

Dr Edward Fathers

CV

PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL SPECIALISMS

Consultant Neurologist

MB BChir (Cantab.) MA FRCP

QUALIFICATIONS & ACCREDITATION

- FRCP (UK) - 2004
- MRCP (UK) - 1993
- Medical Sciences Tripos, MA Cantab - 1991
- Final MB, Parts I – IV - 1990
- Medical Sciences Tripos, BA Hons Cantab Ili - 1987
- St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School, London - 1987-1990
- Emmanuel College, Cambridge University - 1984-1987

MEMBERSHIPS

- GMC Register: 3466223
- Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians
- Full member of the Association of British Neurologists
- The South West Neuroscience Association (SWENA)

PAST & PRESENT POSITIONS

- Dr Fathers is a Consultant Neurologist with 25 years of clinical experience and a particular interest in multiple sclerosis. He is currently working part time at Somerset NHS Foundation Trust while also running a private practice and preparing medico-legal reports.
- From 2005 to 2022, he was the lead for multiple sclerosis services in Somerset.
- Since 2000, he has provided general neurology outpatient clinics in both NHS hospitals and private practice.
- Dr Fathers has previously acted as a performance assessor for the General Medical Council and worked with the National Clinical Assessment Service (part of NHS Resolution), investigating the performance of fellow neurologists.
- Dr Fathers has managed acute neurology patients since 2000, providing care for individuals admitted with urgent and complex neurological presentations.
- He has 11 years of experience managing individuals with moderate to severe traumatic brain injury. The majority of patients in Somerset with TBI are repatriated to his neurology ward, where they are cared for by Dr Fathers and his team.
- Dr Fathers has six years of experience providing leave cover at Somerset Neurological Rehabilitation Centre (SNRC), supporting the care of patients with complex neurorehabilitation needs.

EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

Dr Fathers has been providing medical legal expert reports since 2017, currently producing approximately 100-120 expert medical reports per year. Approximately 85% of his work is for the claimant, with the remaining 15% for the defendant. He specialises in medical legal expert reports for personal injury and medical negligence.

In March 2025, Dr Fathers provided expert evidence to the High Court in London. Feedback from the instructing solicitors described him as "*an exceptional witness giving clear, understandable, cogent evidence which was accepted by the judge.*" They added, "*We would certainly recommend him as an expert witness.*"

Dr Fathers has attended court to provide expert opinion in support of a coroner's inquest and has also acted as a professional witness in one medico-legal case within the family court.

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EXPERT WITNESS TRAINING

- 2017, Medical expert training and report writing skills, BPP Law school & Royal Society of Medicine, London
- 2017, Medical expert training with the National Neurological Rehabilitation Chambers, London
- 2019, Specialist Info medico legal conference, Queen Elizabeth II conference centre, Westminster, London
- 2019, Medical expert training with the NRC Medical Experts, Birmingham
- 2023, Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference, London
- 2024, Bond Solon Courtroom Skills
- 2024, Bond Solon Cross Examination Day
- 2024, NRC Medical Experts CPD training session
- 2024, Bond Solon Expert Witness Conference, London

GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL PERFORMANCE ASSESSOR

Dr. Fathers trained as a performance assessor for the GMC in February 2016 and has since conducted a performance review of a consultant working in the UK. This review spanned over six days and included interviewing the consultant, work colleagues, and staff at the hospital. He also monitored the consultant's performance during an OSCE examination. The process concluded with two days dedicated to writing reports, which were subsequently submitted to the GMC.

NATIONAL CLINICAL ASSESSMENT SERVICE (NCAS)

In 2017, Dr. Fathers trained to work as an assessor on behalf of the National Clinical Assessment Service (NCAS), which is part of NHS Resolution. NCAS contributes to patient safety by helping to resolve concerns about the professional practice of doctors, dentists, and pharmacists. The service provides expert advice, support, clinical assessments, and training to the NHS and other healthcare partners.

In June 2017, he collaborated with a team of investigators and spent eight days observing and reviewing the performance of another consultant neurologist.