

Dr Andria Merrison

CV

PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL SPECIALISMS

MA MB ChB MD FRCP

Consultant Neurologist

QUALIFICATIONS & ACCREDITATION

- Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge University (1990-1993)
- M.A. Honours, Cambridge University (1993)
- MB ChB, University of Bristol (1996)
- Membership of the Royal College of Physicians, London (1999)
- Certificate of Completion of Training (Neurology) (2008)
- MD, University of Bristol (2008)
- King's Fund Leadership course (2015)
- Creative writing course, Distinction, Open University (2016)

EXPERT WITNESS TRAINING

Bond Solon, Cardiff University Expert Witness Training (2021)

PAST & PRESENT POSITIONS

Director, South West Neuromuscular Disease Operational Delivery Network and of the Bristol MND Care Centre - present

Expert Panel Member, All Party Parliamentary Groups (Muscular Dystrophy care and Psychology services for Neuromuscular Disease) - present

NHS England Clinical Reference Group for Neurosciences member for Neurology (South England) and joint lead for Neurology Service Specification

Royal College of Physicians Regional Specialty Advisor for Neurology (South West) 2019 – current)

Board Member, Royal College of Physicians Membership Examination (Part 2)

Consultant Neurologist, Governance Lead for Neurology & Palliative Medicine Lead for Neurosciences & Musculoskeletal Division, North Bristol NHS Trust, 2016 - present

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Neuromuscular Conditions & Motor Neurone Disease

MEMBERSHIPS OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

- General Medical Council #4294942
- Royal College of Physicians - Part 2 Board member (2021) & question writer (2019 – current)
- International Neuropalliative Care Society Board Member (2020 - current)
- Royal College of Anaesthetists
- Association of British Neurologists (Neuromuscular Disease & Neurocritical Care Specialist Interest Group Committee Member & Service Committee)
- South West of England Neurology Association
- Intensive Care Society
- British Myology Society
- UK Myositis Network

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PRIZES

- South West of England Neurology Association First Prize (2006)
- Distinction in Medicine and Public Health Medicine (1996)
- Glaxo Prize for Excellence in General Practice (1995)
- Gonville and Caius College Travel Scholarship for Biomedicine (1992)

RESEARCH

- Institute of Clinical Neurosciences, Bristol: Research exploring the potential for human bone marrow-derived stem cells to differentiate into skeletal muscle (2004 -2007)
- Cambridge Physiological Laboratory: Research into eye movements (1992 - 1993)
- Kenya Medical Research Institute: Research on Leishmaniasis (1992)
- Reviewing: editorial team of Blackwell Scientific Publications (1994 - 1996)

BOOKS

- I currently have a contract with Taylor & Francis Publishing as lead author for a book on Neuromuscular Disease in adults, structured around a series of clinical cases. This will be published in 2022.

PUBLICATIONS

- Muni-Lofra R, Murphy LB, Adcock K, Farrugia ME, Irwin J, Lilleker JB, McConville J, Merrison A, Parton M, Ryburn L, Scoto M, Marini-Bettolo C, Mayhew C (2022) Real-world data on access to Standards of Care for people with Spinal Muscular Atrophy in the UK. *Frontiers in Neurology* (In press)
- Merrison A, Brady S, Madden H & Ashworth J. Establishing a new Psychology service for people living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. *Neuromuscular Disorders* 2019; 29: 199.
- Merrison A, Brady S, Grose N, Ashworth J & Majumdar A. Neuromuscular disease services crossing boundaries: a multidisciplinary network approach in the United Kingdom. *Neuromuscular Disorders* 2019; 29: 114.
- 2018 All Party Parliamentary Group publication UK Psychology support services for people living with Neuromuscular Conditions. Coauthor & lead clinician.
- Davidson A, Siddique F, Lopez M, Lunt P, Carlson H, Moore B, Love S, Roper H, Majumdar A, von der Hagen, M, Huebner A, Jardine P, Merrison A, Curtis E, Jungbluth H, Cullip T, Winder T, Abdelsalam H, Li J, Moore S & Dowling J. (2013) TPM2p.K7del expands the clinical, histopathological and genetic spectrum of TPM2 myopathies. *Brain* 136:508-21.
- Merrison, AFA, Gordon, D & Scolding, NJ (2012) Human adult bone marrow-derived mesenchymal stem cells: factors influencing skeletal muscle differentiation. *Journal of Cell Science & Therapy* 84, 1-7.
- Gordon D, Glover CP, Merrison AF, Uney JB and Scolding NJ. (2008). Enhanced green fluorescent protein-expressing human mesenchymal stem cells express neural markers. *Journal of Neuroimmunology* 193, 59-67.
- Merrison AFA & Carpenter RHS (1994). Co-variability of smooth and saccadic latencies in oculomotor pursuit. *Ophthalmic Research* 26, 158-162.
- Merrison AFA & Carpenter RHS (1995). "Express" smooth pursuit. *Vision Research* 35, 1459-1462

INVITED REVIEWS/EDITORIALS

- Merrison AFA (2020) Myopathies in the adult patient. *Medicine* 48, 619-624.
- Merrison AFA & Hanna MG (2009) Muscle disease: the bare essentials. *Practical Neurology* 9(1), 54-65.
- Merrison AFA & Fuller GN (2004) Treatment of trigeminal neuralgia. *British Medical Journal* 237, 1360.
- Merrison AFA & Scolding NJ (2003) Acute management of multiple sclerosis. *CPD Acute Medicine* 2(2).

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CASE REPORTS

- Merrison AFA & Lhatoo SD (2004) Horner's syndrome postpartum. *British Journal of Obstetrics & Gynaecology* 111, 86-88.
- Merrison AFA, Dougan CF & Lhatoo SD (2003) Neurological perils of power kites. *CPD Acute Medicine* 2(3), 98-99.
- Merrison AFA, Chidley KE, Dunnett J & Sieradzan, KAS (2002). Wound botulism associated with subcutaneous drug use. Lesson of the week. *British Medical Journal* 325, 1020-1021.
- Merrison AFA, Moss TH, Feller R & Scolding NJ (2002). Cognitive decline, behavioural disturbance and motor dysfunction in a young adult. *Practical Neurology* 3(1), 36-39.

ABSTRACTS

- Merrison AFA & Scolding NJ (2006) Human bone marrow-derived stem cells: myogenic potential and the factors influencing skeletal muscle differentiation. *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry*. Abstract.
- Merrison AFA, Renowden SA, TT Lewis & IEC Ormerod (2003) Cerebral venous sinus thrombosis: treatment with endovascular thrombolysis. *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry*. Abstract.