

Dr Fiona Martin
Anaesthetist

“I’m Paul’s usual anaesthetist. I’ve worked with him for the past 5 years every Tuesday. I’m really surprised that he is involved in this never event, but I guess it just goes to show, there but for the grace of God, and all that...

Paul is a very meticulous surgeon. Together we have done many laparoscopic nephrectomies, and I know his results are very good. He is also very good with the patients. He is usually in early on his theatre days – especially as we have a chronic problem in this hospital in getting case notes. He will be there early, ensuring he has all the information and has looked at the scans.

He usually consents and marks all his patients personally, or with the registrar as a training opportunity, so I’m not sure what happened here. He is also usually very good at doing all the checklist stuff. He is actually one of the few surgeons here who takes it all seriously. He will make everyone start again if he thinks the time out isn’t being done well. He is also one of the few that always does a good pre-op team briefing and he even tries to debrief at the end of the day.

I hope this isn’t a career ending event for him, as I think he is a pleasure to work with.”