

MEDICO-LEGAL CV
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SPECIALTY

Neurology

SUB-SPECIALIST INTERESTS

Functional Neurological Disorders
Parkinson's Disease
Multiple System Atrophy

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

From Jan 2011: Consultant Neurologist, Addenbrooke's Hospital (Cambridge), and Princess Alexandra Hospital (Harlow)

1. Functional Neurological Disorders (FNDs)

- These are very common disorders, also known as conversion disorder, medically unexplained syndrome, 'hysteria', psychogenic symptoms; they are non-volitional and thus distinct from malingering. FNDs can be triggered by psychological or physical stressors, making them particularly pertinent for medico-legal work.

- I understand the difference between functional disorders, factitious disorders and malingering, and how each might present.

- I have set up a service for FND patients, including a sub-specialty neurology clinic, links with psychiatry/psychology/physiotherapy, teaching, research.

- There are very few neurology sub-specialty clinics for patients with FND

- Founding member of United Kingdom Functional Neurological Society (UKFNS): a group of around 30 neurologists, psychiatrists and psychologists, who specialise in this area.

2. Parkinson's Disease: weekly clinic

3. Multiple System Atrophy: I have set up a monthly clinic, in conjunction with a nurse.

4. General Neurology: busy general clinics at Princess Alexandra Hospital, ward referrals, on call at Addenbrooke's, including for stroke thrombolysis.

Advisory board member FND Hope

Advisory board member FND Action

Associate member Forrest Medico-legal Services

From December 2019: Associate editor BMJ Neurology Open.

From March 2021: Board of Directors British Neuropsychiatry Association (BNPA)

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

- Sep 2010 -Jan 2011 **Locum Consultant Neurologist, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital**
- Sep 2006-2010 **Neurology SpR, Cambridge**
The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery (NHNN), Queen Square, London: epilepsy/ sleep, neuro-ophthalmology, autonomic.
Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge
Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital (NNUH), Norwich
- Apr 2006- July 2006 **Post-doctoral post**, Charité Hospital, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Klinik für Neurologie, D-10098 Berlin
- Apr 2003- Apr 2006 **PhD**, Brain Repair Centre, University of Cambridge (MRC Clinical Research Training Fellowship)
- 2002 **MRCGP (London)**
- Aug 2000- Feb 2003 SHO Cardiology, Addenbrooke's Hospital; SHO Chest medicine, Papworth Hospital (inc. Sleep Centre); SHO Gastroenterology and general medicine, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital; SHO Geriatrics (consultant with interest in Parkinson's disease)/ stroke unit, Addenbrooke's Hospital; SHO Neuroscience, Addenbrooke's Hospital (neurology, neurosurgery)
- Aug 1999- 2000 PRHO: Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow
PRHO: Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow
- 1992-1999 **MBChB with Distinction** (University of Glasgow)
- 1996 Pharmacology department, University of Bristol
- 1994-1996 Intercalated **BSc (Pharmacology) with First Class Honours** (University of Glasgow)

AWARDS/PRIZES

- Competitive funding for PhD: MRC Clinical Research Training Fellowship, Ipsen fund, The Frederick and David Barclay Foundation, Sackler Foundation, E.G. Fearnside's scholarship
- Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians
- Scholar at Selwyn College, Cambridge
- Wellcome Trust scholarship for pharmacology research at the University of Bristol
- Smith & Nephew scholarship for Pharmacology BSc.
- Cross Trust scholarship for elective
- Distinction for MBChB (awarded to the top 2-3% of students)

- Around 15 undergraduate distinctions, including anatomy, physiology, pathology, paediatrics, obstetrics, psychiatry

MEDICO-LEGAL TRAINING

- SpecialistInfo Medico-legal Expert Witness Course: report writing, 218 Strand, London 03/09/14
- Part 1 of the Certificate of Medical Reporting: The Bond Solon Civil Procedure Rules Expert Witness Certificate, September 2014
- SpecialistInfo Medico-legal Expert Witness Course: Court Room Skills, London 02/02/2017
- SpecialistInfo Advanced Medico-legal Course: London 20/09/2018
- Bond Solon GDPR
- SpecialistInfo Clinical Negligence Course: remotely 16/09/2020
- SpecialistInfo Mediation course: December 2020

I have also set up a group for colleagues interested in medico-legal work, to share experience.

MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Personal injury reports > 60 (claimant: defendant roughly 85:15)

Family Court Proceedings : 1

Criminal Cases: 1

Clinical Negligence: 3 breach/causation, 2 condition and prognosis

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians

GMC

Medical Defence Union (MDU)

UKFNS

Association of British Neurologists

Functional Neurological Disorder Society

British Neuropsychiatry Association (BNPA)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Fee: £320 per hour for all time spent on the case (inclusive of administrative support).

Itemised billing and copies of receipts will be provided if requested.

I expect payment within 30 days of invoice date. Should accounts not be settled within the agreed period, at my discretion, I have the right to charge interest on unpaid accounts at the rate of 2% a month, or part of a month, until full settlement is received.

Interests: Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Mediation

Waiting times (dependent on complexity):

Appointments: within 4 weeks

Reports completed: within 2 weeks from appointment

PUBLICATIONS

Original research

- Varatharaj et al., Neurological and neuropsychiatric complications of COVID-19 in 153 patients: a UK-wide surveillance study. *The Lancet Psychiatry*; 7(10): 875-882.
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- Baek K, Donamayor N, Morris L, Strelchuk D, Mikheenko Y, Phillips W, Zandi M, Jenaway A, Walsh C, Voon V. Impairments in intention awareness in functional neurological disorder. Submitted *Biological Psychiatry*, 2016.
- Phillips W, Morton AJ, Barker RA. Limbic neurogenesis/ plasticity in the R6/2 mouse model of Huntington's disease. *Neuroreport*, 2006; 17(15):1623-17.
- Lazic SE, Grote HE, Blakemore C, Hannan AJ, van Dellen A, Phillips W, Barker RA. Neurogenesis in the R6/1 transgenic mouse model of Huntington's disease: effects of environmental enrichment. *Eur. J. Neurosci.*, 2006; 23(7): 1829-38.
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Reviews

- Phillips W, Price J, Molyneux PD, Deeley Q. Hypnosis. *Practical Neurology*, 2021, submitted.
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- Phillips W, Barker RA. Brain repair: do it yourself. *The Biochemist*, 2006: 28 (1); 15
- Michell A, Phillips W, Barker RA. Can endogenous stem cells be stimulated to repair the degenerating brain? *J. Pharm. Pharmacol.* 2004; 56(10): 1201-1210.
- Bennett JP, Carvey PM, Hinds TR, Johnson RD, Lee W, Phillips W, Sethy VH, Vincenzi FF, Youdin MBH. Mechanisms of action of pramipexole: putative neuroprotective effects. *Reviews in Contemporary Pharmacotherapy* 2001;12: 33-52.

Book chapters

- Barker RA, Phillips W, Davies R. Lumbar puncture. Chapter 24.7, *Oxford Textbook of Medicine* 2007.
- Phillips W, Michell AW, Pruess H, Barker RA Animal models of neurodegenerative disease. *Methods Mol. Biol.* 2009;549:137-55.
- Phillips W, Barker RA. The control of adult neurogenesis by the microenvironment and how this may be altered in Huntington's disease. *Neurogenesis Research Advances*, Nova Science Publishers, Inc, Ed. M P Klausen 2008.

Case Reports

Phillips W, Somner J. A case of Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension cured by myomectomy. Practical Neurology, 2021, submitted.

Medicolegal publications

Phillips W. Functional Neurological Disorders in Personal Injury. BMJ Neurology Open 2021;3:e000100