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GP Careers in the 21st Century

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Professor Azeem Majeed MD FRCP FRCGP FFPH

Azeem Majeed is Professor of Primary Care and Head of the Department of Primary Care and Public Health at Imperial College London. His other roles include Course Director of the Imperial College London Master of Public Health (MPH) programme and Associate Medical Director with the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust. Professor Majeed is also an adviser to the World Health Organization (WHO) on primary care and public health. He remains active in clinical practice as a GP in the Clapham area of London.

Dr Clare Etherington

Clare Etherington qualified from UCH, London in 1986 and joined the Ridgeway Surgery in 1998. She is a GP partner in Harrow and Head of Primary Care Education and Training for North West London. She has worked as a locum and salaried GP, is a GP trainer, CSA examiner and the Clinical Lead for MAP (Membership by Assessment). She writes the News and Views section of InnovAiT and elearning modules for the RCGP, BMJ learning and some of the GP 'rag mags'. Clare deals with the full range of general practice problems but have particular interests in womens’ health and paediatrics. I run the baby clinic with Dr Lloyd and the health visitors. She is involved in GP education, teaching medical students and GP registrars, and she is a GP tutor for Hillingdon and an MRCGP examiner.

She is married with 2 children and 3 cats. Attends the gym and yoga classes, plays squash and grows organic fruit and vegetables on her allotment.
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Dr David Wingfield DM FRCGP
I have been a GP at Brook Green Medical Centre in Hammersmith for over 25 years doubling its size and developing it to one of the largest undergraduate and postgraduate teaching practices in the Borough. I have held senior positions in the organisation of healthcare in the borough as well as making an academic contribution as an Honorary Senior Lecturer in Imperial College. Most recently I have led the development of the Hammersmith and Fulham GP Federation over the past year, bringing all 31 practices together into one organisation, delivering a new range of GP based services and taking an innovative approach to GP and practice nursing workforce development.

Dr Samia Hasan
Samia Hasan has extensive primary care experience having worked as a GP for the past 14 years. The roles presently held by Dr Hasan are clinical, academic, research, strategic/leadership and commissioning. She is a GP Partner at Parkview Practice. Her primary interest is to listen to patients and provide best evidence based care for their particular needs. She is a Programme Director for the Imperial GP Training Scheme which means she jointly runs the teaching programme at Imperial College for young doctors who are training to be GPs. She is passionate about teaching and patient care and thus ensuring that future doctors are able to connect with patients and understand not just their medical but psychosocial needs also. Dr Hasan is also the Primary Care Speciality Lead at the NIHR Clinical Research Network. This is the research delivery arm of the NHS, supporting a portfolio of over 5,000 clinical research studies. The aim is to improve research activity in primary care/community to improve quality of care. She is also C2C Clinical Lead, Imperial College Health Partners. In addition, she is H&F Co-Opted CCG Board Member. As a commissioner, she fully understands the challenges and opportunities facing primary care today. Her success in achieving these goals is through partnership and engagement with patients and hence works with local communities.
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Mr Chris Adams

Chris Adams has worked in healthcare for 20 years, in the NHS and private sector, as a commissioner and a provider, in primary, secondary and tertiary care, and in small and large organisations. He originally qualified as a chartered accountant before spending 12 years at Bupa in various roles. More recently he has worked at director level in a number of healthcare organisations.

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Dr Simon Douglass

I have been a GP since 1993 and was a partner in a practice in Somerset for 19 years and latterly as a salaried GP in the same practice.

I was a GP trainer for 10 of those years and my practice also undertook remedial GP training. In 1998, a career in commissioning developed, initially in primary care groups, then as Primary Care Development lead in the PCT and latterly as Clinical Accountable Officer for Bath and North East Somerset CCG, a role I undertook for just over 2 years.

A career change last year resulted in me working for London Central and West Unscheduled Care Collaborative, initially as clinical lead for business development, but now as Interim Medical Director. Along the way, I helped set up a small [but perfectly formed] GP OOHs co-operative in the mid 90’s.

