOBE).
- She has published over 70 papers in mainly endoscopy related journal such as Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and Endoscopy.
- Her PhD was in “Flat neoplasms in Western and Japanese population”.



Dr Deepak Joshi

Consultant Hepatologist

London

Dr Deepak Joshi is a leading consultant hepatologist in London, who specialises in liver disease, liver transplant and cirrhosis. After qualifying in medicine at King's College in 2001 he went on to train in hepatology at the Institute of Liver Studies, where he carried out a PhD researching into predictors of fibrosis in patients following a liver transplant. He further honed his skills in endoscopy and ERCP, training at the reputable University College London Hospitals.

An active researcher in the hepatology field, he has published extensively in peer-reviewed papers, contributed to book chapters, and co-authored Hepatology at a Glance. His main clinical interests include biliary disease, as well as treatment and management of all kinds of conditions to do with the liver or pancreas. At present, he works as consultant hepatologist at the Guthrie Clinic, and consultant hepatologist at the Institute of Liver Studies, King's College Hospital.



Dr David Reffitt

Consultant Gastroenterologist

King's College Hospital

- Dr Reffitt is Clinical Director of Gastroenterology at Lewisham and Greenwich Healthcare Trust. He qualified from Bristol University in 1990.
- After completing his General Medical Training in Bristol Royal Infirmary, he moved to London in 1993 and as a registrar trained in Gastroenterology and Hepatology over the next 7 years at St Thomas' Hospital and King's College Hospital. He spent 3 years in research and completed an MD thesis in Gastroenterology from the University of London. He has been a Consultant in his current post since Dec 2002.
- David has specialist interest in rectal bleeding, diarrhoea and constipation, irritable bowel syndrome, nutrition, dyspepsia and acid disorders of the stomach. Dr Reffitt has been the Training Programme Director for Gastroenterology registrars in South Thames, Kent, Surrey and Sussex regions since 2009 organising a comprehensive training programme for 75 Gastroenterology registrars.
- He has a major interest in leading and developing Gastroenterology Services. He has been the Clinical Director for Gastroenterology at University Hospital Lewisham since 2009 and in June 2013 was appointed Clinical Director of Gastroenterology in the newly combined Lewisham and Greenwich Healthcare Trust.
- David is a member of the Regional Hepato-Pancreatico-Biliary cancer and benign diseases service at Kings College Hospital where he performs specialist Endoscopic Ultrasound and ERCP.
- He maintains a comprehensive gastroenterology practice dealing with a complete range of disease of the upper and lower digestive tract and as a General Physician managing all medical patients.



Dr Shraddha Gulati

Consultant Gastroenterologist

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Shraddha Gulati was appointed as a consultant Gastroenterologist at King's College Hospital in November 2019.

Dr Gulati completed her undergraduate training at Imperial College London. During this period she attained a first class honours BSc in gastroenterology and hepatology. She went onto specialist training in gastroenterology in the North East Thames deanery. During this time Dr Gulati completed a three year clinical research fellowship at King's College Hospital culminating in a PhD in Advanced Endoscopic Imaging and the BSG Out of Programme award 2018.

She has completed national (King's College Hospital) and international fellowships in advanced endoscopic imaging and therapeutics at the National Cancer Centre, Tokyo, Japan and the Institute of Clinical and Experimental Medicine, Prague, Czech Republic and was awarded the BSG Endoscopy Travel Fellowship in 2018.



Prof Takashi Toyonaga

Director, Associate Professor

Department of Endoscopy,
Kobe University Hospital, Japan

EDUCATION

1983-1985: Ehime University

1985-1989: Ehime University School of Medicine

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, CARRIER

1989- 1992 Resident, Kishidwada Tokushukai Hospital, Osaka JAPAN

1992- 1997 Clinical fellow, Internal Medicine, Kishidwada Tokushukai Hospital, Osaka JAPAN

1997-2004 Chief of Internal Medicine, Kishidwada Tokushukai Hospital, Osaka JAPAN

2004-2007 Director, Department of Gastroenterology, Kishidwada Tokushukai Hospital, Osaka JAPAN Lecturer, Shiga Medical School, Shiga JAPAN

2007- Director, Associate professor, Department of Endoscopy, Kobe University Hospital, Kobe JAPAN

