

I would like to submit my candidacy for the position of BAPS president. I have a wide range of experience in clinical, managerial and educational activity at a local and national level which I believe will help me achieve my goals for the BAPS.

I believe the specialty to be on the brink of major changes in the way we train our surgeons and in the way we deliver care. It is vital that the BAPS is at the forefront of these changes to ensure they align with what we believe is firstly best for our patients and secondarily what is right for those of us who deliver it and are involved in training the next generation of surgeons who will. I wish to follow on from the excellent work of our most recent presidents to ensure BAPS is relevant and informative to its members and importantly has a voice that should, and must, be listened to by policy makers and commissioning bodies.

I have 3 specific areas I wish to work on in my time should I be elected

1. I wish to realise the BAPS motto of setting standards for paediatric surgery care through commissioned work on establishing such and having them discussed and ratified via the annual congress.
2. I wish to reach out to paediatric surgeons that are not currently members to understand why they are not and work tirelessly to bring them into the organisation so we are truly representative of the entire body of practitioners.
3. I want to establish greater working and activity with those allied specialities that we work with on a daily basis so we can share practice and standards to improve care. The recent winter meeting is a perfect example of excellent collaborative working that we can achieve.