



SPIRIT Conference

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Speakers Biographies

Dr John Delieu

John Delieu is Lecturer in Anatomy at the RJAH & the University of Bangor. He is also a Visiting Lecturer of Anatomy at Keele University's Medical School and an Honorary Clinical Teacher at Cardiff Medical School. Dr Delieu initially qualified as a nurse, working with the elderly, paediatrics and as a charge nurse in sexually transmitted diseases. He later changed direction and studied Anatomy and Cell Biology at Sheffield University.

Mr Paul Harrison

Paul Harrison is the Clinical Development Officer at the Princess Royal Spinal Injuries Centre, Sheffield where he has worked for many years, developing an expertise in bladder and bowel management of the acutely spinal cord injured patient. He has written a number of articles and edited two major SIA publications on spinal cord injury and he lectures widely on the topic. Paul developed the very successful SCI Link Nurse scheme some years ago that identified named, experienced nurses in district general hospitals that would be a contact point and provide support for patients admitted with a new or existing SCI.

Mr Martin McClelland

Martin McClelland currently works as an Emeritus Consultant in Spinal Injuries at the Princess Royal Spinal Injuries Centre in Sheffield. He is a Fellow of both the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Physicians. Martin was previously the Clinical Director of the Specialised Rehabilitation Services Directorate on Sheffield Teaching Hospitals (NHS) Foundation Trust, a role that included Spinal Injuries, Neuro-rehabilitation, wheelchair services, the Gait Laboratory, amputee services & orthotics. Now retired from clinical practice, Martin remains a Trustee of Spirit.

Dr Victor Pullicino

Senior Consultant Radiologist at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry. Dr Pullicino is a dedicated MSK radiologist with special interest in imaging of the spine employing all diagnostic imaging modalities. Author of multiple papers regarding spinal imaging including a book titled "Spinal Imaging – an Imaging Approach"

Mr Brian Gardner

Brian Gardner is a Consultant in Spinal Cord Injuries & leading expert in the area. He started working with the spinal cord injured over 30 years ago. After training in neurosurgery in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast for two years and spinal cord injuries in the North West Regional Spinal Cord Injuries Centre in Southport for 3 years, he commenced his role as Consultant Surgeon in SCI in Stoke Mandeville in 1985, where he worked until his retirement from the NHS in July 2011. He has published in excess of 100 articles or chapters, the large majority in the field of spinal cord injury. He continues to teach medical and paramedical professionals both at home and abroad. His time outside work is largely occupied with his family, which includes his long-suffering wife Stephanie and their nine children.

Mr Nick Todd

Nick Todd undertook undergraduate training at Guys Hospital London then completed postgraduate and advanced level. He holds a variety of surgical appointments. He worked as a neurosurgeon in the NHS taking patients with the widest range of neurological and neurosurgical conditions. He is especially experienced in the management of head and spinal injury and central nervous system infection. He provided specialist services in paediatrics particularly to children with spinal disorders and specialist services in the field of adult spinal surgery. As a Medical Research Council Training Fellow in Neurosurgery Mr Todd undertook experimental research in the area of ischaemic cerebrovascular disease. Subsequently he has undertaken clinical research in various areas including: head injury, spinal disorders, brain tumours, trauma and image-guided surgery. He has published extensively in over 100 neurosurgical publications or abstracts and continues to publish papers in academic journals.

Prof Wagih El Masri

Prof El Masri is an expert in the treatment of those with spinal cord injury. He trained between 1971 & 1983 in Stoke Mandeville, Oxford, London and the USA. He was a Consultant Surgeon in Spinal Injuries and Director of the Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries at the RJAH Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries between 1983 & 2014. He is now retired from the NHS but continues to practice as Consultant Surgeon in Spinal Injuries in Hunters Moor Neurorehabilitation Centre & the Christchurch group of hospitals. He is Clinical Professor of Spinal Injuries at Keele University. He was President of the International Spinal Cord Society, Chairman of the British Association of Spinal Cord Injury Specialists, Executive member of the British Association of Rehabilitation Medicine and a founder member of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Spinal Injuries. He holds a number of roles with other spinal cord injury organisations. He published over 135 manuscripts and chapters. He lectures worldwide and is currently involved in two major pieces of research about spinal cord injury repair.

Mr Naveen Kumar

Naveen Kumar is a Consultant Surgeon in Spinal Injuries & Rehabilitation Medicine at the RJAH Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries. His clinical and research interests are SCI prognosis, outcome, pressure sore care and prevention of Spinal Cord Injury. He is an

Honorary Consultant in Spinal Injuries & Rehabilitation Medicine at the University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, an Honorary Senior Lecturer at Keele University and Chair of the Spinal Cord Injury Medicine Special Interest Group of the British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Mr J Chowdhury

Mr Chowdhury is a Consultant Surgeon in Spinal Injuries and Rehabilitation Medicine. He has been a Consultant at the RJA Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries since 2008. His research interests are the delivery of comprehensive rehabilitative care following spinal cord injury, neuro-urological medicine and pressure sore surgery. He is a member of the International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS); British Society of Rehabilitation (BSRM); British Association of Spinal Cord Injury Specialists (BASCIS) and Multi Professional Association of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (MASCIP).

Alison Lamb

Alison Lamb is a Nurse consultant in spinal injuries at the Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic & District Hospital NHS Trust.

Rebecca Warren

Rebecca Warren is a nurse and Ward Manager at the RJA Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries.

Becky Dytor

Becky Dytor is a Senior Physiotherapist at the RJA Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries. Her special and research interests are the holistic effects of spinal cord injury, including practical treatment advice.

Barbie Simmons

Barbie Simmons is a Resettlement Officer at the RJA Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries and part of the Resettlement and Community Liaison Service; a patient centred service that has been in operation for over 40 years.

Mary Watkins

Mary Watkins is an Assistant Psychologist at the RJA Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries.

Mr Firas Jamil

Mr Jamil is a Consultant in Spinal Injuries and the Director at the Yorkshire Regional Spinal Injuries Centre at Pinderfields Hospital in Wakefield. Mr Jamil is an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Academic Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Leeds Medical School. His interests are in movement disorders and the role of neuro-implants in alleviating pain and spasticity. A surgeon with a rehabilitation background, Mr Jamil is interested in the relief of posture and joint deformity to improve function, ease pain and seating problems in neurologically impaired individuals. He is also interested in assisted

ventilation and phrenic nerve.

Organisers of the conference

Prof El Masri, Mr Martin McClelland (as above) & Prof James Richardson

Prof James Richardson

Prof Richardson is a Consultant in Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgery at the RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital, Professor of Orthopaedics at Keele University and Trustee of the Institute of Orthopaedics at the RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital. His clinical and research interests are hip resurfacing, chondrocyte implantation, stem cell transplantation, arthritis and early stage hip & knee arthritis. He is a supporter of the Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries.