

Sir [Geoffrey Jefferson](#) FRS (1886–1961) was a British neurologist and pioneering neurosurgeon. He was educated in Manchester, England, obtaining his medical degree in 1909. He became a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons two years later. He married in 1914, and moved to Canada. On the outbreak of World War I, he returned to [Europe](#) and worked at the Anglo-Russian Hospital in Petrograd, Russia, and then with the Royal Army Medical Corps in France.

After the war, he returned to [Manchester](#), working at the [Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust](#). It was here, in 1925 that Jefferson performed the first successful embolectomy in England. By 1934, he was a neurosurgeon at the [Manchester](#) Royal Infirmary, becoming the UK's first professor of neurosurgery at the University of Manchester five years later.

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