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Marital status: Married with 6 children.

Medical Education: Cambridge University 1968 - 1971
Guy's Hospital Medical School 1971 - 1974

Honours and awards:

- Sims-Black Travelling Scholarship to Rhodesia. Oct. to Dec. 1972
- Winthrop Travelling Award 1981
- Finalist in EASA 98 (European Academic Software Awards 1998)
- Awarded a Certificate of Commendation in the BMA Medical Book Competition in 1998.
- Bronze NHS Clinical Excellence Award – October 2004 – 2014
- Currently Level 6 Clinical Excellence Award points locally.
- NHS Leadership in Health Informatics Award 2004 – see later under Health Informatics
- Hospital Doctor Award for Rheumatology Team of the Year - November 2005 – member of winning team.
- 'Healthcare Champions' Award to Southampton Rheumatology Unit by National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society 2006.
- BSR Best Practice Rheumatology Award (Outstanding category) to Rheumatology Unit 2014.
- Southampton designated a EULAR Centre of Excellence in Rheumatology - 2015

Membership of Societies:

British Society for Rheumatology
Royal College of Physicians of London

Qualifications: BA (Cantab. Part II Pathology Course) 1971
BChir (Cantab.) July 1974
MA MB (Cantab.) January 1975
MRCP March 1977
FRCP April 1992

Date of Full Registration with GMC: 9th September 1975 (No. 01737220)

Medical Defence Organisation: Medical Protection Society (No. 188247)

Present Appointment: Consultant Rheumatologist, University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust. Appointed January 1st 1985. Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer in Rheumatology, University of Southampton (1.4.12). Lead Consultant 1998 – 2014.

Previous training: Various jobs at Guy's and other hospitals in the South East.
Senior Registrar in Rheumatology in Guy's Rotation.
August 1979 - December 1984
Arthritis Research Campaign Research Fellow at Guy's Hospital. October 1980 - September 1981

Publications:

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Refereeing:

I have refereed numerous papers for the *British Journal of Rheumatology/Rheumatology*, *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*, *Clinical Science* and *Spinal Cord*.

I was a member of the editorial board of *Clinical Rheumatology* from 2002 until 2007.

Audit and Peer Review:

I have participated in three region-wide audits of rheumatological workload in Wessex and also participate in regular departmental audit activities.

I led the inaugural peer review visit of the Wessex scheme to another unit in Wessex in early 2001 and have participated in regular departmental audits since then.

Teaching:

I have been actively involved in teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate level since

taking up my appointment. This has involved a regular teaching commitment for third year medical students and in the past I have also undertaken supervision of 4th year students while they pursued a 'study in depth'. I have been a tutor for 2nd and 3rd year students on their Foundation Course. I have also contributed to MRCP courses and mock MRCP examinations. From 1999 to autumn 2002 I had responsibility for running the Part 1 MRCP Course at Southampton General Hospital.

I welcome opportunities to talk to General Practitioner colleagues and have in the past contributed to Genscan talks on a regular basis. I have also spoken in the past on the Advanced Medicine Course at the Royal South Hants Hospital.

For 2 years I supervised a Syrian trainee rheumatologist until 1996 when she obtained a Visiting Registrar post in Portsmouth. She has gone on to secure an Associate Specialist and then Consultant post in the Region.

I organised, with the help of members of the Primary Care Society for Rheumatology, a successful PCR symposium at Southampton University in April 1991.

With colleagues I have negotiated the introduction of some additional rheumatology teaching in the undergraduate curriculum, in the 4th year Orthopaedic teaching module. This began in September 2001.

I arranging and hosted a Musculoskeletal Educators' conference for Arthritis Research UK in June 2011.

Management/Administration:

I was responsible for organising the Departmental managerial meetings for our Speciality in Southampton from 1986 until 1990. In the past I was a member of the Ambulance Liaison Committee and also the Medical Staffing subcommittee.

For 5 years I was a member of the Selection Sub-Committee of the Faculty of Medicine and still participate in interviewing applicants for the medical school. In 1997 I sat as a member of the working party which investigated the introduction of computer-based learning to Southampton Medical School.

I was Lead Consultant for Rheumatology in Southampton from 1998 - 2014.

In 1995 I approached the Board of Health in Guernsey about establishing a visiting Rheumatology service. (There is no Rheumatologist on the Island). Since 1997 I have provided regular monthly clinics on the Island under an NHS contract with my Trust.

From October 1998 I was Secretary of the Wessex Specialist Training Committee in Rheumatology and also the Wessex Clinical Services Committee for Rheumatology. I was chairman from April 2002 until April 2005. From April 2002 to May 2005 I was regional Specialty Adviser for Rheumatology for Wessex.

