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**Personal statement**

It would be an honour and pleasure to be able to serve and contribute on the ESGO council. I will bring a wealth of experience from serving on many national and international committees/ councils and societies acting as chairperson, president, secretary and treasurer amongst other roles.

I have a large international network of collaborators from many disciplines and am well practiced in working with people to achieve common goals that have helped women across the globe to achieve better outcomes for their gynaecological cancers.

My particular interest has been gestational trophoblastic disease where my home team are the international leaders in the field. I fully understand that without team work across the UK, this and my establishment of a new national malignant ovarian germ cell tumour service could not have been achieved. I have always enjoyed working with others and trying to converse in other languages even if it is at a basic level.

I am passionate about research and education and do this both locally, nationally and internationally. Education is essential because individuals like myself do not work forever. We must therefore help establish a new cadre of highly motivated well-trained doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals who can continue the development of existing and new services for patients who are at the heart of everything we do.

Accreditation of services to recognise excellence is also essential and helps patients to know they are getting the best care possible.

In short, I will bring energy, enthusiasm, experience, wisdom and strong diplomacy skills and look forwards to the opportunity to help ESGO exceed in its current mission and goals.

# Curriculum Vitae

## Professor Michael J Seckl

### Qualifications

2017	FMedSci	Academy of Medical Sciences
2000	FRCP	Royal College of Physicians
1995	PhD – Biochemistry	University of London
1990	MRCP	Royal College of Physicians
1986	MB BS	University of London
1983	BSc 2.1 - Immunology	University of London

### Employment history

Feb 2018-present	Head of Imperial Cancer Trials Unit	Dept Surgery and Cancer Imperial College London
June 2012 - Oct 2022	Director of Postgraduate Studies	Dept Surgery and Cancer Imperial College London
June 2007- Apr 2022	PI/Lead of Imperial Experimental Cancer Medicine Centre	Dept Surgery and Cancer Imperial College London
Oct 2002-present	Professor of Molecular Oncology Director of Charing Cross Trophoblastic Disease Service	Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, Dept of Cancer Medicine, Imperial College London
Oct 2000– Oct 2002	Reader in Cancer Medicine, Head of Lung Cancer Biology Group	Dept of Cancer Medicine, Imperial College London
Sept 1995-Oct 2000	Senior Lecturer in Medical Oncology	Dept of Cancer Medicine, Imperial College London
Sept 1991-1995	ICRF Clinical Research Fellow/ Senior Registrar	ICRF LIF/ Royal Free Hospital, London

### Selected Grants: Total Income last 5 yrs: **£14.45M** (Excl Natl Service) **PI:£7.41M** **£**

Apr 2012-17	CR-UK/NIHR Imperial ECMC (PI)	1M
Apr 2017-23	CR-UK/NIHR Imperial ECMC (PI)	2.3M
Apr 2017-22	CR-UK Imperial Centre grant (Co-PI)	2.6M
Oct 2017-21	MRC DTP iCASE award (PI)	140K
Oct 2021-25	MRC DTP iCASE award (PI)	140K
Aug 2016-26	CTRT award (PI)	550K
Sep 2021-29	NIHR REFINE-Lung Phase 3 trial (PI)	3.15M
Oct 2021-25	Lung Cancer Research award (Co-PI)	430K
Mar 2023-25	Lung Cancer Research award (Co-PI)	100K
Jul 2023-26	June Hancock Mesothelioma Research Fund	250K
Jul 2025-28	Wellbeing award for ETT/PSTT genetics (Co-PI)	300K

Also: PI for £2M/yr National Choriocarcinoma Service at Charing Cross grant from DoH  
Primary supervisor for £1.3M CR-UK clinician scientist award Apr '23-'28

## **National and International Roles (selected examples)**

President of the Royal Society of Medicine Oncology Section (2020-2022)

Member of numerous previous grant committees including Medical Research Council, Cancer Research-UK and National Institute for Health Research

Chair of Pancreatic Cancer Charity grants committee (2008-2023)

Prior editorial board membership of several journals including Cancer Research

Established and continue to Co-Chaired Gynae theme for European Rare Adult Cancer Network-EURACAN (2017- present)

Past secretary, president and current treasurer of the International Society for the Study of Trophoblastic Disease (2005-present)

Co-Founder of the European Organisation for the Treatment of Trophoblastic Disease, prior secretary, president and current board member (2009-present)

**Peer Reviewed Publications    Total: 300    First author: 31    Senior author: 113**

### **Selected relevant publications**

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Schmid P, Nagai Y, Agarwal R, Hancock BW, Savage PM, Sebire NJ, Lindsay I, Wells M, Fisher RA, Short D, Newlands ES, Wischnowsky MB, **Seckl MJ**. (2009) Prognostic markers and long-term outcome of placental-site trophoblastic tumours: a retrospective observational study. **Lancet** Jul 4;374(9683):6-7

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**Seckl MJ**, Sebire NJ, Fisher RA, Golfier F, Massuger L, Sessa C; ESMO Guidelines Working Group (2013) Gestational trophoblastic disease: ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up. **Ann Oncol**. 2013 Oct;24 Suppl 6:vi39-50

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