DEGREES / QUARIFICATION

BS: Mar 1985, Ehime University

MD: Mar 1989, Ehime University Medical School

Board Certified Fellow : 1996, The Japanese Society of Internal Medicine

Board Certified Fellow :1999, Japanese association for Acute Medicine

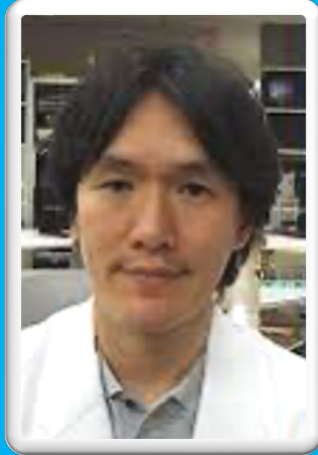
Board Certified Fellow (registration no. 960104): 2000, Japan

Gastroenterological Endoscopy Society

Specialist Gastroenterologist (registration no. 22225): 2000, The

Japanese Society of Gastroenterology Board Certified Fellow :2002, The Japan Society of Ultrasonics in Medicine

PhD: Sep 2015, Kobe University



Dr Takemasa Hayashi

**Showa University Northern
Yokohama Hospital, Japan**

- Takemasa Hayashi is at Showa University Northern Yokohama Hospital in Yokohama, Japan. Their top areas of expertise are Hemorrhagic Proctocolitis, Ulcerative Colitis, Viral Gastroenteritis, and Colitis
- Their clinical research consists of co-authoring 51 peer reviewed articles in the past 15 years.



Dr Rehan Haidry

Consultant Gastroenterologist

University College Hospital, London

Dr. Haidry is a consultant gastroenterologist and interventional endoscopist at University College Hospital, London. He trained at St Mary's Hospital in London and completed his specialist gastroenterology training in North East London. He was then appointed to a two-year academic fellowship at UCL where he examined state of the art and innovative diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic techniques for the diagnosis and treatment of early cancers arising in the gastrointestinal tract.

He was appointed as a consultant in 2011. He was until recently the director of endoscopy for the division of gastroenterology at University College Hospital and leads the upper GI interventional endoscopic unit. His main interests are therapeutic and innovative endoscopic procedures. In particular he has focused his interest in pre-malignant and malignant disorders of the upper gastrointestinal tract, with a particular interest in Barrett's neoplasia, Squamous neoplasia, oesophageal cancer and metabolic and bariatric endoscopic procedures such as Duodenal mucosal resurfacing (DMR) and Endoscopic Sleeve Gastroplasty (ESG).

He has an academic position of associate professor at UCL where he supervises his team to generate research into the endoscopic techniques and procedures he carries out to improve and streamline the care we give to our patients. His research is focused on existing and novel endoscopic imaging technologies for detecting early cancers such as artificial intelligence. His other main research focus is minimally invasive techniques for treating cancers of the upper gastrointestinal tract and continues to lead and be involved actively on several national and international clinical trials in these fields.



Dr George Webster

Consultant Gastroenterologist

University College London Hospitals

- Dr George Webster is a consultant gastroenterologist, hepatologist, and Partner at OneWelbeck, specialising in diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy.
- He is the clinical lead for hepatopancreaticobiliary (HPB) medicine at University College London Hospitals, where he has been a consultant since 2003. He has a large clinical practice in diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy and receives referrals for specialist care from throughout the UK.
- He is Vice President of Endoscopy at the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG), on the Council of the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) and is director of the annual London Live Endoscopy course.



Dr Alberto Murino

**Consultant Gastroenterologist and
Gastrointestinal Endoscopist**

Royal Free Hospital NHS Trust

Dr Alberto Murino is a Consultant Gastroenterologist and Gastrointestinal Endoscopist at Royal Free Hospital NHS trust.

He became a specialist in gastroenterology and gastrointestinal endoscopy (MRCP gastro equivalent) in 2009 in Italy (University of Sassari) with the final score of 60/60 cum laudae.

Between 2010-2014 he completed three fellowship in advance endoscopy and gastroenterology:

Wolfson Unit for Endoscopy. St. Mark's Institute and Academic Centre, Imperial College, London. May 2010 – September 2012

Department of Gastroenterology, Hepato-Pancreatology, and Digestive Oncology, Erasme Hospital, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium. October 2012 – November 2013

Department of Gastroenterology. Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine Division of Gastroenterology. Nagoya University Hospital. Nagoya, Japan. December 2013-July 2014

He then worked as Consultant gastroenterologist in Italy until 2016 before joining the Royal Free Hospital.

His interests include endoscopy, colonoscopy, capsule endoscopy, double balloon enteroscopy, endoscopy dilatation, percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy, endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) and endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD).

