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Bio

After graduation from RCSI in 1984, I returned home to Norway and undertook an internship in Lillehammer Hospital, followed by a general practice internship in Arctic Norway. Between 1987 and 1996 I focussed on general and colorectal surgical training in Levanger Hospital and Oslo University Hospital, and completed a PhD in cancer epidemiology at the Cancer Registry of Norway/University of Oslo in 1997. I became a specialist in general surgery at Oslo University Hospital in 2000 and a specialist in colorectal surgery in 2007, where I remain today, working as a Consultant Colorectal Surgeon.

Since 2012 I have been employed part-time by the Norwegian System of Patient Injury Compensation. I have been a Member of the European Society of Coloproctology since 2010, and a Member of the Norwegian Board of Colorectal Cancer Surgery since 2019. In 2016 I was Project Manager for the National Cancer Strategy of the Norwegian Healthcare Directory. I have a special interest in colorectal cancer, advanced entero-atmospheric fistulas, short bowel syndrome and open abdomens, and I am a member of a National Board which works towards developing a treatment strategy for these patients.