I was a member of the British Society for Rheumatology website steering group.

I was a member of the International League of Associations for Rheumatology (ILAR) Executive and was responsible for administration of the ILAR website. (The website was favourably reviewed in the Lancet. (Rheumatology moves online for Joint Motion 2000-2010. Lancet 1999;353:1368). The original website is no longer available due to a reconfiguration of the organisation which is now run under the aegis of the American College of Rheumatology.

From early 2002 until 2005 I was co-chair of the Content Committee of MSeC (musculoskeletal E-Cooperative), a mainly European confederation of Rheumatology and Orthopaedic Society websites working under the auspices of the international Bone and Joint Decade project.

For several years I have been a Trustee of Southampton Rheumatology Trust, a local charity that exists to support research into rheumatic diseases as well as providing support for education for allied health professionals and material support for rheumatic disease sufferers.

From October 2002 until 2005 – member of Medical and Elderly Care Directorate R&D peer review committee.

From May 2004 – a member of the Publications Working Group of the Educational Subcommittee of the Arthritis Research Campaign (now Arthritis Research UK), and Convenor of the Group from 2005. Since 2009, Chair of the Secondary Care, Medical Undergraduate and Allied Health professionals Publications Working Group. Latterly, I have been Vice-Chair of the Publications Committee.

From March 2007 – invited by the new Medical Director of the Arthritis Research Campaign to sit on the Education Strategy Committee following an internal reorganisation of the **arc**'s committee structure. (Now Arthritis Research UK).

May 2006 - 2009 – voted on to the Council of the British Society for Rheumatology for a 3 year term. Appointed to the Education and Training Committee of the BSR.

Other work experience:

Visiting Professor of Rheumatology, Al Mouwasat Hospital, Dammam, Saudi Arabia – 28th January 2000 to 10th February 2000. (Conducting clinics and lecturing).

Medicolegal and other work:

For than 25 years I have regularly prepared medicolegal reports on various subjects, mainly relating to personal injury, occupational musculoskeletal disorders, soft tissue rheumatism and fibromyalgia, inflammatory rheumatic disorders and clinical negligence. I am asked to prepare reports by solicitors working on behalf of the plaintiff and the defendant in a ratio of approximately 60:40. There are also a number of Joint Instructions. I undertake medical negligence reporting and I have also participated in an Independent Review at a Teaching Hospital in London. I am a member of the UK Register of Expert Witnesses and a member of The Faculty of Expert Witnesses for Doctors. I have attended a course on medicolegal work conducted by the British Society for Rheumatology and attend update courses on medicolegal practice on a regular basis.

22 August 2012 – Gave an invited talk to the Jersey Personal Injury Medico Legal Society (JPIMS) on “Railway spine and other related conditions including fibromyalgia”.

21 November 2012 – Attended a SpecialistInfo Medical Negligence Course at 218 Strand, London

7 November 2014 onwards – Annual Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference in London.

Other Activities

For many years, until 2007, I was President of the Romsey branch of Arthritis Care and in addition to having given talks, regularly chaired the AGM of the branch.

Examining

- Finals examiner at Southampton Medical School.
- External Examiner for the Bath Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Care Rheumatology (2008 – 2010)

RESEARCH

- A. Co-applicant on a grant awarded in November 2002 by the BBSRC (Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council). The Study headed by Prof R Grimble of Southampton University is on “Genomic effects on the interaction of cytokines, oxidant stress and antioxidant defences” (Grant value Approx £222k).
- B. Co-applicant on a grant awarded in June 2011 by Arthritis Research UK for 24 months for a project entitled “A systematic and qualitative review of the extent to which arthritis patient education interventions are accessible and relevant for people with lower-literacy levels”. (grant value £113,603.00)
- C. Computer-assisted learning:

I have a particular interest in the application of computer technology to teaching and learning in Rheumatology.

I authored an interactive multimedia CD-ROM about Rheumatology which was published by Cambridge University Press in 1997. (I was also responsible for the programming of this publication). I have spoken at international meetings about this subject. This software application reached the finals of EASA 98 (European Academic Software Awards 1998) and also was awarded a Certificate of Commendation in the BMA Medical Book Competition in 1998. The CD-ROM has received favourable reviews in a number of publications. For instance:

1. Lahita R. Rheumatology on a disk. *Lancet* 1998;352:827
2. Rahman P. Interactive Rheumatology Tutor CD-ROM. *J. Rheum* 1998;25:10
3. Pickering M, Davies K. Interactive Rheumatology Tutor (CD ROM) *J Royal Coll Phys Lond* 1999;33:90-91
4. Moens HJB. Two interactive rheumatology tutors on CD ROM. *Ann Rheum Dis* 2000;59:328-329

I have reviewed a number of computer-assisted learning packages for the CTI Medicine Update publication. (CTI = the Computers in Teaching Initiative Centre for Medicine).

