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Top surgeon gives junior medics a helping hand

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A top orthopaedic surgeon at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has been recognised for providing cutting edge training to junior doctors looking to develop in hand and wrist surgery techniques.

Mike Woodruff, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon provides specialist training to orthopaedic trainees from across the North West of England in this complex surgery.

Patients who require treatment for hand and wrist complaints will often be admitted to hospital with acute hand and wrist injuries which require very precise and intricate procedures.

Mike was awarded the North West Orthopaedic Trainees Trainer of the Year Award from the North West Orthopaedic Trainee Association, which nominates a senior clinician for the award annually in recognition of his work.

He said: "It is an important part of a clinician's role to train the junior doctors and support staff in the latest techniques and to equip them with the skills necessary to treat both routine and the most complex cases. I get a huge amount of satisfaction from passing on my expertise to the next generation of consultants."

Sean Hughes, Medical Director at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Education is an important part of the service we provide and it is our duty to help today's junior doctors become tomorrow's world renowned experts."