



Mr George Asimakopoulos Consultant Cardiac Surgeon

Mr George Asimakopoulos is a Consultant Cardiac Surgeon at the Royal Brompton Hospital in London. His main areas of interest include Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG) and Aortic Valve Replacement including less invasive surgery with suture-less valves. He regularly performs re-operations, on patients who had previous heart surgery.

His medicolegal interests include:

- Aortic valve surgery
- Coronary artery bypass surgery
- Infections of the heart valves (endocarditis)
- Aortic root aneurysms and aneurysms of the ascending aorta and aortic arch
- Cardiac surgical emergencies



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Mr Asimakopoulos has performed over 3000 cardiac surgical procedures including Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG), Aortic Valve Replacement and aortic surgery.



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QUALIFICATIONS

Specialist GMC Registration in Cardiothoracic Surgery, 2007
Intercollegiate Speciality Examination in Cardiothoracic Surgery (**FRCS C/Th**), 2006
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) – Imperial College School of Medicine, London, 2003
Medical Degree (MD), University of Hamburg, Germany, 1992

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (**FRCS Eng**), 1997
European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (**EACTS**)
Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery in Great Britain and Ireland (**SCTS**)
British Society for Heart Failure
The Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland (**MDDUS**)

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MEDICOLEGAL INSTRUCTION DETAILS

Proportion of Medicolegal Claimant to Defendant Instructions: Claimant 50% / Defendant 50%

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant Cardiac & Aortic Surgeon Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust	<i>(2014-present)</i>
Consultant Cardiac Surgeon University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust	<i>(2008-2014)</i>
Locum Consultant Cardiac Surgeon NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	<i>(2007)</i>
Clinical Fellow in Heart and Lung Transplantation Harefield Hospital	<i>(2006)</i>
Specialist Registrar (SpR) Cardiothoracic Surgery West London Rotation	<i>(2000-2006)</i>
BHF Clinical Research Fellow (PhD) Imperial College School of Medicine	<i>(1996-1999)</i>
Basic Surgical Training London and Oxford	<i>(1993-1996)</i>

SURGICAL INTERESTS

- **Surgery of the aorta:** Replacement of the aortic root, ascending aorta and aortic arch, including Bentall procedure, use of the Freestyle porcine root, valve sparing aortic root replacement, total arch replacement conventionally and with the Frozen Elephant Trunk technique.
- **Surgery for infective endocarditis**, including root replacement and reoperations.
- **Aortic Valve Replacement (AVR)** including sutureless aortic valves and minimal access surgery (mini-sternotomy).
- **Re-do** Aortic Valve Replacement.
- Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (**CABG**) including off-pump revascularisation (**OPCAB**) and total arterial revascularisation.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

01. Salmasi MY, Pirola S, **Asimakopoulos G**, Nienaber C, Athanasiou T; London Aortic Mechanobiology Working Group Risk prediction for thoracic aortic dissection: Is it time to go with the flow? *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg.* 2022 May 16:S0022-5223(22)00605-5.
02. Salmasi MY, Ramaraju S, Haq I, B Mohamed RA, Khan T, Oezalp F, **Asimakopoulos G**, Raja SG. Rapid deployment technology versus conventional sutured bioprostheses in aortic valve replacement. *J Card Surg.* 2022 Mar;37(3):640-655.
03. Tsampasian V, Grafton-Clarke C, Gracia Ramos AE, **Asimakopoulos G**, Garg P, Prasad S, Ring L, McCann GP, Rudd J, Dweck MR, Vassiliou VS Management of asymptomatic severe aortic stenosis: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Open Heart.* 2022 May;9(1)
04. Salmasi MY, Morris-Rosendahl D, Jarral OA, Rosendahl U, **Asimakopoulos G**, Raja S, Aragon-Martin JA, Child A, Pepper J, Oo A, Athanasiou T; London Aortic Mechanobiology Working Group Determining the genetic contribution in patients with non-syndromic ascending thoracic aortic aneurysms: Correlation with findings from computational pathology. *Int J Cardiol.* 2022 Nov 1;366:1-9.
05. Hartley P, Salmasi MY, Morosin M, Mensah K, **Asimakopoulos G**. Comparison of outcomes between aortic root replacement and supra-coronary interposition graft for type A aortic dissection: A retrospective case series. *J Card Surg.* 2022 Oct 2. doi: 10.1111/jocs.16985. Online ahead of print
06. Glauber M, Kent WDT, **Asimakopoulos G**, Troise G, Padrò JM, Royse A, Marnette JM, Noirhomme P, Baghai M, Lewis M, Di Bacco L, Solinas M, Miceli A Sutureless Valve in Repeated Aortic Valve Replacement: Results from an International Prospective Registry. *Innovations (Phila).* 2021 May-Jun;16(3):273-279.
07. Salmasi MY, Papa K, Mozalbat D, Ashraf M, Zientara A, Chauhan I, Karadatkou N, Athanasiou T, Roussin I, Quarto C, **Asimakopoulos G**. Converging rapid deployment prostheses with minimal access surgery: analysis of early outcomes. *J Cardiothorac Surg.* 2021 Dec 27;16(1):355.
08. Zhu Y, Mirsadraee S, **Asimakopoulos G**, Gambaro A, Rosendahl U, Pepper J, Xu XY Association of hemodynamic factors and progressive aortic dilatation following type A aortic dissection surgical repair. *Sci Rep.* 2021 Jun 1;11(1):11521.
09. Whittaker G, Salmasi MY, Aydin A, Magouliotis D, Raja SG, **Asimakopoulos G**, Moorjani N, Athanasiou T Recommendations for the use of coronary and valve simulators in cardiac surgical training: a systematic review. *Eur J Cardiothorac Surg.* 2021 Dec 27;61(1):1-10.
10. Vlastos D, Chauhan I, Pepper J, DeSouza A, Quarto C, Bhudia S, Mensah K, Cannolotta M, Asonitis A, Elfadil M, **Asimakopoulos G**. The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on aortic valve surgical service: a single centre experience. *MC Cardiovasc Disord.* 2021 Sep 14;21(1):434