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Vladimir Bobic is a Consultant Orthopaedic Knee Surgeon and the Director and founder of Chester Knee Clinic and Cartilage Repair Centre. The Clinic, founded in 1996, is based at the Grosvenor Hospital in Chester where it is recognised as an ISAKOS-approved teaching centre, and at Spire Cheshire Hospital in Stretton.

Mr Bobić has over sixteen years of extensive experience in all aspects of knee surgery, including arthroscopic surgery, ligament reconstruction, knee arthroplasty, and particularly in articular cartilage repair. Mr Bobić is the founder of the Liverpool Knee Service and a former full-time NHS knee surgeon at The Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals, Broadgreen Hospital, Liverpool (1996 to 2002). He also specializes in complex medico-legal aspects of knee injuries.

Mr Bobić is an internationally recognised expert and one of the UK's clinical pioneers in knee articular cartilage repair. He is the inventor and instrument designer of Arthrex OATS (*Osteochondral Autograft Transfer System*) articular cartilage repair technology. He performed the first ACI (*Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation*) in the North West of England in 1998, and continues to perform a wide range of cartilage repair procedures in Chester, including ACI surgery, on a regular basis. He was granted Liverpool LREC approval for a *Randomised comparative evaluation of Genzyme Carticel ACI vs. Microfracture in the treatment of articular cartilage defects of the knee* in October 1999, and South Cheshire LREC for multicentre clinical study of *The effectiveness of ACI compared with MACI for the treatment of damaged articular cartilage of the knee* (MREC approved Stanmore multicentre clinical trial) in May 2003. He was also a member of the MRC funded and MREC approved *ACTIVE trial* (multicentre trial of autologous chondrocyte implantation) based at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry.

Mr Bobić is a dedicated teacher and sought-after lecturer throughout the world. He was one of the UK's most frequently invited orthopaedic lecturers internationally: since 1996 he has given over 200 lectures on knee surgery at major international and national conferences. He has published numerous articles on knee articular cartilage injury, repair and imaging.

He is involved in international collaborative clinical and basic science research related to knee articular cartilage imaging, repair, rehabilitation and functional outcomes. He has over fifteen years of experience in clinical and arthroscopic imaging, including digital image and video editing, and over twelve years of experience in clinical and MR digital imaging of articular cartilage.

Mr Bobic is a founder and former chairman of the ICRS Articular Cartilage Imaging Committee, and Visiting Associate Professor at the Musculoskeletal Imaging Section, Stanford University School of Medicine, Radiology Department, Stanford, California, USA (1998). He introduced web-based MRI teleradiology at the Grosvenor Nuffield Hospital in Chester in 2004, in collaboration with the late Gene Hughes, Dr David Ritchie, Kodak and Alliance Medical.

Mr Bobić is the UK's first AOSSM-ESSKA *Travelling Fellow* (1991), which is one of the most coveted international fellowships in sports orthopaedics. He is one of the founding members of the ICRS (*International Cartilage Repair Society*, www.cartilage.org), a member of the ICRS *General Board* member and an active member of the ICRS *Diagnostic Imaging Work Group*. He is also a member of: BMA (*British Medical Association*, www.bma.org.uk), BOA (*British Orthopaedic Association*, www.boa.ac.uk), BASK (*British Association for Surgery of the Knee*, www.baskonline.com), BOSTA (*British Orthopaedic Sports Trauma Association*, www.bosta.ac.uk), ACL Study Group (www.aclstudygroup.com; a member of the Scientific Committee), *Regenerative Medicine Society*, ISAKOS (*International Society of Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine*, www.isakos.com; a former member of the Communications Committee and ISAKOS Newsletter Editorial Board Member), AOSSM (*The American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine*, www.aossm.org; Honorary member since 1991), AANA (*Arthroscopy Association of North America*, www.aana.org; Honorary member since 2004), AAOS (*American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons*, www.aaos.org; a member of the International Committee), GMC (*The General Medical Council*, membership number 3636149, www.gmc.org.uk) and MDU (*The Medical Defence Union*, www.the-mdu.com).

Mr Bobić is a former member of the Editorial Board of *Arthroscopy, The Journal of Arthroscopic and Related Surgery*, a member of the Editorial Board of *WebMD Medscape Orthopaedics*, a reviewer at *The American Journal of Sports Medicine*, a reviewer for *The Knee* journal, a reviewer for the *Osteoarthritis and Cartilage* journal, a reviewer for *The British Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, a reviewer for the *Cartilage* journal, a member of the Editorial Board of *e-biomed: a Journal of Regenerative Medicine*, a peer reviewer of BUPA's health information, a consultant for the *Datamonitor Plc* and a member of the *Datamonitor Global Experts Panel*, a former member of *DePuy UK Arthrease Advisory Board*, *DePuy USA Biologics Restore Meniscus and Articular Cartilage Advisory Boards*, a clinical advisor for *TiGenix Osteochondral Research Group*, a consultant for *Schwartz Biomedical LLC (BioPoly RS)*, a former member of *Ferring Euflexxa Clinical Advisory Board*, a member of the *Remedi Clinical Advisory Group* (UK Regenerative Medicine Multidisciplinary Consortium), a consultant for *Gerson Lehrman Group's Council of Healthcare Advisors*, a consultant for the *Circle of Experts*, *Nitron Advisors, LLC*, and a consultant for *MEDACorp Biomedical Consulting Services*.

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