

VTCT (ITEC) Clinical Aesthetics Medical Expert Examiner Panel

VTCT (ITEC)'s Clinical Aesthetics Examiner Panel comprises UK, European and Australian medical and clinical aesthetic experts, who are trailblazing leaders in the setting of standards and the design of qualifications and assessments in the clinical aesthetic disciplines. VTCT (ITEC)'s Clinical Aesthetics Examiner Panel is responsible for ensuring that our qualifications remain valid, reliable and fit for purpose, and informing future developments as we expand our portfolio in the medical, nursing and allied health sector.

VTCT (ITEC) has been leading in the area of European, UK and Irish standards development for almost two decades.

VTCT (ITEC)'s Clinical Aesthetics Examiner Panel and associated technical committee works to inform, shape and review qualification content and assessment strategies. Our panels and committees are made up of specialist doctors, nurses and medically trained educationalists who represent diverse stakeholder groups in the arena of clinical aesthetics, with group representation from organisations including:

- Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP)
- Cosmetic Practice Standards Authority (CPSA)
- British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (BAAPS)
- British Association of Cosmetic Nurses (BACN)
- Welsh Aesthetic and Cosmetic Society (WACS)

VTCT (ITEC)'s expert professionals support the delivery of our qualifications throughout their life cycle to ensure they maintain validity, and reliability. A selection of professional biographies of VTCT (ITEC)'s key Subject Matter Experts (SME's) for Aesthetic Medicine is below.



VTCT (ITEC) Chief Examiner and Chair of the VTCT (ITEC) Clinical Aesthetics Medical Expert Examiner Panel

Name: Dr. Sofía Ruiz del Cueto Posadas

Location: Spain

Dr. Sofía Ruiz del Cueto Posadas is an experienced medical doctor who achieved her medical licence in 1999. She has worked as the Medical Director of Clínica Mira and Cueto in Spain, since 2007. She is a trained and recognised cosmetic professional, having completed a master's degree in Aesthetic Medicine at Universidad de las Islas Baleares (UIB). In addition, Dr. Sofia received a fellowship at the Advanced Centre for Skin Therapy, followed by a fellowship at the Escola de Medicina Estetica Dr. Carlo Alberto Bartoletti, Rome in 2004. As a sought-after speaker, Dr. Sofia has led over 200 conference presentations. Additionally she is a published author, with two books in medical aesthetics and two book chapters attributed to her.

Clinical experience

- Working as the Medical Director of Clínica Mira + Cueto, 2007 to present
- Vice-director of Centros Médico-Estéticos Hedonai Spain and Medical Director of Centro Hedonai- Serrano, in Madrid, 2005 to 2007
- Aesthetic Medical Doctor at Clínica Mira, 2005
- In charge of the aesthetic medicine procedures at Dr J. Peñas office (plastic surgeon), 2000 to 2005

Medical education delivery experience

- Master de Medicina Estética de la UIB: Theory and practical teaching in peelings and injectables, 2005 to present
- Curso de Medicina Estética de la Universidad Complutense de Madrid: Energy based devices and injectables, 2006 to present
- Master de medicina estética de la Universidad de Alcalá: Energy based devices and injectables, 2009 to present
- Máster de medicina estética de la Universidad Rey Juan Carlos: Energy based devices and injectables, 2011 to present:
- Máster en técnicas avanzadas en medicina estética de la Universidad pontificia de Comillas en Valencia: Injectables, 2011 to present
- Medical instructor in multiple cosmetic medicine techniques: reabsorbable filler (hyaluronic acid, collagen, polylactic acid and hydroxyapatite), botulinum toxin type A, intense pulsed light, radiofrequency and medical peelings

Other activities

- Spanish head of delegation in the CEN European standardisation for aesthetic medical services
- Spanish head of delegation in the CEN task force work group for advanced treatments

Scientific societies:

- Secretary of the Asociación de Medicina Estética y Cirugía Cosmética del Colegio Oficial de Médicos de Madrid
- Member of the board of the Sociedad Española de Medicina Estética. In charge of international relations, institutional relations and standardisation. Member of the deontological committee
- Academia Internacional de Medicina Estética Universitaria
- Sociedad Española de Medicina Familiar y Comunitaria

