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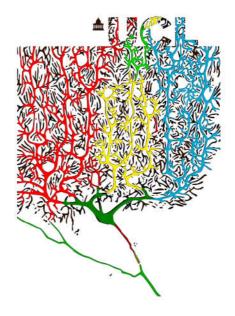
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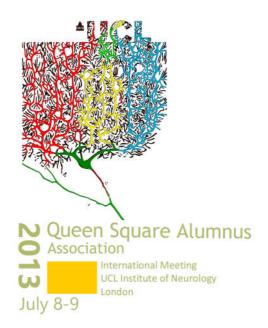
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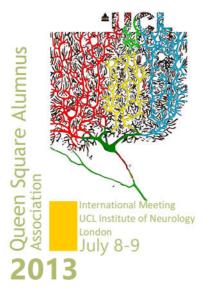
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Welcome from the Alumnus Secretary

Dear Queen Square Alumnus Association members,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to the 2013 Queen Square Alumnus Association meeting. The Queen Square Alumnus Association was established in 1989 in order to foster a collegiate spirit in people who have undertaken part of their training at Queen Square. The Association was started by Miss Pat Harris who worked at Queen Square from the mid-1960s until the late 1980s. Without her there would be no Alumnus Association, and I think it important that we remember her contribution, not only to the organisation but also her role at Queen Square, in which she formed many close associations with people who worked and studied here.

I have been delighted by the response to this meeting and it is nice to welcome Alumni from all over the world, from Australia and New Zealand, to Thailand, India, Iraq, Nigeria, Kenya, many European countries, the USA, Canada, Brazil and Argentina. It speaks volumes for Queen Squares reach and influence that we have representatives from six continents, with Alumni who were at Queen Square from the 1960s through to the present day.

speakers for taking part in this event, some of whom experience at our meeting, and I look forward to many have travelled many miles to make it here. The more such events in the future. programme represents just some of the diversity of research and clinical practice that is conducted within Yours faithfully Queen Square and in the wider world.

We have tried to offer a mixture of historical perspectives along with more recent developments to highlight the incredible work that has been conducted at Queen Square since its formation until the present day. It is also important to recognise the contribution of Queen Squares Alumni, who have enriched the quality of research, teaching, clinical care and the overall experience of working and studying here.

I am indebted to Professor Simon Shorvon and Professor Andrew Lees for their constant support and encouragement for the Alumnus Association, and to Dr Surat Tanprawate who remains for me the inspiration and driving force behind the association. I would also like to thank Ms Daniela Warr-Schori and Ms Hannah Stapley for their help and support in arranging the Alumni Dinner and evening reception.

Finally, I would like to highlight for special praise, Dr Suraj Rajan, who along with myself produced this booklet. Suraj was responsible for the outlay and design, and has contributed much to this project and others at Queen Square. Suraj's ability, dedication and sense of humour is a constant source of motivation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our I hope that you all have an enjoyable and stimulating

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Monday, 8th July 2013

Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery

8.25 am	Registration	
9.00am	Welcome and History of Epilepsy at Queen Square	Professor Simon Shorvon, ION
9.45am	New treatments for epilepsy – the ideas of Hughlings Jackson realised	Professor Matthew Walker, ION
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11.05 am	Coffee and Danish pastries	
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12.15pm	Recent developments in Peripheral Nerve Disease	Professor Mary Reilly, ION
12.55 pm	PhD Highlights-– research of current students	Dr Atbin Djamshidian-Tehrani, ION
1.10pm	LUNCH	
2.00pm	Recent developments in Dementia Research	Professor Nick Fox, ION
2.40pm	Australia and Queen Square	Dr Catherine Storey, Alumni - Australia
3.25pm	Break	
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4.30pm	Neurosurgery at Queen Square: A historical perspective	Mr Michael Powell, NHNN
5.10pm	Movement Disorders: Beyond the Basal Ganglia	Dr Mark Edwards, ION
5.40pm	Queen Square Library, Archive and Museum tour	(to register contact Mr David Blundred d.blundred@ucl.ac.uk)
6.00pm	Evening reception	33QS, Basement
7.00pm	Queen Square Alumnus Association Dinner	Wilkins Terrace Restaurant, UCL See UCL & Bloomsbury Map at the Back of this booklet



