

Imran Ahmad Biography:

I am a Consultant Anaesthetist at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK, where I am the Deputy Clinical Director for Theatres, Anaesthesia and Perioperative medicine, having previously been the clinical lead at Guy's hospital for 4 years.

I have a specialist interest in difficult airway management and I am the clinical lead for airway management at the Trust and was the education lead for the Guy's advanced airway fellowship for over 10 years, training 43 fellows during that time.

I am the President of the Difficult Airway Society (DAS) UK, having been the Honorary Secretary for the preceding three years and have been a DAS committee member for 13 years. I am also an Honorary Clinical Lecturer at King's College London and Course Director for the Guy's Airway Management Course.

I have over 3000 citations and 100 peer reviewed publications which include three DAS guidelines (2015 DAS intubation guidelines, 2020 DAS ATI guidelines and 2021 DAS post thyroidectomy haematoma guidelines). The 2015 DAS Guidelines paper was recently awarded the top cited airway paper ever by BJA in its 100 year history. I have also been awarded 'Anaesthesia Journal paper of the year 2020' for the IntubateCOVID study and 2nd ranked paper in 2022 for the AEROCOMP study and many commendations for top downloaded and cited papers of the year awards.

I have also been an invited contributing author to numerous airway management books, including Hagberg & Benumhof's Airway Management book, Core Topics in Airway management and Virtual Endoscopy and 3D reconstructions in the airways.

I am currently chairing the DAS Intubation & Extubation guidelines group and a member of the multidisciplinary safer prehospital anaesthesia working group. I have also been invited to three other consensus working groups (High Flow Nasal Oxygenation, airway management of patients with obesity and out-of-hospital airway management)

As a result of my academic and clinical work, I am regularly invited to speak at national and international conferences, this has enabled me to travel to six continents across the world, I await my invitation to speak in Antarctica!

Last year, I have had a number of innovative projects shortlisted for the finals of the national BMJ Awards 2021 and Nursing Times Awards 2021 for my work on developing and delivering the High Intensity Theatre (HIT) lists to help reduce the surgical backlog and improve theatre efficiency.

I also run many multidisciplinary international courses across various platforms, including the Guy's Airway Management Course, one of which had over 20,000 delegates register.