He is also interested in general gastroenterology including irritable bowel syndrome, gastroesophageal reflux and gastrointestinal dysmotility disorders.



Dr John Morris

Consultant Gastroenterologist

Glasgow Royal Infirmary

- Dr Allan John Morris is a Consultant Gastroenterologist at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer at Glasgow University medical school and Clinical Lead for gastroenterology for Greater Glasgow and Clyde health board. He is Director of the West of Scotland endoscopy training centre and has an international reputation for education and quality in delivery of all types of gastrointestinal endoscopy. He was visiting Associate Professor at the Medical University of South Carolina in 1995, developing advanced endoscopy practice. He has written several original papers, review articles and contributed to national guideline development in the field of GI endoscopy
- A recognised national expert in luminal gastroenterology, he receives referrals of complex patients with inflammatory bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome, celiac disease, anaemia and capsule endoscopy. Dr Morris has held several senior positions in UK and European Gastroenterology including Scottish and British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) and Joint Accreditation Group endoscopy (JAG) council member, endoscopy committee secretary of the BSG and board member of the European Society for GI Endoscopy.



Dr Zacharias Tsiamoulos

Consultant Gastroenterologist

Margate

- Dr. Tsiamoulos has authored and co-authored several national and international publications and has also worked as a reviewer for reputed professional journals. He has an active association with different societies and academies from all around the world and has received several awards for his contributions to the scientific community.
- For 5 years (2012 - 2017) he held the esteemed post of the Clinical Endoscopy/Research Fellow and Senior Gastroenterologists/Endoscopist working in tandem with Professor Brian P. Saunders, at Wolfson Unit for Endoscopy at St Mark's Hospital and Academic Institute.
- He is the co-creator of Endocuff Vision™, a unique scope design that represents the improvement of polyp colonoscopy quality and efficiency. Clinical use of Endocuff Vision™ has a proven higher detection rate of precancerous polyps and within the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program registered a 10% increase in tumour detection rate.
- His basic PhD thesis (in molecular mimicry in IBD) and clinical MD (Res) ongoing research in Luminal at Imperial College, London led to his appointment as a Consultant in Gastroenterology/Specialist in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy at East Kent University Hospital Foundation NHS Trust. He has held this position with EKHFT since 2015.
- As a leader in field he regularly performs talks, gives presentations and delivers training all around the world as well as sharing his expertise with the BBC and other media organisations. Since 2012, he has already given five invited international lectures in Hellenic Congress of Gastroenterology and several oral presentations/posters to British National and international congresses (moderator, speaker, organizing committee).



Dr Dev Bansi

Consultant Gastroenterologist

Imperial College London

Dr Devinder Bansi qualified from Southampton University Medical School in 1988. He completed several junior medical posts and knew very early on that he wanted to work in gastroenterology.

In 1993, Dr Bansi was appointed Research Fellow in Gastroenterology at Oxford's prestigious and internationally acclaimed John Radcliffe Hospital. He completed his MD thesis in the field and also had several peer-reviewed research papers published in acclaimed journals.

In 1996, Dr Bansi returned to London as Senior Specialist Registrar and undertook further advanced training in therapeutic gastroscopy, colonoscopy, ERCP and oesophageal physiology.

Upon completion of gastroenterology and general medical training, Dr Bansi was appointed Consultant Gastroenterologist and Honorary Senior Lecturer in Medicine to the prestigious Hammersmith Hospital NHS Trust and the Royal Postgraduate Medical School (now part of Imperial College.)

Dr Bansi is now one of the senior and leading interventional endoscopists at the trust He is also one of London's foremost experts in bariatric endoscopy procedures for weight loss and works with the leading London Weight Centre.

He is actively involved in a number of UK and international studies investigating methods of achieving weight loss using endoscopy rather than surgical methods.



Dr Michal Spychalski

Medical University Poland

- Medical University of Łódź, Poland in 2005.
- Specialization in general surgery.
- Specializes also in colorectal and oncological surgery.
- Head of the Treatment and Bariatric Endoscopy Centre.
- Member of the Society of Polish Surgeons.
- Member of the European Association for Endoscopic Surgery.
- Certificate of Endoscopy Skills awarded by the Society of Polish Surgeons.
- Author and co-author of many medical articles and scientific papers.
- Lecturer at Polish and foreign medical conferences.
- Underwent multiple courses and workshops in Poland and abroad including work experience in the USA, Japan, Norway, France and more (some of the certificates attached below).