Tuesday, 9th July 2013

Venue: Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery

9.00 am	The History of Therapy of MS over the last two centuries - hopes, frustrations and triumphs	Professor Jock Murray Alumni - Canada
9.50 am	Clinical and Research developments in MS	Professor Alan Thompson, ION
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4.55pm	Ophthalmology and the National Hospital	Dr Gordon Plant, ION
5.40pm	Evening Drinks reception	33QS, Basement



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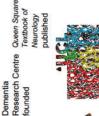
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Prof. Simon Shorvon

Professor Shorvon has worked at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery as a Consultant Neurologist since 1983. He is the current Clinical sub-dean at the UCL Institute of Neurology and Course Director for the MSc/Diploma Clinical Neurology, MSc Neurology for Trainees and the Diploma in Clinical Neurology via Distance Learning. Professor Shorvon has published extensively, and has over 540 articles along with numerous books. His research in epilepsy has been largely in the fields of epidemiology, clinical pharmacology and therapeutics, magnetic resonance imaging, status epilepticus and genetics.

History of Epilepsy at Queen Square Perspective

For a period between the founding of the hospital in 1860 and the beginning of the first war in 1914, the National Hospital led developments in epilepsy worldwide. It was the first hospital was established specifically for the treatment of epilepsy, at the hospital the conceptual basis of epilepsy was changed, a theory of the physiological structure of the nervous system was developed, cortical localisation of epileptic activity was demonstrated and the principle of focal epilepsy established, the first effective drug treatment of epilepsy (bromide) was extensively studied and the first surgical operation for epilepsy carried out.

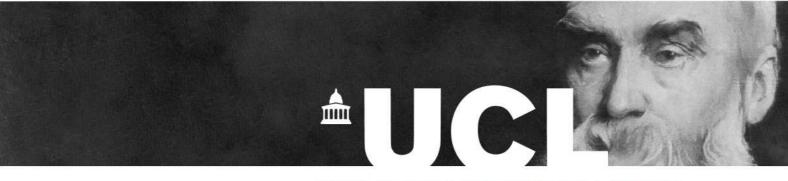
Physicians famous for their work in epilepsy at the hospital included: CE Brown-Sequard, Sir John Russell Reynolds, Sir Edward Sieveking, John Hughlings Jackson, Sir David Ferrier, Sir Victor Horsley, Sir William Gowers, and William Aldren Turner. Indeed, of the first twenty appointees (1859–1886), seven were elected Fellows of The Royal Society, three were appointed Physicians to The Royal Household, two were presidents or vice presidents of the Royal College of Physicians and five were knighted.

There has been no parallel before or since for this remarkable record. They brought to the hospital a mixture of basic animal experimentation, clinical observation and novel therapies.

After 1914, epilepsy rather fell from the central focus of work at the hospital, although MacDonald Critchley, FMR Walshe, SA Kinnier Wilson and Dennis Williams were renowned for their epilepsy contributions. This talk will cover this period, and focus particularly on the early years.



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Prof. Matthew Walker

Professor Walker joined the UCL Institute of Neurology and National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in 1999 as Consultant Neurologist. His research combines in vivo and in vitro neurophysiology in order to address questions concerning the regulation of cortical excitability, mechanisms underlying epileptogenesis (the development of epilepsy) and the treatment and pathology of prolonged szizures (status epilepticus), and he has published 268 articles. He is the Course Director for the MSc in Clinical Neuroscience and associate editor of Epilepsia and Therapeutic Advances in Neurological Disorders.

