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Mr Michael Potts has been a Consultant Ophthalmologist at Bristol Eye Hospital where he has been in Practice for 19 years. As well as being a General Ophthalmologist, his areas of special interest are in Orbital and Oculo-plastic Surgery providing a Regional service to the South-west of England. He also provides Specialist Neuro-ophthalmic support to the Department of Neurology and Neuro-surgery at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol. He also has special interest in Thyroid Eye Disease and its management with immunosuppressive techniques. Mr Potts originally studied Physics BSc. Bristol 1973 before undertaking a PhD in Vision Research at Bristol Medical School 1976. He qualified in Medicine in 1981 from Bristol University Medical School. He did his early ophthalmic training at Bristol Eye Hospital 1983-86 before going to Moorfields Eye Hospital 1986-91 for Senior Registrar and Fellowship training. He returned to Bristol to take up his Consultant's position at Bristol Eye Hospital in 1991. He has established the sub-specialty of Orbital Oculo-plastic and Lacrimal Surgery at Bristol Eye Hospital and has developed close working relationships with Consultants in the Department of Neuro-surgery and Neurology at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, and Consultants in ENT surgery, Maxillo-facial surgery, Plastic surgery, Dermatology, Endocrinology and Radiology in Bristol. He has organised a College of Ophthalmology approved sub-specialty training Fellowship which has attracted International Fellows for training for the past 15 years. He is an Examiner for the College of Ophthalmology and a Founder Member of the British Oculo-plastic Surgical Society (BOPSS). He is also a member of the College of Ophthalmology, the European Society of Orbital, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ESOPRS) and the British Isles Neurophthalmology Club (BINOC). He has extensive publications in the areas of Orbital, Oculo-plastic and Thyroid Eye Disease together with other general ophthalmology topics. These publications are available via the Internet. He is a frequent National and International Lecturer in his areas of special interest and teaches extensively in these areas. He is actively engaged in research in his areas of sub-specialty interest, currently undertaking a joint trial with Moorfields Eye Hospital on the treatment of Thyroid Eye Disease amongst other active research areas. Most recently Mr Potts has been a co-investigator on the seven year recently completed CIRTED trial into radiotherapy and combined immunosuppression in thyroid eye disease ([www.citred.org](http://www.citred.org)) the results of this trial have been a long awaited and will be available at the end of this year.