

DR KAREN H SIMPSON - CURRICULUM VITAE

QUALIFICATIONS TRAINING ACCREDITATION AND REVALIDATION

Undergraduate	MBChB (Leeds) 1979
GMC (No. 2502425)	Registered 1980; Revalidation 2014
Specialist registration:	Anaesthesia 1986; Palliative Medicine 1987
Postgraduate:	Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCA) England 1983 Fellow of the Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM) Royal College of Anaesthetists (FFPMRCA) England 2008

PAST AND PRESENT APPOINTMENTS

Present

2017	Auditor FFPMRCA examination
2016	Honorary Consultant in Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine Leeds Teaching Hospitals
1987	Honorary Consultant St Gemma's Hospice Leeds
1987	Senior Clinical Lecturer School of Medicine University of Leeds

Past

2013-2017	Chairman FFPMRCA examination
2010-2017	FPM representative on RCA Revalidation Committee
2009-2017	FPM representative RCA Safe Anaesthesia Liaison Committee
1987-2016	Consultant Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine Leeds Teaching Hospitals
2009-2014	Board member FPM RCA
2010-2013	External examiner MSc Pain Medicine Leicester University
2010-2013	GMC Appeals Panellist
2009-2013	Chairman Professional Standards Committee FPM RCA
1999-2013	Editorial Board Continuing Education Journal British Journal of Anaesthesia
2011-2013	FPM representative on the Law and Ethics Committee
2004-2011	Hon Senior Fellow School of Healthcare Leeds University
2005-2010	Appeals Assessor Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board
2007-2009	Vice Dean FPM RCA (Awarded Vice Deans Medal)
2002-2009	Chairman Leeds Trust Spinal Drug Delivery Risk Group
2007	Member Board FPM RCA
2003-2007	RCA Regional Adviser Pain Medicine
1997-2007	RCA Pain Management Committee
2002-2004	Honorary Secretary British Pain Society
1999-2003	Examiner Final FRCA RCA London
1999-2002	UK co-ordinator World Federation of Anaesthesiologists Fellows Education Programme
1996-2003	Board of Management and Trustee Charity St Gemma's Hospice Leeds
2000-2002	Elected Assistant Honorary Secretary British Pain Society
1998-2000	Elected Council Member British Pain Society
1994-95	Secretary Association for Palliative Medicine
1993-96	Co-opted Council Member British Pain Society
1992-96	Examiner FRCA RCA London
1984-87	Lecturer Anaesthesia University of Leeds

PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL SPECIALISMS

Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine

I was an NHS Consultant in Anaesthesia specialising in Pain Medicine in Leeds for nearly 30 years until I retired from NHS practice in 2016. I gave up general anaesthesia in 2006 to concentrate on pain medicine. My clinical practice involved pain assessment and management (pharmacological, nerve blocks, spinal procedures and spinal implants) within a multidisciplinary team of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists and psychologists. The Leeds pain service accepts patients with chronic pain from General Practitioners and other specialists and is a national neuromodulation centre for the spinal implants used in pain management. As a tertiary referral unit our patients have

complex and long-standing chronic pain e.g. spinal pain, headaches, peripheral nerve problems/brachial plexus pain, cancer pain, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, post-surgical/amputation/traumatic pain, vascular pain and various musculoskeletal pains. Since retirement I have continued to work full time and concentrated on my private clinical pain management practice and medicolegal work

Teaching

I have lectured nationally and internationally about pain related topics and I remain active in training, education and standard setting nationally. I have lectured and given seminars/webinars to medical and legal audiences on aspects of pain management and medico-legal practice.

Examining

I was a basic science examiner for the RCA and final FRCA examiner for 13 years and a FFPM RCA examiner for 4 years. I gained experience examining in other countries e.g. Eire, Sri Lanka, Cairo and Hong Kong. I still contribute to the FFPM RCA examination by training and auditing examiners.

AWARDS, ACCOLADES AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

I have been an officer and committee member for national bodies with responsibility for pain training, education and standard setting for 30 years. In 2015 I was awarded the FPM RCA Commendation for Meritorious Service.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

British Medical Acupuncture Society
International Association for the Study of Pain
British Pain Society

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS, TEXT BOOKS AND EDITORIAL ROLES

I have published several textbooks and many book chapters, scientific papers, editorials and reviews (more than 130 publications). In 2015 the BMA book of the year prize was won by M L Sharma, S Gupta, M Bennett and K H Simpson. Oxford Handbook of Complex Cancer Pain Management. Oxford University Press (2014)