Our 2 boys are now at University [the youngest is about to start next month] and I am extremely fortunate to be married to very tolerant wife who is about to start work as a school nurse. When I am not working, I like to try and keep fit and mess about in boats as much as possible.
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Dr Graham Easton
Graham Easton has a portfolio career combining clinical general practice, academic general practice at Imperial College, medical journalism, and GP Appraiser for North West London. He has worked as producer and presenter for a range of BBC radio programmes, including Radio 4’s flagship medical programme Case Notes, Pick of the Week, and the BBC’s global health programme Health Check. He spent four years as assistant editor at the BMJ where he edited the medical education section and BMJ Careers, and is currently on the boards of the British Journal of General Practice and Education for Primary Care. He has written two medical textbooks (How to Pass the CSA, and the award-winning General Practice at a Glance) and is currently writing a non-fiction book about general practice for a lay readership to be published by Little Brown in 2016. Currently Graham is a Programme Director for the Imperial GP Specialty Training after holding the position of Acting Director for Undergraduate Primary Care Teaching at Imperial.

Dr Natasha Malik
Having completed her Darzi Fellowship Natasha continues to work as a General Practitioner in North West London. Her clinical leadership roles include collaboration with Health Education North West London, NHS London and the Royal College of General Practitioners. As an educator she is involved with postgraduate and undergraduate medical education at two London Universities. She is involved with designing Masters in Education modules that target the entire multiprofessional team. When not involved in the above Natasha can usually be found competing on the tennis court or on the karaoke machine!
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Dr Chad Hockey
Chad has worked in healthcare for over 25 years and is trained as a nurse, nurse practitioner, acupuncturist and doctor. He recently graduated from the Imperial GP VTS, where in 2014 he won the London-wide "GP Trainee of the Year" award. He is currently working as a salaried GP in West London and is about to start a Darzi Fellowship in Clinical Leadership.

Dr James Cavanagh
James Cavanagh is a GP in West London who has worked in 16 different organisations across three continents since 1988. This work has included roles as a hospital porter, a Nursing Auxiliary in a care of the elderly ward, a trauma surgeon in African townships and medical director of walk in service in Soho. Currently he is a GP Partner in a large teaching practice in West London. He also holds the Vice Chair for his CCG and remains a member of the GP federation he started two years ago. He is passionate about the need for medical services to meet the needs of the public and believes in pragmatic outcome-based solutions forged through co-design.

Dr Aisha Newth
In my current role as Teacher Development Lead in Primary Care I am responsible for teaching and training across the undergraduate GP curriculum at Imperial College Medical School. I am a supervisor for all our postgraduate trainees in the department of Primary Care. I have previously worked as a course lead for year 5 General Practice and Primary Healthcare. In addition to my educational role I am a GP partner in Crown Street Surgery, Acton, West London and I am heavily involved in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching.
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Dr Sonia Kumar

Sonia Kumar was appointed as the new Head of Undergraduate Primary Care Teaching in the Department of Primary Care and Public Health at Imperial College London in February 2013. Sonia has worked as a GP in South London for the past 12 years. Her academic interests started about the same time, first working as a GP Assistant, at GKT Medical School where she taught on a number of undergraduate courses including PBL and Medical Humanities. This led her to study for a Masters in Primary Care at Kings College, which she completed in 2004 with a Distinction. Her Masters dissertation looked at the effectiveness of PBL as a teaching tool in medical schools. She then joined the London Deanery in 2004 working as a Programme Director for Kings and then was appointed as a Pan London Director for Quality and Innovation. She has also been involved in teaching for the Faculty Development Unit, has been a GP tutor for newly qualified GP’s and has had extensive experience with GP recruitment and assessment Panels. Her current interests lie in innovative approaches to teaching, supporting students and trainee’s in transitions, supporting the developmental needs of Educators and exploring new ways of linking Postgraduate and Undergraduate Education with new innovative health settings. She also works as a GP in South London where she also lives with her husband and her two gorgeous little girls.

Dr Richard MA

I am a National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) In-Practice Fellow combining academic work with clinical practice as a part-time general practitioner (GP) in Islington, London. This is a two-year tenure from December 2014 to November 2016. http://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/in-practice-fellowships.htm.

I have been studying for a Doctor of Public Health degree at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/research/doctor_of_public_health__drph_.html

I will be submitting this thesis in September 2015.

I am part of the Child Health Unit at the Department of Primary Care and Public Health. I am currently using CPRD database to evaluate the impact of an incentive scheme for GPs to give advice on long acting reversible contraception to women of reproductive age on abortion rates and contraception use.
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Dr David Mummery
David Mummery is a GP Partner in Hammersmith and Fulham and has been involved in Primary Care Research since 2007, participating in many studies based in Primary Care. He is Hammersmith and Fulham CCG Research Lead and a Research Fellow at Imperial College Department of Primary Care and Public Health. As well as research his main special clinical interests are: Diabetes, HIV and Sexual health and Overdiagnosis.