New treatments for epilepsy – the ideas of Hughlings Jackson realised

Perspective

Epilepsy is the commonest serious neurological disorder affecting approximately 50 million people worldwide, and \sim 30% of these people are resistant to optimal drug therapy.

Despite a substantial growth in the number of antiepileptic drugs available, the impact on the number of people seizure free has been modest. Moreover, fewer than 10% of the population of people with pharmacoresistant epilepsy are suitable for curative epilepsy surgery. There are therefore approximately 15 million people with epilepsy for whom our present treatments are inadequate.

Hughlings Jackson proposed an alternative treatment. He suggested that the cells causing the epilepsy could be destroyed with a microbial treatment. Hundred years later, we are starting to use treatments based around modified viruses (viral vectors) carrying specific genes to modify cellular behaviour. Here I will present our work that has led to a completely novel approach for the treatment of epilepsy using a gene therapy to alter the excitability of neurons in the seizure focus.





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Prof. James O Jowi

Professor Jowi is a consultant Neurologist and Associate Professor at Uzima University College, Kisumu Kenya. He previously worked at Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi and Aga Khan University Hospital Kenya. He completed the Diploma in Clinical Neurology at the Institute of Neurology in 1991. He has 29 research publications and has published 3 booklets on Neurological diseases. From Epilepsy and HIV neurology to spinocerebellar ataxias, his research interest is wide and he aims to establish a vibrant Neurosciences unit as a Center of Excellence in the region

Queen Square and the development of neurology services in Kenya and East Africa

Alumni highlights

Neurology services in Kenya and the region is still in We share common problems in provision of its infancy, that as it may, Queen Square has played a neurology services with Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda significant role in its development. There are 11 and Burundi. Statistics as regards the number of adult neurologists and seven pediatric neurologists in neurologists and services offered in our neighboring Kenya, 50% of us have trained at Queen Square or countries is being verified. There are four (4) have had an affiliation with Queen Square. Training neurologists in Tanzania for a population of about neurologists at Queen Square for Kenya started in 45 million. the seventies; the pace has been very slow mainly Neurologists in Kenya have finally gotten together due to lack of sponsorship.

Kenya has a population of about 40 million. The There are collaborative plans underway with our ratio therefore stands at 1 neurologist to 2.2 million neighbors to build capacity of neurologists and inhabitants. WHO recommends a ratio of 1:100,000; we therefore need at least 200 neurologists. The other professionals who work closely with fill this gap; cognizant of location, duration, cost neurologists are: 20 neurosurgeons, 1 clinical and quality of training. neurophysiologist, 2 speech and language therapists. There are no dedicated neuro-pathologists and nurses. We have about neurological Neurophysiology Technologists mainly trained on EEG evaluation. Most of these services are coalesced around urban areas. The workload is insurmountable.

There are neurological clinical services, University teaching activities and excellent research facilities run by neurologists who have either trained at Queen Square or are affiliated to Queen Square and other UK Universities; notably KEMRI-Wellcome Collaborative Programme, Kilifi, Kenya and University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

to form a dedicated association for neurologists. allied professionals in Kenya and the region. We are grappling with the best mode of capacity building to



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Professor José Ochoa

Professor Ochoa, originally from Chile, worked at Queen Square from 1966 until 1974 in various roles including Senior Lecturer in Clinical Neurophysiology, Wellcome Research Fellow & Honorary Consultant in Clinical Neurophysiology. He later took positions in the USA at Dartmouth Medical School, University of Wisconsin Medical School, Good Samaritan Hospital and the Oregon Health Sciences University where he is currently the director of the Oregon Nerve Center. He has published extensively, and has special interest in neuropathic pain and mechanical and thermal allodynias.

Britain, the English Malady, and Neuropathic Pain

Alumni highlights

century but the malady is neither English nor a relic: consistently so nicknamed. it is current and universal. The malady is often However, pseudoneurological malingering is hard sensory system.

