

The Ageing Patient: today and tomorrow

Following the success of our previous symposia series, the latest GM symposium on managing the ageing patient: today and tomorrow will take place at the Wellcome Collection Conference Centre, Euston Road, London on Thursday October 11th. This conference, chaired by Professor Peter Passmore, will review best practice in managing a range of common diseases and offer practical advice on meeting the complex needs of the ageing patient. It will also discuss new advances and latest guidelines in important clinical areas. Here is the line up of speakers.

Professor Peter Passmore: Chair/How to organise a good dementia service

Professor of Ageing and Geriatric Medicine, Queen's University, Belfast



Professor Passmore is a graduate of Queen's University Belfast. He was appointed as Senior Lecturer at Queen's University, Belfast, in January 1993; Reader in October 2005; and his current appointment dates from October 2007. He has a long-standing interest in the management of cardiovascular disease in older people. As well as managing older patients with general diseases, he has managed the Stroke Unit. He is also the consultant in administrative charge of the Memory Clinic at Belfast City Hospital. Research interests include cardiovascular disease in older people, stroke and dementia. Professor Passmore has published widely on subjects ranging from cardiovascular pharmacology to drugs in older people. His main research interest is the clinical and molecular/genetic basis of Alzheimer's disease, stroke, vascular dementia and behavioural disorders in dementia.

Professor Pat Schofield: Chronic pain and the ageing patient

University of Greenwich



Professor Schofield has worked in the field of pain management since 1988. Originally as a clinical nurse specialist in Chesterfield, setting up the service for both acute and chronic pain and then as a lecturer and senior lecturer at the University of Sheffield. During this time she completed a PhD which was around using the environment to create a more positive experience for teaching relaxation. She has completed a number of post doctoral projects around pain management in older people and palliative care and worked with groups of older adults in research training, literature searching and developing research projects. She currently leads the guideline development group supported by the BPS/BGS developing guidelines for the management of pain in older adults. She is also chair of the British Pain Society—Pain in Older Adults, Special Interest Group and chair of IASP Subcommittee on Education (Pain in Older Adults SIG). In addition she is currently joint editor of Journal of Pain Management.

Dr Clive Bowman: Dignity and care in care homes

Director, Bupa Care Services



Dr Clive Bowman FRCP FFPH is the Divisional Medical Director for Bupa's Care Services a post he has held since 2000. Previously he spent 15 years as a Consultant Physician and Geratologist in the West Country. He has been involved in many research, professional, policy and business initiatives that collectively have given him a privileged perspective on aged care. At Bupa he has been part of the senior management team that has grown Bupa's Care Home from a UK provision of 15,000 beds to an International portfolio of some 35,000 beds in Australia, New Zealand and Spain as well as the UK. His interests and responsibilities range widely across the business of care, it's governance, research and development, through to shaping future provision as well as providing operational support. He remains enthusiastic and passionate regarding the opportunities to improve health and care in later life.

Dr Richard Genever: Parkinson's disease: across the ages

Consultant Geriatrician, Chesterfield Royal Hospital



Richard Genever is a consultant geriatrician and movement disorders lead at Chesterfield Royal Hospital, taking up this post in 2007. He has a particular interest in the inpatient aspects of Parkinson's disease management, including "nil by mouth" situations. He has developed a pre-admission advice service for patients with Parkinson's disease, who are due to undergo surgery. He has developed guidelines for the peri-operative management of people with the condition, which have been published in the British Medical Journal. He runs movement disorder clinics at three hospitals throughout North Derbyshire. As an active member of the British Geriatrics Society Movement Disorders Section committee, Dr Genever publishes its website, bgmsdslive.org and maintains news feeds for the section on Facebook and Twitter. He is keen to promote education and is a member of the Parkinson's Academy faculty.

Dr Simon Croxson: End of life care in diabetes

Consultant Physician in Geriatric and Diabetic Medicine, Bristol General Hospital



Dr Croxson trained in diabetic and geriatric medicine in Leicester and Sheffield. His research concentrated on diagnosis and epidemiology of diabetes in elderly. A consultant in Bristol from 1994, he focuses on the older diabetic person. He was chairman of the British Geriatrics Society Diabetes Group, a member of the Practical Diabetes editorial board, and is the NHS Diabetes Older People's Network Champion for Southern England. He has won several awards for his work on the elderly diabetic person, as well as the Red Cardinal award from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Printemps 2008 photo mystere competition from L'Oiseau mag of the LPO. He is the only geriatrician with a publication in a paediatric journal, he believes.

Dr David Haslam: Obesity and cardiometabolic disease

GP, Hertfordshire and Chair of National Obesity Forum



Professor David Haslam is a full time GP with a special interest in obesity and cardiometabolic disease, Physician in Obesity Management, Luton & Dunstable Hospital, and Chair of the National Obesity Forum (NOF). The NOF is a charity whose aim is to increase awareness of obesity, diabetes and weight related illness, and improve their management. He is Visiting Professor, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen; Visiting Professor Chester University, and is the Obesity Specialist at 76 Harley St. He is a Board Member of ESCO (Experts on Severe and Complex Obesity) and of the charity Foundations, a Director of PCOS UK, a member of the Counterweight Board, and a Visiting Lecturer at Beds & Herts Postgraduate Medical School. He has articles widely published in journals and papers and speaks internationally on obesity and related diseases. His books include “Fat Gluttony and Sloth, obesity in Art, Literature and Medicine” and “The Obesity Epidemic, and its Management”, both 2010.

Pankaj Sharma MD PhD FRCP: Reader & Consultant Neurologist

Imperial College London

Pankaj Sharma holds a DoH Senior Fellowship and is Reader in Clinical Neurology at Imperial College London and Honorary Consultant Neurologist at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust (formerly Hammersmith Hospitals). He holds doctorates from both the Universities of Cambridge and London. He leads the Imperial College Cerebrovascular Research Unit (ICCRU). Dr Sharma is Hon. Medical Director of Different Strokes, a UK national charity which seeks to support young stroke victims, Chair of the London Cardiovascular Society and founding Trustee & Treasurer of the South Asian Health Foundation, a charity which serves to reduce the incidence of cardiovascular disease in South Asians living in the UK. A former British Heart Foundation Clinician Scientist at Cambridge University and Fulbright Scholar at Harvard Medical School, he has a long standing interest in the genetics of hypertension, cardio- and cerebrovascular disease. He has published extensively in the field and his research interests include the genetic basis of stroke.

The new science of ageing: Professor Tom Kirkwood

Dean of Ageing, University of Newcastle



Tom Kirkwood is Associate Dean for Ageing at Newcastle University, having been Director of the Institute for Ageing and Health from 2004–2011. His research is on the science of ageing and on understanding how genes as well as non-genetic factors, such as nutrition and exercise, influence longevity and health in old age. He led the 2007/8 Foresight project on “Mental Capital Through Life”, was Specialist Adviser to the House of Lords Science & Technology Select Committee inquiry into “Ageing: Scientific Aspects” and served on the Councils of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council and Academy of Medical Sciences. He has published more than 300 scientific papers and won several international prizes for his research. His books include the award-winning “Time of Our Lives: The Science of Human Ageing”, “Chance, Development and Ageing” (with Caleb Finch) and “The End of Age” based on his BBC Reith Lectures in 2001.