Dr Austen El-Osta
Austen is Primary Care Research Manager operating across ICL Department of Primary Care & Public Health, the West London Research Network (WeLReN) & ICHT’s Directorate of Public Health & Primary Care. His principle aim is widen access & participation in primary care research within the NWL CCG Cluster catchment area by engaging constructively with existing and emerging organizational forms to advance a progressive research agenda. Prior to assuming this role, Austen was based at Guy’s hospital where he worked in a similar capacity within the NIHR Clinical Research Network.

Ms Sandra O’Sullivan
Sandra has worked in research for the past 15 years. In 2001 she supported a research study looking at Dangerous and Severe Personality Disorder which was commissioned by the Home Office and headed up by Professor Peter Tyrer, Imperial College London. Following this post she moved to the Mental Health Research Network and more latterly to the the North West London Clinical Research Network. Sandra in her network role currently supports a number of different specialties, including primary care.
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Mrs Shilpi Mehra
Shilpi works with the NIHR North West London Clinical Research Network as Deputy Research Delivery Manager for Division 5. Her role in primary care is to support the delivery of relevant NIHR portfolio studies in North West London by increasing engagement with primary care organisations across the sector, including CCGs, GP federations, GP practices, pharmacies and dentists. Her principle aim is to promote the culture of research within the emerging organisational structures in primary care, and to provide access to resources to support clinicians and groups interested in participating in research. Shilpi is a dentist qualified in India and holds an MSc in Public Health from the Free University of Amsterdam. She has also previous experience of working in the public health sector in the United States.

Dr Vicky Cooney
Vicki Cooney qualified as a GP in 2013. She works as a salaried GP in a Hammersmith and Fulham practice as well as the GP role in the Community Independence Service. This service was set up over the last few years to prevent unnecessary acute hospital admission and social care placements. As well as General Practice, her main interests are Substance Misuse including alcohol misuse, teaching medical students and Elderly medicine.

Dr Aglaja Dar
I work as Elderly Medicine consultant at the hospital front door at one of Imperial College NHS Healthcare Trusts. For the last 3-4 years I have spent more and more time working and developing "integrated" services for older people living in Hammersmith and Fulham. First, as part of the Integrated Care Organisation, then since early 2014 as part of the Community Independence Service providing a virtual ward for patients living in Hammersmith and Fulham. This work in the community grew hand in hand with the development of an Older Persons Rapid Access clinic and a Frailty Unit at a nearby hospital, thereby providing an Acute Frailty Network for local residents.
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Dr Tony Willis
Dr Tony Willis is clinical lead for diabetes for the Central London, West London, Hammersmith and Fulham, Hounslow and Ealing (CWHHE) CCG Collaborative. He trained at Jesus College, Cambridge then at Imperial (St Mary’s Hospital Medical School) and has worked predominantly in West London since qualifying. After starting a successful career in Haemato-oncology, he decided to become more involved in the local community and retrained as a GP. During his GP registrar training at Richford Gate Medical Practice in Shepherds’ Bush, he became involved in the practice’s diabetes clinic and went on to become the practice diabetes lead a few years later. He now leads the CWHHE diabetes strategy group is looking to drive transformational change in diabetes care across the North West London sector.

Miss Rihala Zakir
Rahila is a consultant ophthalmologist and vitreoretinal surgeon at The Western Eye Hospital, Imperial College NHS Trust. She is clinical lead for the recently successful partnership bid for Triborough Community Ophthalmology service with the local GP Federations, local optometrists and our neighbouring acute Trust. Her other clinical roles include Eye A&E at the Western Eye and screening and treatment for Retinopathy of Prematurity at Queen Charlotte and Chelsea Hospital. She was clinical lead for the macular degeneration service at her previous Trust in West Suffolk. Rahila holds an Honorary Clinical Senior a Lecturer post with the Faculty of Medicine at Imperial College and has an active, growing research portfolio. Outside the Trust she is Clinical Lead for a diabetic Eye Screening Service, and sees the full spectrum of diabetic eye disease, from screening to surgery for advanced retinopathy. She is an Ophthalmology adviser to external CCGs for community eye services and cataract services. She has a passion for teaching, and leads the undergraduate ophthalmology programme at the Western Eye Hospital. She recognises that little ophthalmology expertise is acquired as a medical student, and consequently many GPs don't feel confident managing eye conditions, and may not consider a special interest in Ophthalmology. Rahila looks forward to increasing numbers of GPs taking up ophthalmology.