

MEDICO-LEGAL CV
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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.

5. Long covid clinic, Addenbrooke's

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)

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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	MRCP (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	MBCChB 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, Wendy Phillips 2022

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

Neuroscience and the Law, Gray's Inn May 2022

BNPA medicolegal section, May 2022

Cambridge annual medicolegal conference, September 2022

Bond Solon, report writing/ update, November 2022

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

MEDICO-LEGAL TALKS

I gave a lecture to the Personal Injuries Bar Association on FND on 02/04/2022.

I organised the medico-legal part of the 2022 British Neuropsychiatry Association AGM.

I gave a talk to Aviva technical claims in October 2022.

MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Eight years of:

Personal injury reports (claimant: defendant roughly 80:20)

Family Court Proceedings

Criminal Cases

Clinical Negligence

3-4 cases a month for the past few years

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: £450 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
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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 ideally (but subject to change)

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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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/Pseudotumor Cerebri Syndrome Cured by Myomectomy. *J Neuroophthalmol.* 2022 Mar 31. doi: 10.1097/WNO.0000000000001588. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 35439233.

Medicolegal publications

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

Phillips W. Mild traumatic brain injuries. *The MASS insight magazine.* Issue 31. Winter 2021/2022.

Misc./ viewpoints

- White et al. Eight major anomalies in the review process and interpretation of the evidence in the NICE guideline for chronic fatigue syndrome and myalgic encephalomyelitis. *Submitted*
- McLoughlin et al. Functional Neurological Disorder is a feminist issue *Submitted*

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