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Associate Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Control
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Other Roles

Senior Lecturer Manchester University Medical School
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Qualifications

1996 - 2001	MB,BS	Manipal College of Medical Sciences, Pokhara, Nepal
March 2009	FRCPath	Royal College of Pathologists UK
November 2014	Post Graduate diploma in Health Care associated infection Control	University College London
12/03/2021	Accreditation as Medical Expert witness	The Academy of Experts
07/06/2022	Member for the UK faculty of Public health	UK Faculty of Public Health

Clinical Appointments

October 2020 Onwards	Associate Medical Director Infection Prevention and Control.	Manchester University Foundation Trust
July 2012 -September 2020	Consultant Microbiologist, Infection Control Doctor Associate Medical Director	Mid Cheshire NHS Foundation trust
June 2010 - June 2012	Consultant Microbiologist	Southern health and Social care trust Craigavon, Northern Ireland
December 2005 - June 2010	Specialist Registrar Medical Microbiology and Virology	Northern Ireland Training Scheme.
Aug 2004- Nov 2005	SHO Medical Microbiology	Royal Victoria Hospitals Belfast UK.
June 2004 - Aug 2004	SHO intensive care	North Manchester General Hospital, Manchester UK.

Courses and Conferences

Name	Conducted By	Location	Dates
ECCMID	ESCMID	Lisbon	April 2022
Expert Witness conference	BOND SOLON	London	October 2020
Expert Witness conference	BOND SOLON	London	October 2019
ECCMID	ESCMID	Madrid	April 2018
Clinical negligence course	Specialist Info	Manchester	November 2017
Court Room Skills	Bond Solon	Manchester	October 2015
Medico Legal Conference	BMA	London	April 2014
Engineering Aspects of Infection Control	Hospital Infection Society	Falfield UK	September 2013

Experience in management of infections

- Associate Medical Director for Infection Prevention and Control for Manchester University NHS foundation trust, with responsibility all aspects of Infection Management, control, and Prevention.
- I am involved in planning, implementation of infection prevention and control strategies for the management of COVID-19 infections in my role as AMD for IPCT at Manchester Foundation Trust.
 - I am responsible for overseeing outbreaks and ensuring the implementation and monitoring of compliance with all COVID-19 guidelines and policies.
 - As a Consultant in Medical Microbiology/Infections I am involved in treatment of COVID 19 infections and ongoing care.
 - Participating in COVID-19 MDTs.
- As the Regional medical lead for IPC for NHS northwest I collaborate with NHS Northwest colleagues in providing guidance to NHS care providers on all aspects of infection prevention and control (including COVID 19 and other health care associated infections) and antimicrobial resistance.
- As a Consultant Medical Microbiologist, I am involved in day-to-day management of all infections and Sepsis.
 - These include C difficile, MRSA, VRE, and other health care associated infections.
 - Management of infection like pneumonia, urinary tract infections, meningitis bowel infections etc.
 - Post-operative infections this includes all types of surgical infections
 - Management of communicable diseases like TB and other tropical infections
- As the infection control specialist experienced in the standards within Health care settings on all aspects of decontamination, sterilization of instruments and endoscopes.
- Maintain theatre standards and ensure water quality and food quality for patients.
- I am also a Medically accredited expert and serve on the panel of Medical experts for the GMC, MPS, and NHS resolutions.

Management Experience

- Following the completion of training in Northern Ireland through the national training number in Medical Microbiology I was appointed consultant in 2010.
- I moved to England in 2012 and became the Clinical lead and Laboratory director of Cheshire Pathology Services in 2014 - 2019. I was responsible for clinical leadership of the laboratories.
- During this period Cheshire Pathology services were first in the UK to get UKAS-ISO accreditation in Microbiology and one of the first in the country to get UKAS - ISO 15189 accreditation in other pathology disciplines
- As the clinical lead for microbiology and pathology I was responsible for ensuring the laboratories maintained an excellent quality management system, participated in NEQAS.
- I was the clinical lead in establishing the strategic outline case and Full business case for the N8 Pathology network.
- I was also instrumental developing a leadership culture within pathology with clearly identified leaders at all levels, being inclusive in decision making, identifying succession planning at all levels.

- I also Co-Chaired the AMR program board for Cheshire and Merseyside STP.
- I have attended the Senior Clinical Leadership course at the Kings Fund, and I was appointed to the role of Associated Medical Director for Quality and safety at Mid Cheshire NHS Foundation Trust.
- I attended the Aspiring Medical Directors assessment at NW NHS leadership academy assessment day in 2019 and was assessed to be ready to take on the Medical Directors role.

Membership of Other Professional Bodies

- The UK Faculty of Public Health
- The Academy of Experts.
- Member of British Infection Association
- Member of European society of clinical microbiology and Infectious diseases.
- Member of Hospital Infection Society.
- Member of the Central Sterilizing Club.
- Member of British Medical Association.
- Member of British society of antimicrobial chemotherapy

Publications

- Implementation of a Delayed Prescribing Model to Reduce Antibiotic Prescribing for Suspected Upper Respiratory Tract Infections in a Hospital Outpatient Department, Ghana; Sam Ghebrehewet, Wendi Shepherd, Edwin Panford-Quainoo, Saran Shantikumar, Valerie Decraene, Rajesh Rajendran, Menaal Kaushal, Afua Akuffo, Dinah Ayerh and George Amofah *Antibiotics* 2020, 9(11), 773; doi:10.3390/antibiotics9110773
- Macc Score a Novel Antimicrobial stewardship score: paper presentation at European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and infectious diseases at Amsterdam April 2016.
- Reducing the use of ‘high-risk’ antibiotics through implementation of an antibiotic stewardship programme. McCorry A, Damani N, Rajendran R, McCaffrey P, Muckian D and Loughran P.
- British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology 2010; 2: 341-344
- I have been a reviewer of a few chapters and have contributed to the Manual of Infection Control Procedures by N.N. Damani (3rd edition)
- Member of the review group involved in analysis and developing the recruitment process for Northern Ireland for 2007-2009

Presentation

- “MACC score novel antibiotic prescribing score” ECCMID, Amsterdam 2016
R Rajendran¹ Mel Stevens² Sally Stubington³
- Poster Presentation
E-RCA collation and feedback of HCAI information, Wallace S, Rajendran R, Damani N, Program and abstracts of the 1st International Conference on Prevention and Infection Control; 29th June - 2nd July, 2011; Geneva, Switzerland.