



Professor John Neoptolemos is The Owen and Ellen Evans Chair of Surgery in the Department of Molecular and Clinical Cancer Medicine at the University of Liverpool and Honorary Consultant Surgeon at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital. He is the Director of the Liverpool Clinical Trials Unit which includes the Cancer Research UK Liverpool CTU and as part of the CRUK Centre, received the Freedom of the City of Liverpool in 2012.

He grew up in London attending Stamford Hill Junior School and then Owen's Grammar School for Boys, at the Angel, Islington in North London.

As an undergraduate he studied Natural Sciences and Philosophy at Cambridge (Cambridge: BA 1973, MA 1976) before completing his clinical undergraduate training at Guys Hospital (Cambridge: MB, BChir 1976).

Following housejobs in London he completed his academic and clinical training in Leicester under Professor Sir Peter Bell, being awarded a Doctorate in Medicine in 1986 for his thesis "Effect of surgery on monocyte function in patients with colorectal cancer". In 1981 he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. During this time he spent a year in San Diego, California (1985) with Professor Alan Hofmann (the famous biliary gastroenterologist) and also Professor Babs Moossa (an international hepato-pancreatobiliary surgeon). His clinical education was completed following further surgical training with Professor Henri Bismuth (also international hepato-pancreatobiliary surgeon) in Paris and Professor Hans Beger (one of the leading pancreas surgeon of his generation) in Ulm.

In 1987 he was appointed Senior Lecturer in Surgery at the University of Birmingham, where he refined his clinical and research interests towards pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer. In 1990 he became a Reader and then in 1994 Professor of Surgery still at the University of Birmingham.

In 1996 he was appointed Professor of Surgery and Head of Department of Surgery, University of Liverpool, and Honorary Consultant Surgeon, Royal Liverpool University Hospital, becoming Head of the Division of Surgery and Oncology in 2004 and Head of the School of Cancer Studies from 2005 to 2010.

He now leads one of the most successful clinical and academic surgical programmes in the UK. His specific areas of research are clinical trials of pancreatic cancer; pre-symptomatic diagnosis and prognostic and biological predictors of treatment response to pancreatic cancer; hereditary and chronic pancreatitis and acute pancreatitis.

He has published over 460 research articles many in top Journals such as the Lancet and New England Journal of Medicine and has published nine books on the pancreas, pancreatitis and cancer.

As the Scientific Director Professor John P Neoptolemos established the National Institute for Health Research Pancreas Biomedical Research Unit, in Liverpool in 2008, the only such Unit in the UK, which was renewed for a further five years in from 2012. Previously he was a Co-director of the Liverpool Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre, Chairman of the Governance Board (2007-2012), Cancer Research UK Liverpool Centre (2009-2010) and then Director of the Cancer Research UK Liverpool Centre (2010-2013).

Awards include a Royal College of Surgeons of England USA travelling award (1984); Rodney Smith Prize, Pancreatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland (1987); Hunterian Professor of Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons of England (1987-88); Moynihan Travelling Fellowship, Association of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland (1988); Royal Society of Medicine Travelling Professor (USA) (1989); British Council sponsored lecture tour of Thai Medical Schools at the invitation of the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand (1990); Honorary membership of South African Gastroenterology Society (1991); Visiting Professor, Medical School, University of Hong Kong (1994); Eybers Visiting Professor, Medical School, University of Orange Free State, South Africa (1994); Visiting Professor, Christchurch Medical School, University of Otago, New Zealand (1995); External Examiner, Chinese University of Hong Kong (1996-1997); Wilson Wang Visiting Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong (1997); Visiting Professor, University of Singapore (1998); Visiting professor University of Heidelberg, (2002); The Hirschberg Award for Pancreatic Cancer – American Pancreatic Association (2005); Honyman Gillespie Lecture, Edinburgh, Scotland (2007); Pearce Gould Visiting Professor, UCL, London, UK (2008).

