

Speaker profile:

Dr Hugh McIntyre

Dr Hugh McIntyre, Consultant Physician, Conquest Hospital, Hastings and Honorary Consultant Cardiologist, Brompton Hospital, London, will look at the latest advances in heart failure in his talk entitled *Heart Failure: improving outcomes* at GM's conference on 19th October 2011. For more information about the GM conference, see page 385 or visit www.gerimed.co.uk/conference.

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Care for patients with heart failure is receiving increasing national attention in response to multiple care agendas. These include a recently updated NICE heart failure guideline, proposed changes to the NHS including a performance framework and regional "pay for performance" programmes in the North West and South East.

All share an emphasis on organisation of care either

through specialist multi-disciplinary teams, through increasing integration between primary and secondary care and through optimising the hospital community interface, particularly around the time of discharge from hospital.

Heart failure exemplifies chronic disease with a substantial evidence-base for improvement in symptoms and quality of life and reduction in hospitalisation

at least for those with reduced ejection fraction.

The situation is less clear for those with preserved ejection fraction although they may now be responsible for the greatest number of hospital admissions.

This session at the GM conference in October will focus upon these issues and the drivers to improve integration of heart failure care.

Box 1: Biography



Dr Hugh F McIntyre is a Consultant Physician to the Conquest Hospital, Hastings, Honorary Consultant Cardiologist to Brompton Hospital, London and Senior Lecturer to Brighton and Sussex Medical School. His special interest is in cardiovascular medicine and heart failure. He studied at Oxford University and Westminster Medical School and is the lead for Hastings Heart Function Clinic (Beacon Heart Improvement Programme site).

Dr McIntyre is a member of the ESC Heart Failure Association Committees on Education, and on Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction, a member of NICE Heart Failure Guideline Group, NICE Quality Standards Group and BHF Heart Failure Steering Group. He is also a Regional Heart Failure Lead for Enhancing Quality Programme (South East). He has published over 100 publications including book chapters and books (*Heart Failure in the Older Patient*). He is a reviewer and editorial board member of a number of UK and European Journals.