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Mr Andrew Emmanuel

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon

King's College Hospital, London

- Mr Andrew Emmanuel is a Consultant Colorectal Surgeon and Advanced Endoscopist at King's College Hospital, London.
- He graduated from the University of Cape Town in 2005 and subsequently completed his higher surgical training across South London.
- He obtained a Master of Surgery degree in Coloproctology from the University of East Anglia and undertook research towards PhD in advanced colorectal endoscopic resection at King's College London.
- He was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 2021, following which he completed a fellowship in Advanced Colorectal Endosurgery at King's College Hospital.
- Mr Emmanuel specializes in laparoscopic colorectal cancer resection, endoscopic management of early colorectal cancer and colorectal endoscopic submucosal dissection.



Dr Aldo Parra-Blanco

Consultant Gastroenterologist
Nottingham University Hospitals

Consultant Gastroenterologist, Nottingham University Hospitals

I am currently a Consultant Gastroenterologist at Nottingham University Hospitals, Head of service for Endoscopy, and Honorary Assistant Professor at NIHR Nottingham Digestive Diseases Biomedical Research Unit.

My main area of interest is Endoscopic Diagnosis and treatment of early GI neoplasia, which I developed during my post CCT training in expert institutions in Japan from 1996-1999.



Mr Sri Thrumurthy

Consultant Upper GI Surgeon and
Advanced Endoscopist

King's College Hospital, London

- Mr Sri Thrumurthy is a Consultant Upper GI Surgeon and Advanced Endoscopist at King's College Hospital, London.
- He graduated from the University of Manchester in 2010, obtained Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons (MRCS) in 2011, and Membership of the Royal College of Physicians (MRCP) in 2014. He subsequently completed his higher surgical training across South London, and was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in England in 2020.
- Mr Thrumurthy has a keen interest in medical education, and is the editor of a number of educational textbooks, including the Oxford Handbook of Gastric and Oesophageal Surgery.
- He was made a Fellow of Higher Education Academy (FHEA) and Fellow of the Academy of Medical Education (FACadMED) in 2020.
- He was awarded a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Healthcare Management under the NHS Leadership Academy, and made a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London (FRCP) in 2022.
- Mr Thrumurthy's endoscopic interests include bariatric endoscopy (e.g. endoscopic sleeve gastropasty), per-oral endoscopic myotomy (e.g. POEM, G-POEM), complex endoscopic mucosal resection and advanced luminal diagnostic modalities (e.g. double balloon enteroscopy).



Dr Noor Mohammed

Consultant Gastroenterologist

Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

- Dr Noor Mohammed is an advanced endoscopist at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.
- He has completed his GI training and research in Yorkshire deanery. His research was in the use of advanced diagnostics such as Chromoendoscopy and NBI.
- He completed an advanced endoscopy fellowship with Bjorn Rembacken in Leeds, and then received extensive training by Professor Yahagi in ESDs and Prof Inoue in POEMs.
- He has successfully established a submucosal endoscopy set up in Leeds and provided ESDs for upper and lower GI pathologies along with POEM and other interventional procedures such as FTR and Endoscopic suturing.
- He has established ESD Academy in partnership with Olympus since 2021



Dr Noor Bekkali

Consultant Gastroenterologist

**Oxford University Hospitals NHS
Foundation Trust**

- Noor was appointed Consultant Gastroenterologist at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford in 2018.
- She qualified from the University of Amsterdam from where she also obtained a PhD. She trained in Gastroenterology in the Academic Medical Centre (AMC), Amsterdam and later spent a year at UCLH London and Freeman Hospital Newcastle focusing on pancreatobiliary endoscopy.
- Noor participated in the European Society for Gastroenterology (ESGE) working subgroup to develop standards and training for EUS and ERCP and was part of a UK Delphi EUS-user group.
- She is a member of the UK Pancreatic Committee and national ERCP working group which focusses on improved ERCP care.
- She is involved in national and international trials relating to pancreatobiliary endoscopy and co-organises annual EUS / ERCP endoscopy courses. She is Associate Editor for Digestive Diseases and Frontline Gastroenterology.