Official professional positions include Council Member of the United European Gastroenterological Federation (1998-2002) and member of the Scientific Committee (2002-2009); member of the International Committee of the International Association of Pancreatology (1990 *et seq*) and President (2000-2002); Scientific Committee of the European Pancreatic Club (1993-94), member of Council (1995-98), Secretary (1997-2002), President (2002-2004) and Scientific Committee Representative UEGF (2002 *et seq*); member of the World Council of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (1994-98); Treasurer and Council of European Digestive Surgery (1995-2009); Committee member of the Pancreatic Society of Great Britain & Ireland (1987-90) and President (1994-95); British Society of Gastroenterology Committee member of the Pancreatic Section (1988-91) and the Surgical Section (1991-93); Committee member of the Surgical Research Society (1995-98); President of the Liverpool and North West Society of Surgeons (2006-2007).

UK research positions include National Cancer Research Institute, Committee on Upper GI Cancer, Chairman for Pancreatic Cancer (1999 *et seq*); Medical Research Council Colorectal Cancer Committee (1990-1996); UK Pancreatic Cancer Trials Group, Chairman (1991-95); North West Regional Research and Development Biomedical Research Committee (2001-2); The Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCSEng), Advisor to Research Board (2001-2007); MRC-RCSEng Clinical Research Fellowships, Joint Panel, RCSEng representative (2001-2007); Panel of Academic Advisers for the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (2007-2012); Cancer Research UK Science Strategy Advisory Group (2008-2013); Member, College of Experts National Coordinating Centre for Health Technology Assessment (NCCHTA) (2008 *et seq*); DoH Representative, Health Innovation Challenge Fund [Department of Health and the Wellcome Trust] Funding Panel Theme 4 [Smart Surgery], (2010-2011); NIHR Doctoral Research Fellowships Panel (2011-2012); The Irish Cooperative Oncology Research Group (ICORG), International Review Panel (2012 *et seq*); Member Sectional Committee Five, Academy of Medical Sciences (2012-2015); National Institutes of Health (NIHR) Programme Grants for Applied Research (PGfAR) Sub-Panel Member (Stage 2) (2014 -2018).

International research positions include European Study Group for Pancreatic Cancer (ESPAC), Co-secretary (1992 *et seq*); National Institutes of Health (NIH) USA, NCI Pancreatic Cancer Progress Review Group (PRG) (2000); NCI Specialized Programs of Research Excellence (SPORE) for Pancreatic Cancer (2002-3); Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development Referee (2002); advisor to Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung/Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (2006 *et seq*); Deutsche Krebshilfe Cancer Centres Advisory Board (2006 - 2013); AIRC – Italian Association for Cancer Research Scientific Committee; Member, Scientific Research Committee of the French National Cancer Institute (2010-12); Research Council of Norway Cancer Programme (2014-2015); European Commission, European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA) Programme (2015); International

Advisor, Nanjing Pancreas Research Centre, University of Nanjing, China (2015 *et seq*); International Advisor, Centre for Translational Medicine, University of Pecs, Hungary (2015 *et seq*).

Professor John P Neoptolemos was elected Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2007 and has been a Professional Academy Mentor since 2010.

In 2011 Professor John P Neoptolemos was appointed a National Institute of Health (NIHR) Senior Investigator and a member of the NHIR College of Senior Investigators.

In 2012 he was made an Honorary Member of the German Society of Surgery.

In 2013 the Pancreas Unit won the Acute Services Sector Health Services Journal National Award.

In 2013 he received a Life Time Achievement Award from the European Pancreatic Club at its 45th Meeting in Zurich.

In 2014 Professor John P Neoptolemos was made an Honorary Member of the Hungary Society of Surgery and also an Honorary Professor of Nanjing Medical University.

Professor John P Neoptolemos is on the Medical Advisory Board for Pancreas Cancer UK.

Presently Professor John P Neoptolemos is also the President of the European Pancreatic Club and the Clinical Lead for the development of Clinical Guidelines for Pancreatic Cancer of the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (UK).