

**FRANCIS C WELLS**  
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Francis Wells received his basic training at the University of London, Charing Cross Medical School, receiving an Honours Bachelor of Science degree after an inter-collegiate course between St Thomas', the London and Charing Cross Hospital Medical Schools in 1975. He achieved his Masters degree in surgery in 1985 and Hunterian Professorship in 1986.

He received a broad based training in all aspects of Cardiac, Thoracic and Vascular Surgery, first at Papworth Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital and then at the Brompton Hospital in London. His training was completed as the Senior Research Fellow at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, Alabama under the guidance of Dr John Kirklin and Dr Al Pacifico.

He was appointed Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon at Papworth Hospital and Associate Lecturer of the University of Cambridge in 1985.

He is currently the Regional Chairman of Higher Surgical Training in Cardiothoracic Surgery and is the Chairman of Papworth Medical Advisory Committee. Previous to these appointments he held the Directorship of Thoracic Services at Papworth Hospital for eight years, with responsibilities in teaching to undergraduates and postgraduates, research projects and clinical services.

He provides a very large clinical service for adult cardiac surgery, all aspects of adult thoracic surgery and paediatric thoracic surgery. He is on the board for several international committees and national committees of cardiothoracic surgeons.

He set up the first patient centred Lung Cancer Centre in the country, pre-dating Calman. This has been quoted in Hansard as a Gold Standard.

Mr Wells is a firm believer in the fact that patient and clinical medicine is the most important aspect of his work.