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Education

Magdalen College Oxford, (BA Chemistry,) 1964
Queen's University, Belfast, (MB BCh BAO)1970

Further Qualifications

MRCP (UK) 1972
FRCP (London) 1988

Previous Hospital Posts

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| 1970-78 | Junior hospital posts, Belfast and Cardiff |
| 1978-79 | ARC Travelling fellowship, University of Lund, Malmo, Sweden
(Professor K-B Laurell) |
| 1979 | Locum Senior Lecturer in Rheumatology, University of Wales College of
Medicine |
| 1995-99 | Clinical Director for Rheumatology |
| 1979-2006 | Full time NHS Consultant Rheumatologist, Department of Rheumatology,
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Current Retired - Honorary Consultant contract UHW. Since retiring I have continued with medico-legal consultations and some private practice. I have had three sessions as locum Consultant locally.

General clinical experience and interests.

Rheumatology deals with a very wide range of musculoskeletal conditions from inflammatory joint disease to back pain, minor trauma and psychosomatic disorders and as such it often overlaps with specialities such as Orthopaedics, Neurology, pain syndromes and general medicine; since detailed diagnosis is the major part of the management of any Rheumatology case, a good working knowledge of these specialities is essential.

In addition to having had a full clinical and teaching timetable in two Cardiff hospitals over twenty-five years (UHW and Llandough Hospital, Penarth) I initiated and then ran outreach clinics in Pembroke and Caerphilly, where previously there had been no rheumatology service.

I continue to carry out a varied research programme, have published 38 mainly first author papers in leading international journals (list available on request or on *entrez Pub Med*) and have lectured frequently to GPs, graduates and undergraduates, both locally and nationally, on a range of general and specific Rheumatology topics. I have also regularly presented papers at national and international Rheumatology conferences and medico-legal meetings, and have regularly attended and participated in national specialist meetings on work related disorders.

Continuing research interests

Although I have carried out research programmes in many areas of rheumatology during my career, my main current clinical, research and medico-legal interest is in personal injury, in particular the diagnosis, origins and causes of work related upper limb disorders (WRULD, RSI), a topic on which I have published in national journals, lectured frequently and have substantial practical interest and management experience in both investigation and treatment.

Medico-legal experience

I have prepared medico-legal reports for the last fifteen years and I currently write around 70 per year for both local Solicitors directly and via national agencies. I am a member of the Expert Witness Institute and AVMA and have attended several expert witness training courses run both by EWI and Premex. I have also provided medical reports for industrial tribunals, the GMC and the Parliamentary/Health Service Ombudsman. I have the Bond Solon Certificate of Medical Reporting (see below).

I have been instructed on a wide variety of rheumatological and musculo-skeletal complaints. The former usually require an opinion on the interaction between rheumatic disorders and injuries, the latter being personal injury/WRULDs, including industrial injuries and vibration related complaints (HAVS). I am familiar with most of the current literature relating to WRULDs and correspond with other clinicians interested in this field in the UK, Australasia and USA. I have also reported on back injuries and chronic pain syndromes. Increasingly I have reported on road traffic accidents when there is a potential relationship between underlying systemic disease and recent injury to be evaluated or the client has developed prolonged symptoms.