

PROFESSOR FRANCES COWAN

Dr Frances Cowan is Visiting Professor of Perinatal Neurology in the Department of Neurosciences at the University of Bristol. She was for many years Senior Lecturer in Perinatal Neurology at the Division of Clinical Sciences, Imperial College London and MRC Clinical Sciences Centre Hammersmith Hospital, London. She holds honorary consultant contracts at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital and Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. She is known to paediatricians, neonatologists and researchers around the world as one of the foremost clinical experts in perinatal neurology. Frances gained her PhD from the University of Oslo where she continues to have strong links. She can truly be said to have been instrumental in developing perinatal neurology as a new discipline. Her wealth of clinical knowledge coupled with academic achievement makes her opinion extremely highly sought. To watch Frances take a thorough history, conduct a careful, meticulous examination, report state-of-the art imaging and review detailed investigations and then provide a clear explanation of diagnosis, prognosis, and treatments to parents and professionals alike, is a joy to witness and clinical medicine at its very best. For her contribution to clinical perinatal neurology she is strongly commended for the James Spence Medal.

PROFESSOR ALISON KEMP

Professor Alison Kemp has made a significant contribution to child protection in the UK and internationally through her research into child abuse and her leadership role with Cardiff Child Protection Systematic Reviews (Core Info), funded until 2015 by the NSPCC.

Since 2002 the Core Info team has developed an internationally recognised methodology for systematically reviewing the world literature with regard to child abuse and neglect. Alison has achieved significant external funding for her child protection research – most importantly from MRC for the PROTECT study. Professor Kemp is the acknowledged leader of community child health in Wales, and a respected national expert on child protection across the UK. She is part of the Healing Foundation Children's Burns Research Centre, where she is leading on the translation of research evidence into a clinical prediction tool for identifying maltreatment in children who have been burned or scalded. Alison has served on the RCPCH Child Protection Special Interest Group and made a major contribution to the Child Protection Companion. With the withdrawal of funding from the NSPCC, Alison has negotiated the transfer of Core Info from Cardiff to the RCPCH online platform, so the benefits of this fantastic database will continue to be available to clinicians and researchers.

PROFESSOR EITAN KEREM

Professor Kerem has advanced child health through his work in partnership with the Palestinian community, through his pioneering work in cystic fibrosis, and his indefatigable labours for the rights of all children. His true excellence lies in his humanitarian contribution, as he has a proven record of building bridges between Israelis and Palestinians furthering peace through medicine wherever possible, and raising the standards of health care delivery in both communities. He has been active in training Palestinian paediatricians in his cystic fibrosis clinic, and treating Palestinian children.

Professor Kerem is a world known leader in cystic fibrosis research, serving as a principal investigator of many national and international clinical trials and author of key publications in the field. He was the first to demonstrate that gentamicin over-rode premature stop codons. He was also involved in formulating the guidelines that paved the road to the standardization of CF care in Europe and other parts of the world. He is a recipient of the prestigious Ordine Della Stella Della Solidarieta Italiana Award. The European Cystic Fibrosis Society recently recognized Professor Kerem for his vast interest in cystic fibrosis across all aspects by honouring him with their 2014 Award, the highest of the Society.

SIR MICHAEL MARMOT

Sir Marmot was appointed Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at UCL in 1985, and in 1994 became Director of the International Centre of Health and Society (now the International Institute for Society and Health) that he established at UCL in 1994. He has had particular interest in issues around health inequalities,