VTCT (ITEC) Principal Examiner and member of the VTCT (ITEC) Clinical Aesthetics Examiner Panel

Name: Dr. Johan E. Snauwaert

Location: Belgium

Dr. Johan E. Snauwaert is a Belgian citizen who graduated as an MD in 1982 and further studied in dermatology and venereology, qualifying in 1986. He has held positions on Belgian Professional association of Dermatology-Venereology, as President from 2005 to 2009, and as Vice President from 2010 to 2019. Alongside working in private practice, Dr Snauwaert is also presently active in the following fields:

Clinical Experience:

- Private Practice: Dermatology and Dermatologic surgery and Laser surgery
- Belgian Professional Association Dermatology-Venereology, president 2005-2009, vice president 2010-2019
- European Union Medical Specialists (UEMS) section Dermatology-Venereology, delegate for Belgium 1997-2007
- Stichting Nederlandse Nascholing Dermatologie-Venereologie, board member 2002-2006
- Royal Medical Association Antwerp, president 2014-2016
- Belgian Health Council on aesthetic medicine, president 2015-2016
- Centre Européen de Normalisation (CEN), Technical Committee 403, president 2017-2019
- Belgian Laser Group, co-founder 2017
- European Society for Laser and Energy Based Devices, treasurer 2018-2019

Publications:

- Author of 7 articles in peer-reviewed dermatological journals
- Lecturer of 14 presentations in International Meetings (European Academy of Dermatology, Union Européen Médecins
- Spécialisés section Dermatology-Venereology, Stichting Nederlandse Nascholing Dermatology-Venereology, European
- Society for Laser and Energy Based Devices, Association of Aesthetic and Laser Dermatologists of the East of France
- French Professional Dermatology Association, Regional Dermatology Training Center, Moshi, Tanzania

Professional Societies:

- Royal Belgian Society for Dermatology-Venereology
- European Academy of Dermatology
- American Academy of Dermatology
- European Society Laser Surgery and Energy Based Devices (ESLD)
- Groupement Français du Laser

VTCT (ITEC) Examiner and member of the VTCT (ITEC) Clinical Aesthetics Examiner Panel

Name: Jane Laferla RNMH INP MSc (Cos Med) PGCE (Med Eed)

Location: UK

Jane is a registered nurse and independent prescriber with over 35 years of nursing experience in various clinical and managerial roles in both the NHS and private sector. For the past 14 years, Jane has worked full-time in non-surgical cosmetic practice. Jane has been at the very forefront of non-surgical cosmetic practice for the past ten years. She is well-known and highly respected within the industry by her peers. In 2018, Jane won the much-coveted award of 'Aesthetics Nurse Practitioner of the Year for UK and Ireland'.

Clinical Experience:

- Clinical Director at Laferla Medical Cosmetics – Providing a range of non-surgical cosmetic procedures. Jane has a patient base of over 5,000 + and has performed well over 30,000 non-surgical cosmetic treatments to date
- National Clinical Trainer for a Global Pharma Company providing clinical training for Botulinum Toxins, Dermal fillers PDO threads and Medical grade skincare
- Practice-based assessor and OSCE examiner for the level 7 postgraduate certificate in Cosmetic Medicine at the University of South Wales (USW)
- Holds 'recognised tutor' status at the University of South Wales, and currently tutors on the level 7 postgraduate certificate, diploma, MSc in Cosmetic Medicine
- Practice-based supervisor and assessor and OSCE examiner for the postgraduate independent prescribing course (V300)
- Independent mentor and trainer for a range of non-surgical cosmetic and aesthetic treatments