As defined by George Cheyne, the "nervous" malady is not a specific biological disease. It was nicknamed Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, comprises plain psychiatric syndromes and is predictably contaminated undiagnosed pathophysiologically-based sensory and motor disorders and also by pseudoneurological displays of test, that is the non-placebo-controlled sympathetic "nervous" symptoms without underlying pathology. One common psychosocial by-product of most absence of diagnostic tests, pathology or "nervous maladies", for which the doctor fails to dysfunction, and embarrassed by the 1994 criteria, identify pertinent pathology or pathophysiology, is newfound pain aficionados, without clinical the patient's conclusion "the doctor thinks I am experience, have targeted the dorsal horn as the site crazy or faking".

Pseudoneurological disorders are "psychogenic"; the neuropathophysiological gut felt belief is not clinical display is characteristically atypical and the testable in humans. anatomo-physiological instruments that malady pseudoneurological, it is generated abnormally in the iatrogenic harm, through omission of proper mind of the brain. No surprise: the psyche is differential neuronal and generates imperfect cartoons of unjustified, dangerous and ineffective "therapies". neurological disease.

The English malady was defined by its Scottish The unquestionably pseudoneurological clinical author as: "Nervous Diseases of all kinds, as spleen, display of most CRPS-I cases gets consistently vapors, lowness of spirits, hypochondrical and "diagnosed" as CRPS-I for a simple circular reason: hysterical distempers". That was the early 18th it is the pseudoneuropathic pain patient who gets

expressed in patients misdiagnosed with the to differentiate from conversion-somatization. The nickname CRPS-I, my favorite non-disease of the taxonomic itinerary of CRPS-I has been pathetic Until 1994 this seemingly through decades. neuropathic pain profile, in absence of pathology, assuming that the pain was "sympathetically maintained". This fallacy was demolished when Verdugo showed that the gold standard diagnostic ganglion block, was a placebo artifact. Today, in CRPS-1 malady, ignoring that

> seem Finally, all undiagnosed patients expressing is pseudoneurological Distempers are victims of diagnosis and commission



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Professor Mary Reilly

Professor Mary Reilly came to Queen Square in 1991 firstly as a researcher and then as a clinical registrar with Professor Anita Harding. Professor Reilly is a consultant neurologist at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery and conducts research on Peripheral Nerve Diseases and Neuromuscular Diseases. She has over 230 publications and leads one of Europe's largest peripheral nerve clinics which focuses on the genetics and therapeutics of conditions like Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, the hereditary sensory and autonomic neuropathies and the distal hereditary motor neuropathies.

Inherited peripheral nerve diseases

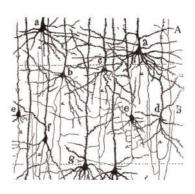
Recent developments

The inherited peripheral nerve diseases are a large group of disorders which can be divided into those where the neuropathy is the sole or major part of the disease and those in which the neuropathy is part of a more generalised neurological or multisystem disorder. This talk will focus on the former which include Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT) and the related disorders hereditary neuropathy with liability to pressure palsies (HNPP), the distal hereditary motor neuropathies (HMN) and the hereditary sensory and autonomic neuropathies (HSAN).

The clinical classification of CMT dates from the 1980s and is based on upper limb motor conduction velocities where CMT1 refers to CMT with MCVs < 38m/s and CMT2 MCVs > 38 m/s. This classification is still the cornerstone of diagnosis but there have now been more than 50 causative genes identified.

This has had a major impact on the diagnosis of this group of disorders but has also allowed the study of the pathogenesis of these diseases and the consequent development of candidate therapies.

This talk will provide an update on recent developments with an emphasis on recent gene discoveries and the development of therapies.



