

PROFESSOR R B DOUGLAS

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

ACADEMIC

- 1967 BSc (London University)
- 1969 MSc
- 1975 PhD: Human reflex bronchoconstriction as
an adjunct to corneal sensitivity in setting
safe levels for irritant gases and vapours
(awarded jointly by Royal College of
Surgeons of England and London
School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
London University).
- 1994 DLSHTM (Dip Lon School Hyg & Trop Med)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 1998 Consultant chest physicians course CT-scanning,
National Heart & Lung Inst, Royal Brompton Hosp.
- 1999 Training under Lord Woolf reforms at Law
Society London, accredited single joint expert.
Listed by Law Society as single joint expert
Personal Injury.
- 2006 BMA master class Respiratory Medicine Update

Institutions, Affiliations, Societies

British Thoracic Society
 European Respiratory Society
 Physiological Society of London
 Society of Occupational Medicine (Hon)
 Royal Society of Medicine
 Harveian Society (President 2006)
 Medical Society of London
 Society of Expert Witnesses (Chairmen 2006-8)
 Liveryman, Society of Apothecaries
 Osler Society of London
 Medical & Chirurgical Society of Brighton
 Hunterian Society of London

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

APPOINTMENTS

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| 1967-1969 | Research Associate, Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, Royal College of Surgeons of England. |
| 1969-1992 | Lecturer, Senior Lecturer (physiology), Hon Prof medicine (from 1986), London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. |
| 1990-1992 | Visiting Senior Lecturer, Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead. |
| 1992- | Visiting Professor Occupational Health, Greenwich University. |
| 1992- | Independent medico legal consultant and expert witness. |

- 2001 - 2004 South East Regional Dean, Royal Society of Medicine.
- 2002 - European School of Osteopathy, University of Wales visiting examiner.
- 2003 - Visiting examiner University of Greenwich.
- 2005 - Director of The Society of Expert Witnesses
2006 - 2008 Chairman.
- 2006 President of The Harveian Society of London

ACTIVITIES

- Admin/Academic** Sometime Director MSc Occupational Medicine, London University.
Examiner for DIH (Dip.Ind.Health).
Supervisor and examiner for PhDs & MScs.
- Research** Respiratory Morbidity, epidemiological Study for Home Office.
Electrocardiographic stress, epidemiological study for Home Office
Respiratory Function Assessment in asbestos related diseases in claimants compared to normals.
Effects of inhaled and ocular irritants. NATO and ECSC.

COMMITTEES/ ADVISORY FUNCTIONS

- British Standards Committee on Respiratory Protection
- NATO referee for applications for financial support under Science for Stability Programme, Brussels.
- Medical Appeals Tribunal under regulations for Lead Poisoning Health and Safety Commission, London.
- Society of Expert Witnesses, Director.
- Society of Expert Witnesses, Chairman 2006-2008.

MEDICO/LEGAL

Medico/Legal Reporting

Have seen, assessed and reported several hundred personal injury cases instructed by both complainant and defendant, and more recently as Single Joint Expert.

Cases of medical negligence have also been dealt with.

Many cases of personal injury seen involve respiratory diseases, especially the long latency pneumoconioses but also extend to include deafness (noise induced), deafness (drug induced), Raynaud's Disease (vibration white finger), cardiovascular disease, aplastic anaemia, allergic dermatitis, stress, malaria (occupationally related), carbon monoxide poisoning (domestic and occupational), Orf (zoonotic skin infection from occupation), CS Gas, mesothelioma.

Court Appearances

Recent experience of giving evidence in:

The High Court:

- . The High Court (London: cryptogenic fibrosing alveolitis/extrinsic allergic alveolitis).
- . The High Court (Bristol: pulmonary embolus/asthma).

The Crown Court:

- . The Crown Court (Lewes: exhaled aerosols of blood in relation to respiratory function in the deceased).
- . The Crown Court (London: carbon monoxide poisoning, manslaughter).
- . The Crown Court (The Old Bailey, Court of Appeal).
- . The Crown Court (Norwich: CO Poisoning, manslaughter).

Tribunals:

- . Tribunal (London: Customs & Excise in relation to medicines).
- . Tribunals (London: Hand/Arm Vibration Syndrome, appeals).
- . Tribunals (London: Disability Discrimination Act):

Asthma; breast cancer; septicaemia leading to amputation;
BOOP; Asthma and Body Armour; etc. etc.

County Courts:

- . County Courts and Magistrates Courts (numerous cases).

Agreed Joint Statements

Under the Lord Woolf reforms, independent experts may be instructed to prepare a joint statement of points of agreement and disagreement.

Designed to reduce court appearances, this interesting new technique has been employed to help resolve the following personal injury cases which are representative of only some of the types of cases in which I have been instructed:

Agreed Joint Statements (some examples):

- Cardiac disease in relation to stress.
- Occupational asthma (isocyanates).
- Occupational asthma (soldering).
- Carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Asbestos related pleural disease.
- Multiple chemical sensitivity.
- Pulmonary tuberculosis.
- Malignant melanoma.
- Testicular cancer (seminoma).
- Chronic obstructive airway disease.
- Aplastic anaemia.
- Pneumothorax (collapsed lung).
- Chronic fatigue syndrome (ME).
- Pulmonary embolus (blood clot in lung).
- Pleural thickening with pleural plaques.
- Cement dust.
- Unexplained respiratory symptoms (RTA)
- Mesothelioma.

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- DOUGLAS R B (1981)** Inhalation of irritant gases and aerosols
In: Respiratory Pharmacology. Ed. J. Widdicombe
Section 104, Chapter 15, p, 297-333. Pergamon Press.
- DOUGLAS R B (1984)** Occupational Lung Diseases and aerosols
Chapter in: Aerosols and the lung clinical and experimenmental
aspects. Eds. S W Clarke and Pavia D Publisher
Butterworths.
- DOUGLAS R B (1987)** The physiology of the lungs. Chapter in:
Drug delivery to the respiratory tract. Eds. T. Ganderton and
T. Jones. Pub Ellis Horwood.
- COE J E and DOUGLAS R B (1988)** Ocular responses to chemical
and physical injury. Chapter in: Occupational Health
Ed: Zenc C 2nd Ed. Pub: Year Book
- DOUGLAS R B (1988)** Pulmonary function and assessment. Chapter in:
Occupational Health practice by R S F Schilling. 3rd Edition.
Ed. By H A Waldron. Pub: Butterworths.