Medical Education and Experience

- Master's degree in Cosmetic Medicine (Distinction) USW (2020)
- Level 7 Postgraduate Diploma in Cosmetic Medicine (Distinction) USW (2019)
- Level 7 Postgraduate Certificate in Cosmetic Medicine (Distinction) USW (2018)
- PGCE in Medical Education (2020)
- Master's degree in Medical Education- currently studying at the USW.
- Level 7 Certificate – Applied Facial Anatomy for Cosmetic Interventions (2017) (Eduqual)
- Level 7 NMC mentor and assessor – Northumbria University (2016)
- Advanced and masterclass certifications in a wide range of non-surgical cosmetic procedures (2010-2020)
- Author for cosmetic and aesthetic medicine qualifications including developing inductive, formative and summative assessment and examination materials (2019 to date)

Medical and Professional Societies

- Board Member of the Welsh Aesthetic and Cosmetic Society (WACS) (3 years)
- Regional Lead Nurse – British Association of Cosmetic Nurses (BACN) (7 Years)
- Full registered member of the Joint Council of Cosmetic Practitioners (2 years)
- A member of the Academy of Medical Educators (AoME) (1 year)
- Registered membership with the Aesthetic Complications Expert Group (4 years)
- Registered member of the Association of Prescribers (6 years)

Jane's clinical experience and education is a testament to her dedication in raising standards in non-surgical cosmetic and aesthetic practice.

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Name: Áine Larkin

Location: Northern Ireland

Áine is a General registered nurse with 15 years working and teaching experience in the aesthetic industry. Her many previous roles from staff nursing, lecturing, and management encompass her passion for delivering professional treatments and educating others. Áine's extensive business portfolio has enabled her to lead her business into the forefront of the aesthetic industry. In 2018, Áine was named Aesthetic Practitioner of the Year in Northern Ireland, an accolade which followed a win at the prestigious 2018 Aesthetic Awards in London for Best Aesthetic Clinic in Ireland as well as team awards in other local competitions.

Áine has been the lead member of the British Association of Cosmetic Nurses (BACN) in Northern Ireland since 2013 and is a key member of several industry regulatory groups. She has completed her Master's degree in Cosmetic medicine from the University of South Wales, and is also qualified in anatomical and complication management, as well as being an NMC registered mentor.

Clinical Experience:

- Clinical Director of the Younique group which comprises aesthetic, beauty/spa and educational sectors
- MERZ pharma innovation partner and National clinical trainer for Boccatore, Belatero and Radiesse products
- Practice-based supervisor and assessor for the post graduate independent prescribing course (V300)
- Private mentoring programmes, shadowing and tutoring services for entrants into the aesthetic industry

Medical Education and Experience

- Master's degree in Cosmetic Medicine (Distinction) USW (2020)
- Level 7 Postgrad diploma in Cosmetic Medicine (Distinction) USW (2019)
- Level 7 Postgrad certificate in Cosmetic Medicine (Distinction) USW (2018)
- Postgrad cert in Medical Education (2020)
- Masters degree in Medical Education – currently studying at the USW
- Level 7 certificate in Applied Clinical Anatomy for Cosmetic Interventions (2017) (Eduqual)
- Level 7 NMC mentor and assessor – Northumbria University (2016)
- Advanced and masterclass certificates in a wide range of non-surgical cosmetic procedures (2006-2020)
- Technical advisor and panel member for VTCT level 7 medical aesthetics
- External verifier for VTCT assessment and qualifications

Medical and Professional Societies

- Regional Lead Nurse- British Association of Cosmetic Nurses (BACN)
- Full registered member of the Joint Council of Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP)
- Registered membership with the Aesthetic Complications Expert Group (ACE)
- Member of the Welsh Aesthetics and Cosmetic Society (WACS)
- Member of the Dermatology Aesthetic Nurses Ireland (DANAI)
- Registered with The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA)

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Name: Rebekah Woodbine

Location: Australia

Rebekah is a fully qualified nurse with over 29 years' experience of working in the field of nursing and palliative care. She went on to further expand into aesthetic practices after completing a wide range of additional training programs. Rebekah is also a Laser safety officer.

Professional societies:

- Member of the Australian College of Nurse Practitioners
- Member of the Australian College of Nursing
- Member of the Australian Dermatology Nurses Association
- Member of Victorian Nurses Cosmetic Association