With colleagues in the Faculty of Electronics and Computer Science at the University of Southampton I was awarded an Educational Project Grant by the **arc** (Arthritis Research Campaign, Arthritis Research UK since 2010) in 1999 to create an interactive educational website about rheumatology primarily for medical students. This project was completed early in 2002 and the site is now live at www.jointzone.org.uk. The site was adopted by Arthritis Research UK and continues to be supported by them with a grant for development and updating.

I have spoken at national and international meetings about computer-assisted learning and use of the internet in relation to rheumatology:

1. Interactive Computer Programs. - ILAR Post-Congress Educational Workshop, June 1997, Singapore.
2. Education and the Internet – EULAR 99, Glasgow, Scotland, June 1999
3. Rheumatology and the Web – III AFLAR Congress, Cape Town, South Africa, September 1999.
4. Education Workshop. Teaching Methods: new technology. 9th APLAR Congress of Rheumatology, Beijing, May 2000.
5. ARC Teaching Workshop, Newcastle UK, March 2001.
6. Education Workshop at the 20th ILAR Congress of Rheumatology in August 2001 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. (“Interactive rheumatology tuition on the web: adaptive learning in action”) I also gave a talk entitled on “e-rheumatology – more than a passing fad?” and chaired a Workshop on ‘The Internet and Rheumatology’.
7. An invited talk on “Computer-assisted learning in rheumatology” at a meeting on ‘Computers in Rheumatology’ at the Royal Society of Medicine. October 10, 2001
8. A talk entitled " The Good, Bad and Ugly - Healthcare Information on the Internet" at a meeting held by Doctors.Net and Pharmaceutical Marketing at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London. 22 November 2001.
9. Appropriate And Effective Use Of The Internet And Databases. A workshop presentation at PANLAR 2002, Aruba, 23-27 June 2002.
10. A talk on “Looking for information – I wouldn’t start from here” at the BSR Core Course for Rheumatology, Southampton. 3 October 2002.
11. A talk on ‘Effective Presentations and Computer-assisted learning’ at a post-Congress Bone & Joint Decade Educational Workshop in Pattaya, Thailand after the APLAR 2002 Congress 6 -8 December 2002.
12. A talk on “Rheumatology on the Web vis-à-vis ePortal Systems” at the Indian Rheumatology Association annual conference in New Delhi 28-30 November 2003.

From November 2002 I was a member of the Electronic Media sub-group of the Publications Working Group of the Arthritis Research Campaign (arc), and in 2004 I was invited to join the Publications Working Group.

February 2006 – member of the Royal College of Physicians of London Working Party on Acute Medicine Online.

November 2010 – Appointed to steering committee for an Arthritis Research UK national clinical trial in RA (ORBIT study).

Co-organiser of Musculoskeletal Educators Conference - 23–25 June 2011, Chilworth Manor, Southampton

Independent member of the steering committee of the recently funded study:

Optimal treatment of RA patients requiring Biologic therapy (ORBIT) – Arthritis Research UK – November 2010 onwards

INFORMATICS AND EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

NHS Evidence (Formerly National Library for Health)

- Until March 2011, Clinical Lead for Musculoskeletal and Orthopaedics & Trauma Specialist Collections of NHS Evidence, having previously worked in a similar roles the NHS National (Electronic) Library for Health since 2001
- From January 2005 to May 2007 I was also seconded for an additional day each week to development of the NLH by the NHS Director of Knowledge, Process and Safety, Sir Muir Gray in the capacity of Clinical Lead for the Specialist Libraries.
- From December 2007 until December 2017 I have been a member of the NICE Technology Appraisal Committee (Committee B)
- 2010 – Member of Topic Specific Advisory Group for development of NICE Commissioning Guide on use of biologic drugs

NHS Leadership in Health Informatics Accolade Scheme 2004 – Winner. This award was made at HC 2005 (Health Computing annual conference) and was for a submission about the development of the HICSS (Hospital Integrated Clinical Support System) rheumatology module, an electronic record with novel features which we have developed in Southampton. I gave an invited presentation at the Annual Conference and AGM of ASSIST (Association for ICT Professionals in Health and Social Care) at Aston University, Birmingham on 19 May 2005 – “Harnessing IT for Communication and Patient Safety”.

UKCHIP (UK Council for Health Informatics Professions)

Elected to Council in June 2007 for a 3 year period from October 2007. Appointed as a member of the Education, Training & Professional Development Working Group