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Mr Bhalaik is a Consultant Upper Limb Surgeon, specialising in disorders of the hand, elbow and shoulder. He qualified in India and undertook his orthopaedic training in Liverpool. He subsequently completed his fellowships at the Liverpool Shoulder Unit, Upper Limb Reconstruction Unit at Whiston Hospital, the Pulvertaft Hand Unit, Derby and The Indiana Hand Centre, USA. He runs a busy upper limb service at his hospital, treating all aspects of traumatic and complex upper limb injuries.

He has a wide range of research interests, which include regional anaesthesia, fracture fixation and the assessment and reconstruction of acute upper limb injuries and sports injuries to the upper limb. He has described the safe zones of clavicle fixation. His other interests are medical education, assessment of knowledge, professional development, standards of practice, professional skills and fitness to practice.

Mr Bhalaik is a keen teacher and was awarded “Trainer of the Year” in 2012. He is a member of the faculty for AO Courses, tutor for the Royal College of Surgeons, member of the Training Standards Committee of the British Orthopaedic Association and is the Training Programme Director for Trauma and Orthopaedics for Health Education England. He is one of the authors of the new trauma and orthopaedic curriculum. Mr Bhalaik is an examiner for the Intercollegiate Board.

He is the current Chairman of the British Elbow and Shoulder Society Instructional Course and member of the British Elbow and Shoulder Society Education Committee.