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## **Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae for Dr Rowland James Whale**



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## **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

**March 2015 ongoing:** **Consultant Physician Acute Medical Unit West Suffolk Hospital Bury St Edmunds.** I act as a consultant physician working 3-5 days most weeks but full time working during periods of escalation and other staff leave. This post involves the assessment of a wide range of serious medical emergencies in adult and elderly patients. Whilst most emergencies are medical in nature I also see cases that include trauma, surgical problems, orthopaedic, and psychiatric emergencies. In addition to working in the acute medical unit, I also spend periods working in other areas of the hospital seeing general medical and geriatric patients.

## **OTHER MEDICAL EXPERIENCE**

**2002-2015** Various non stipended medical NHS work, personal injury, occupational medicine, and medicolegal work.

**1996-2002** **Consultant Physician, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow.** My duties were in Elderly and General Medicine with full participation in the acute general medicine on-call rota. I acted as the Clinical Lead for Stroke with responsibilities which included the Acute Stroke Unit at Harlow and the Rehabilitation Unit at Bishop's Stortford giving me a broad experience of the rehabilitation of patients suffering from Stroke, other neurological problems as well as musculoskeletal problems and the consequences of trauma.

This post also involved a role in the development of the Stroke Service and teaching responsibilities at a variety of levels.

**1987-1996** **Consultant Physician, King George's Hospital, Ilford.** This post provided experience in Geriatric and General Medicine and a considerable experience of the management of acute medical conditions.

**1983-1987** Senior Registrar (Geriatrics & Medicine), Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

**1977-83** Various training posts mainly in General Medicine.

## **TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Present** Final Medical Degree Assessor University of Cambridge

**1984-7** Clinical Tutor Cambridge University

**1996-2002** Clinical Tutor Royal College of Physicians

## **APPRAISAL and REVALIDATION**

I am actively engaged in these processes through my employer an NHS Trust. My most recent appraisal date was December 2020. My revalidation date was 8th June 2019 with the next date being in June 2024.

My last 360-degree appraisal was completed in 2020. The output from this is available upon request. I have been admitted to the GMC specialist register and my registration and professional indemnity are up to date.

I undertake an ongoing intensive program of continuing professional development in areas relevant to my clinical and medico-legal practice.

## **MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

I have been actively engaged in medico-legal work for over 25 years and I have given evidence in court on a number of occasions- including at Crown Courts and the Royal Courts of Justice. I last gave evidence in Cambridge Crown Court in 2017 &18.

I have received Bond Solon training in report writing and in giving oral evidence (April 2019). I am intending to continue further Bond Solon training and I have obtained the Bond Solon Cardiff University Expert Witness Certificate. I maintain a policy of ongoing training in areas relevant to medico-legal and general clinical work.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

I am a member of the:

1. The British Geriatrics Society
2. The Independent Doctors Federation
3. The Cambridge Medico-Legal Forum
4. Collegiate member Royal College of Physicians
5. Royal Society of Medicine (Fellow)

## **REFEREES**

*These are available on request.*

## **Appendix**

### **Medico-legal work**

I have been undertaking medico-legal work since shortly after I was first appointed as a consultant physician in 1987. Whilst I mainly undertake claimant work I have also on many occasions undertaken defendant and joint reporting work.

My main consulting base is just outside Cambridge but I have access to a number of other consulting facilities around Essex and East Anglia. Additionally in suitable cases, I would be prepared to travel within England in order to assess claimants. I have undertaken a number of prison visits and if required I would be prepared to visit clients in custody.

I have received training in medico-legal work from Bond Solon and I have completed the MoJ MedCo course in personal injury reporting. Additionally, I have attended various meetings of the Expert witness Institute and I am a member of the Academy of Experts. I regularly attend the annual Cambridge Medico-Legal Conference and the regular meetings of the Cambridge Medico-Legal Forum.

I have experience in giving verbal evidence in a number of court settings.

I also have significant experience in conferencing with barristers and other expert witnesses.

I undertake about 50-100 cases per year and recent cases have included:

1. Varied personal injury issues
2. Life expectancy estimates
3. Medical Negligence
4. Neglect by nursing homes

I am happy to provide free informal advice regarding my ability to accept a case and I will also prepare non-part 35 compliant brief desktop reports. Please feel free to contact me to further discuss any matter.