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Dr Atbin Diamshidian-Tehrani

Dr Djamshidian-Tehrani has been a Senior Clinical Research Associate since 2009 working with Professor Andrew Lees at the UCL Institute of Neurology. Prior to that he undertook a Diploma in Clinical Neurology at the UCL Institute of Neurology in 2004. His research is focused on Parkinson's Disease and he has published 29 articles.

Research of current students

PhD highlights

A subgroup of Parkinson's disease (PD) patients PD patients with and without ICBs were also treated develops devastating behavioural side effects compared to pathological gamblers and illicit collectively termed impulsive compulsive behaviours (ICBs). Although it is still unclear why some patients develop these addictive behaviours, identified risk group resembled pathological gamblers, whereas factors are younger onset of PD, higher novelty ICB patients performed similarly to illicit substance seeking personality traits and DA therapy. For my abusers. These results strengthen the link between PhD I have tested PD patients with and without ICBs in PD and substance abuse. ICBs on a variety of different neuropsychological tests and found that dopaminergic medication affect cognitive performance in a complex fashion with improvement in some tasks and deterioration in others.

Anti-Parkinson medication improved response inhibition in both PD groups. On other tests such as a working memory task dopaminergic medication had, however, no effect on performance. Finally, all PD patients became more risk prone in their "on" compared to their "off" state, and those patients who developed pathological gambling made the most risky decisions.

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UCL Institute of Neurology

Professor Nick Fox

Professor Fox joined the UCL Institute of Neurology in 1997, becoming a Consultant in 2003 and Professor in 2005. With over 380 publications, his research focuses on the early detection, differential diagnosis and monitoring of progression in cognitive disorders and neurodegenerative dementias. He has particular interest in the use of MRI to improve diagnosis and to measure progression as well as treatment efficacies of novel therapies in Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Besides this he also works with familial dementias and the use of biomarkers and clinical and cognitive measures to assess AD and FTLDs.

Recent developments in dementia research

Research updates

The last few years have seen important research advances and significant developments in our understanding of the dementias. These include advances in genetics, pathology, imaging and biomarkers. Although there are now symptomatic treatments for Alzheimer's disease (AD) disease-modifying treatments – a key goal – remain elusive. Genetic studies have revealed factors that reduce as well as increase risk. Unravelling the effects of these genes may offer new insights into pathogenesis and potential therapeutic avenues for AD and also for other causes of dementia.

There is a growing emphasis on early detection of AD. A remarkable advance has been the ability to image cerebral amyloid in vivo using PET ligands. Most (if not all) AD patients have positive scans but so do almost 25% of "control" individuals subjects over the age of 70 years. These findings fit with increasing evidence for a long preclinical period to AD.

CSF markers have been the other important diagnostic advance – these are now well-validated and show that reduced CSF-Abeta and raised CSF-tau carry strong positive predictive value for AD even at a very early stage.

These developments have contributed to the new criteria for AD which include imaging (MRI and PET) and CSF markers as supportive features for an early clinical diagnosis.

As significant have been advances in non-AD dementias. A long search for the genetic cause of frontotemporal dementia (FTD) with MND has finally yielded a novel and unusual genetic cause (C9orf72) which joins mutations in the Progranulin and the MAPT genes as (equally) important causes of dominantly inherited FTD. The pathological classification of FTD has also been changing rapidly.

Clinical criteria for dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB) continue to be refined and now incorporate supportive imaging features. Disappointing, despite several promising drug-development strategies (at least for AD), a number of recent trials of disease-modifying therapies have reported negative results. In this context there is increasing interest in trialling treatments earlier and using biomarkers to identify for inclusion individuals at an early (and even preclinical) stage of AD and then to use clinical, psychometric and imaging markers to assess efficacy.

Recent advances have improved our ability to understand the dementias and their pathogenesis and to make earlier and more accurate clinical diagnoses. Treatments that significantly ameliorate the clinical course of these devastating diseases are urgently needed.



