

Psychiatry in the General Hospital: The State of the Art

A Festschrift for Professor Michael Sharpe

Speakers



Prof Michael Sharpe

Michael is a consultant psychiatrist, Emeritus Professor of Psychological Medicine in Oxford and a leading international expert in the integration of medical and psychiatric care. His work to improve the lives of patients with medical illnesses has included world-leading research, clinical innovation, and the development of award-winning services.

He has received numerous prestigious awards, including Psychiatrist of the Year from the UK Royal College of Psychiatrists, the Alison Creed Award from the European Association of Psychosomatic Medicine, the Eleanor and Thomas Hackett Award from the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, and the Adolf Meyer Award from the American Psychiatric Association. He is President of the European Association of Psychosomatic Medicine, Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry and Integrated Care (EAPM) and Past-President of the Academy of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry (ACLP).

Michael has designed and evaluated interventions for patients with chronic fatigue syndrome and functional neurological symptoms, led major studies of a new collaborative care approach for patients with depression and cancer, and developed a proactive and integrated psychiatric service model for older medical inpatients. He also set up the Oxford Psychological Medicine Centre, a ground-breaking clinical service in which psychiatrists, psychologists and other clinicians are integrated into the medical teams of Oxford University Hospitals.



Prof Don Rosenstein

Don is Professor of Psychiatry and Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), USA. He founded the internationally recognised UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program which is dedicated to helping patients and their caregivers with cancer treatment, recovery and survivorship. Don is Past-President of both the Academy of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry (ACLP) and the American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS).



Dr Luke Solomons

Luke is a consultant in psychological medicine and honorary senior lecturer in Oxford, with substantial experience of leading proactive and integrated psychiatric services for medical patients. He has particular expertise in psycho-oncology and leads the symptom monitoring and depression care for people with cancer services within the Oxford Cancer Centre. Luke is also the simulation and technology enhanced learning tutor for Oxford University Hospitals.



Prof Jon Stone

Jon is a consultant neurologist and honorary professor in Edinburgh. He is known for his work promoting a transparent, pragmatic and multidisciplinary approach to functional neurological disorders and for making neurosymptoms.org, the first website for people with this neglected and stigmatised problem. Jon's research includes large cohort, mechanism and treatment studies and he is currently President Elect of the Functional Neurological Disorder Society.



Prof Charlotte Rask

Charlotte is Clinical Professor and Chief Physician at Aarhus University Hospital Psychiatry, Denmark. She has over 20 years of research experience in functional somatic disorders and health anxiety in children and adolescents. Her work spans developmental trajectories, risk factors, and psychological treatment innovations. Charlotte is a certified specialist in child and adolescent psychiatry and a cognitive behavioural therapy supervisor as well as a dedicated educator.



Prof Paul Garner

Paul is Professor Emeritus in Evidence-Based Public Health in Infectious Diseases in Liverpool. He was part of the team that set up Cochrane, and he worked for 30 years in infectious diseases and guideline development. Paul developed the post-COVID-19 condition and recovered through a biopsychosocial approach. An eternal optimist, he believes long covid will open the minds of professionals and the public to a broader understanding of health and illness.



Prof Alan Carson

Alan is a consultant neuropsychiatrist and honorary professor in Edinburgh. He runs the South East Scotland acute brain injury service as well as a general neuropsychiatry service. He co-leads an internationally leading functional disorders research group with Jon Stone, producing influential work on clinical phenotype, classification, epidemiology and treatment. Alan played a key role in starting the new international Functional Neurological Disorder Society.



Dr Stephen Potts

Stephen is a consultant in liaison psychiatry and transplant psychiatry in Edinburgh, and an expert in altruistic kidney donation. He has worked part time in psychiatry for many years, in order to pursue his parallel career as a writer for stage, page and screen. He also an accomplished rower and sailor. Stephen has a longstanding interest in philosophy and ethics and is currently lead for the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland on assisted dying/assisted suicide.



Prof Wolfgang Söllner

Wolfgang is Professor Emeritus of Psychosomatic Medicine and Psychotherapy at Paracelsus Medical University in Nuremberg, Germany. He is an expert in psychodynamic psychotherapy, the coping styles and psychiatric co-morbidities of severely medically ill patients, and the training of physicians in communication skills. Wolfgang led the establishment of EAPM, the European Association of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, Psychosomatic Medicine and Integrated Care.



Dr Jane Walker

Jane is a consultant psychiatrist, honorary senior clinical researcher and leadership coach in Oxford. Her work focuses on improving the psychiatric and psychological care of patients with severe medical illnesses and she is known for her expertise in clinical trials. Jane coaches senior clinicians, researchers and managers in both academic and healthcare settings, enabling them to be confident leaders and to manage their complex and highly demanding roles.