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Consultant General and Colorectal Surgeon

Mr David Skipper graduated from Jesus College, Cambridge & St Mary's Hospital, London in 1978, becoming a house surgeon there before moving to Bedford in 1979 as house physician. He demonstrated anatomy in Cambridge University and held SHO posts in Addenbrooke's and Bedford Hospitals. His junior registrar training was spent in Basingstoke after which he took up a research post at Southampton University looking into aspects of tumour metastasis and growth. He then held posts at St Georges, St Thomas's, Frimley Park and Basingstoke. He became a consultant surgeon at Bedford Hospital in 1994.

His special interests are in the surgery of colorectal cancer, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis including ileoanal pouch reconstruction. He provides a surgical service covering conditions such as rectal prolapse, motility disorder and the range of benign anorectal conditions, including fistula surgery and obstetric sphincter injury. Additionally, his practice includes laparoscopic cholecystectomy and the range of abdominal wall hernia repair. He provides a diagnostic upper gastrointestinal endoscopy service and a diagnostic and therapeutic colonoscopy service.

Mr Skipper is the county programme director for core surgical training in Bedfordshire and a member of the Court of Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.