Dr Edward Fathers

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 IIi 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
- Medical Defence Union Membership: Number 255163J

PAST & PRESENT POSITIONS

Dr. Fathers brings over 23 years of experience as a consultant neurologist. He specialises in general neurology with a particular interest in multiple sclerosis. He served as the lead for multiple sclerosis services in Somerset from 2005 to 2022. Since 2000, Dr. Fathers has been conducting general neurology outpatient clinics in NHS hospitals and private practice. Currently, he is working part-time as an NHS consultant.

- Lead for Multiple Sclerosis Services in Somerset, 2006-2022
- Lead for Advice & Guidance Service at Musgrove Park Hospital, 2019-2021
- Associate Medical Director for Medicine, Musgrove Park Hospital, 2017-2018
- Clinical Director for Medicine, Musgrove Park Hospital, 2015-2017
- Association of British Neurologists South West Services and Standards Representative, 2013-2016
- Royal College of Physicians South West Region Specialty Advisor, 2013-2016
- Senior Management and Leadership Course, Musgrove Park Hospital, 2014-2015
- Clinical Service Lead for Neurosciences, Musgrove Park Hospital, 2009-2015

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 90% of his work is for the claimant, with the remaining 10% for the defendant. He specialises in medical legal expert reports for personal injury and medical negligence.

- Bond Solon annual expert witness conference, 2023
- Bond Solon Courtroom Skills Training, 2024
- Bond Solon Cross Examination Day Training, 2024
- 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, 2017
- Specialist Info medico legal conference, Queen Elizabeth II conference centre, Westminster, London, 2019
- Medical expert training with the NRC Medical Experts, Birmingham, 2019



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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.



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