

# 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**, Swansea University Medical School,  
Swansea

### EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

Dr Abankwa has worked as an expert witness since 2006 and currently accepts around 20 new instructions each year, alongside ongoing casework. His claimant-to-defendant ratio is approximately 66:34. He is regularly re-instructed by solicitors for whom he has previously prepared reports and has also been recommended by barristers he has worked with on past cases.

### 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, spinal tumours and cauda equina syndrome
- 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)
- NRC Medical Experts Training Day (October 2024)

Dr Abankwa undergoes annual appraisal for revalidation, which includes formal review of his work as an expert witness. He keeps his knowledge up to date by regularly reading relevant texts and journals.

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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