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He qualified in medicine from St Thomas's Hospital Medical School in London, UK and trained in Radiology at Westminster Hospital in London and Guys and St Thomas's Hospital in London. He was appointed a consultant Radiologist at Birmingham Heartlands Hospital in 1995 and was also appointed an Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer at the Birmingham Medical School that year.

He is the author/co-author of 7 books including "Classic Papers in Diagnostic Radiology" and the best seller, "Radiology Made Easy" and 'Radiology of AIDS'. He has authored over a hundred articles including over 50 peer reviewed papers and has published over 100 abstracts of scientific presentations at National and International meetings. His latest book co-authored with Prof Adrian Thomas is 'The History of Radiology' published in 2013 by OUP with a Spanish translation published in 2017.

From 2005 to 2007 he was President of the Radiology Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, London where he continues to serve on the Council. From 2011 to 2017 he served as Chairman of the British Society of the History of Radiology of which he is a founder member and council member and current Trustee. He is a founder member and treasurer of the International Society of the History of Radiology ISHRAD. He served on the scientific committee of the Royal College of Radiologists from 2011-2016. Research interests include MRI quantification of obesity, imaging infectious diseases including TB/HIV and radiology/medical history.

Presents:

A history of the British Institute of Radiology

The first radiology society in the world was the Roentgen Society, the precursor of the British Institute of Radiology. F Harrison Low, Fenton and David Walsh formed this society on 18 March 1897 in London and the society was multidisciplinary with the great physicist Prof Silvanus Thompson appointed the first chairman. The first AGM was held at the Medical society of London on 3 June 1897 with the first scientific meeting organised on 5 Nov that year attended by over 300 people.

In 1901 a breakaway society of medical men formed the Electrotherapeutic Society which eventually became incorporated into the Royal Society of Medicine, London and now continues as the Radiology Section of the Royal Society of Medicine.

The first journal appeared in May 1896 'Archives of Clinical Skiagraphy' edited by Sidney Rowland. In 1897 it changed its name to 'Archives of the Roentgen ray' which eventually became the British Journal of Radiology in 1928.

The first institute building was sited in Welbeck Street London in 1924. The BIR moved again to 36 Portland Place and more recently moved in the 21st century into smaller premises in Farringdon, London.