Professor Sauid Ishaq

Consultant Gastroenterologist

**Russells Hall Hospital, Birmingham
City University, Birmingham (BCU)**

- Sauid Ishaq is Visiting Professor at Birmingham City University, an interventional endoscopist and consultant physician in the Dudley Group of Hospitals.
- He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London. He is a member of the BSG and ESGE. His main interests include advanced endoscopy procedures such as endoscopy imaging techniques, (i-Scan, chromoendoscopy) EMR, EPMR, full thickness resection, under water colonoscopy and polypectomy.
- He was the first gastroenterologist to introduce endoscopic treatment of Zenker in United Kingdom and has published widely on this procedure and co-led ESGE guideline on Zenker Diverticulum.
- With 2 other units he introduced endoscopic full thickness resection in the UK. He was co-author and proof editor to the reference Atlas of Digestive Endoscopic Resection, a project of Fudan University. He was awarded visiting professor of Research Institute of Fudan University in September 2015.
- He is an advisor for NICE interventional procedures in endoscopy and has acted as part of the National clinical advisors to NCEPOD: GI bleed study. He has published widely in peer reviewed journal and book chapters. He led the global expert group on underwater colonoscopy and polypectomy DELPHI consensus.



Dr Sajjad Mahmood

Consultant Gastroenterologist

**Manchester University
NHS Foundation Trust**

- Dr Sajjad Mahmood is a consultant gastroenterologist at Manchester University NHS foundation trust with special interest in hepato-pancreaticobiliary endoscopy (ERCP, cholangioscopy, diagnostic and therapeutic eus)
- After completing his specialist training in gastroenterology from Merseyside he completed a post CCT advance Endoscopy Fellowship from University Hospital, South Manchester (Wythenshawe hospital)
- Dr Sajjad Mahmood has a keen interest in teaching and training and over the years has held various posts, such as specialty training and education committee (STEC) representative for Merseyside gastroenterology trainees for 3 year, Trust specialty training lead (TSTL), HPB/hepatology curriculum co-lead for Northwest gastro trainees 2019-2020.
- He is Founder and Director of North west advanced endoscopy meetings (NWAEM) which take place every four months in the evenings in Manchester.
- He's also founder and director of Manchester advanced endoscopy symposium EUS/ERCP
- As part of MFT/Wythenshawe team He has been instrumental in advancing ERCP and therapeutic EUS service & established ACP lead Pancreatic Cyst surveillance clinic in MFT/Wythenshawe
- He has been Faculty at multiple National and international educational meetings ie society of GI Intervention meeting in Seoul Korea in 2022, multiple endoscopic courses in Lahore Pakistan, north-west Gastro conference 2023, UKIEUS meeting 2023 and is faculty for north west endoscopy academy courses as well as JAG ERCP basic skills course North Tees.



Dr Edward Despott

Consultant Gastroenterologist

Royal Free London

- Dr Despott is a consultant gastroenterologist and advanced gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopist whose specialist interests include device assisted enteroscopy (double-balloon enteroscopy (DBE) in particular), capsule endoscopy (CE), therapeutic colonoscopy (particularly complex polypectomy including large endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) and endoscopic submucosal dissection ESD)) and transnasal upper GI endoscopy.
- He is also interested in the diagnosis and management of inflammatory bowel disease and related complications (such as endoscopic management of small bowel and colonic strictures).
- Since his appointment in 2012, Dr Despott instigated significant advances at the Royal Free Unit for Endoscopy by making it one of the only 2 centres in London (and one of a handful in the UK) to offer a comprehensive small bowel endoscopy service including DBE and the development of a tertiary advanced polypectomy service.



Dr Arjun Koch

Gastroenterologist

**Erasmus MC, Rotterdam,
Netherlands**

- Dr. Arjun Koch is interventional endoscopist at the department of Gastroenterology & Hepatology of the Erasmus University Medical Center in Rotterdam.
- His main focus is on endoscopic treatment of early gastrointestinal cancers.
- His research focus is on screening, early detection and treatment of early gastrointestinal cancers and training in advanced endoscopic resection techniques.



Prof Shin-ei Kudo

Specially Appointed Professor and Chairman

**Showa University
Northern Yokohama Hospital**

- Dr Shin-ei Kudo, chairman of the Digestive Disease Center, Showa University Northern Yokohama Hospital, and chairman on the Showa University International Training Center for Endoscopy and Endoscopic Surgery (SUITE), is famous across the world for early diagnosis and treatment of colorectal cancer with endoscopy.
- He received his MD and PhD degrees from Niigata University. After receiving academic and clinical training, he began practicing in endoscopy and discovered depressed type 0-IIc colorectal carcinoma. He also was the first to propose the concept of laterally spreading tumors. Dr Kudo also developed Kudo's pit pattern classification, which is used around the world today
- Currently, Dr Kudo's main research topics are endocytoscopy and artificial intelligence–assisted endoscopy. He is conducting government-funded research on these topics. To date, he has contributed greatly to the development of endoscopy devices and techniques, having performed over 300,000 cases.