

Dr David Abankwa

CV

PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL SPECIALISMS

Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine

QUALIFICATIONS & ACCREDITATION

MSc, FRCP Edin

MB, ChB (University of Ghana) 1994

MRCP (UK) 1999

MSc. in Rehabilitation Science (University of Southampton), 2003

Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST), Rehabilitation Medicine, 2004

MSc Medical Education (Cardiff University) 2012

MEMBERSHIPS OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

General Medical Council: Full 4597559

- On Specialist Register

Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians,
Edinburgh

British Medical Association

British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine

British Association of Stroke Physicians

Society for Research in Rehabilitation

Association for the Study of Medical Education

PRESENT POSITIONS

Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine, Swansea Bay University Health Board (appointed in October 2004).

Honorary Senior Tutor, College of Medicine, Swansea University

EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

I have been an expert witness since 2006. I currently accept about 20 new instructions per annum, in addition to ongoing cases. My Claimant: Defendant ratio is approximately 80:20. I receive many repeat instructions from Solicitors that I have written reports for, and I have also been recommended by Barristers that I have worked on cases with.

SPECIALISMS

- Rehabilitation of patients following traumatic brain injury, brain haemorrhage, hypoxic brain injury & sub-arachnoid haemorrhage
- Rehabilitation of patients with multiple sclerosis and brain inflammation
- Rehabilitation following spinal cord injury/paraplegia/tetraplegia/spinal infarction and spinal tumours
- Rehabilitation following major limb amputation Management of cerebral palsy and birth anoxia in adulthood
- Rehabilitation needs assessment following acquired brain injury
- Rehabilitation following cerebral infections eg meningitis/encephalitis
- Management and prevention of pressure ulcer formation
- Management of complex neurological disability & general disability

ACCREDITATION & TRAINING

- Bond-Solon training course for Expert Witnesses (2005)
- Medico-legal training day organised by Irwin Mitchell Solicitors (April 2011)
- BMA Medico-legal conference (April 2015)
- NRC Medical Experts training (December 2019)
- Irwin Mitchell Amputee Rehabilitation webinar (September 2020)

I update my knowledge by regularly reading relevant texts and journals. I have annual appraisal for revalidation which includes my role as an expert witness.

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RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

A study of the ability of trans-tibial amputees to walk and perform a cognitive task simultaneously and its relationship to functional ability (April 2003): dissertation submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements of obtaining an MSc in Rehabilitation Science (University of Southampton).

This paper was presented at the European Congress of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine in May 2004 and was awarded a prize for being one of the 10 best papers.

An exploration of Swansea medical students' experiences of active involvement in an international health student link: A dissertation submitted for the MSc Medical Education, Cardiff University, July 2012

Abankwa D, Llewellyn A (2006): Orthoses in the management of spasticity in the lower limb: *Advances in Clinical Neuroscience & Rehabilitation*: 6: 2; 35-36