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Mr. Vergani grew up in Italy, where he graduated from the University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy in 2003. After completing his general neurosurgical training in Milan, he then moved to the UK where he went on to fulfil his training in Newcastle Upon Tyne and obtain a FRCS in neurosurgery in 2013 and thereafter, he achieved a PhD in brain connectivity at Newcastle University. In January 2017 he was appointed as a Consultant Neurosurgeon at King's College Hospital. In addition, Mr. Vergani completed a research fellowship in Montpellier, France under the supervision of Professor Hugues Duffau which focused on surgery for tumours in eloquent areas of the brain.

He is specialised in the treatment of primary and secondary brain tumours after completing the prestigious neuro-oncology fellowship at King's College Hospital, London. With a wealth of experience learned in the management of spinal and brain tumours with the use of technical advances, such as neuro-navigation, 5-ALA for the detection of high grade gliomas and minimally invasive approaches, he has also a specialist interest in surgery for tumours in eloquent areas of the brain, using brain mapping, neuromonitoring and awake surgery techniques. He has a well-established spinal practice treating conditions of the cervical and lumbar spine, including sciatica and brachialgia, together with radiculopathies and pain management.

Mr Vergani lectures nationally and internationally, predominantly on the topic of brain mapping and surgery in neuro-oncology. He is also a member of the Society of British Neurosurgeons (SBNS). He has published extensively in peer review journals and book chapters. In 2015 he won the prestigious Young Neurosurgeon Award of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS). Mr Vergani setup the first UK service for non-invasive brain mapping with Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) - this is useful for planning surgery in eloquent areas of the brain.

In his spare time outside of work, Mr Vergani loves to spend time with his family, play some football and enjoys playing the saxophone with his children!