Dr Catherine Storey

Dr Storey is a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at Northern Clinical School, University of Sydney. She came to Queen Square as an Australian Fellow in 1978, before working as a senior registrar, returning to Australia in 1980. She has published articles on Stroke and medical history, and is an organiser of the International Society for the History of the Neurosciences in Australia.

Queen Square – also a cradle of Australian neurology

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Mr George Samandouras

Mr Samandouras is a consultant Neurosurgeon at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery. He directs the education and training of neurosurgical trainees and fellows at the National. His clinical interests include brain tumours, minimally invasive surgery and spine surgery. Surgical oncology techniques employed include fluorescent-guided resection, cortical mapping and intraoperative MRI. He has published 3 books and various articles on a range of neurosurgical themes.

The Present and Future of Neurosurgery

Perspective

In 1886 Sir Victor Horsley was appointed to "The National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic" as the world's first brain surgeon. Since that time a series of outstanding neurosurgeons served at the subsequently named as "National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery", including Sir Wylie McKissock, Valentine Logue and Lindsay Simon.

During the last 130 years, Neurosurgery at Queen Square, has been established as the biggest neurosurgical unit in the UK embracing the latest technologies and introducing advanced techniques. During the last decade only the Neurosurgical Department has introduced the UK's first intraoperative MRI suite, advanced neuronavigation systems, intraoperative meurophysiological monitoring, and Gamma Knife.

With leadership in academic and clinical neurosurgery, introduction and promotion of advanced technologies and radical new programs in education and training, the future of Neurosurgery at Queen Square seems promising.



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Mr Michael Powell

Mr Powell has been a consultant Neurosurgeon at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery since 1985. He was trained at the Oxford University and Middlesex Hospital. He is an honorary consultant at the Great Ormond Street Hospital, Royal Free, Whittingdon, St Thomas' and St Lukes. He is a civilian adviser to the RAF and Chairman of the SAC Neurosurgery. He is particularly interested in pituitary tumours and has published articles and books on the same.

Neurosurgery at Queen Square

A historical perspective

The specialty of neurosurgery started at Queen Square when Victor Horsley, the outstanding surgical scientist of the late Victorian and Edwardian era, was appointed to Queen Square to perform brain operations in May 1886. Before that time, although brain surgery, almost exclusively for trauma and infections had been done very sporadically, it had never been a formal surgical discipline. His first operation for epilepsy was considered a great success and within one year, Horsley had performed twelve procedures all but one surviving - an astonishing rate for the time. Formal descriptions of technical approaches and anaesthesia quickly followed in literally hundreds of publications. Within two years, he was regularly operating on the spine. Recognising the need for further assistance, he had three colleagues, most notably Sir Charles Ballance, appointed to assist in the burgeoning workload. Although Horsley, by now Sir Victor, died during the first world war, the discipline was firmly established.

Although the role of world trainer fell to his younger rival, Harvey Cushing, he had set the scene, and appointments throughout the developed world followed, often either his former trainees or with his recommendation. In the thirties, the National went through the doldrums, the major UK schools being those of the three Cushing's trainees in Oxrford, Manchester and Edinburgh, but our reputation was revived in the post WWII era by Sir Wylie McKissock, Prof Valentine Logue and then their successors, notably Prof Lindsay Symon and his colleagues who remained world leaders, universally recognised for their contributions surgical science and technique



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Dr Mark Edwards

Dr Edwards has been a Consultant Neurologist at the UCL Institute of Neurology and National Hospital for Neurology since 2008. His research is centred on the pathophysiology of movement disorders covering a diverse range of neurological conditions from Parkinson's disease to tremor and dystonia. He is specially interested the application of electrophysiological and psychophysical techniques to movement disorders. He has 150 publications and was awarded the Clinical Tutor of the year prize in 2012 for his teaching of MSc/Diploma Clinical Neurology students.

Movement disorders : Beyond the Basal Ganglia Changing perspective

What do the basal ganglia do? Given that lesions and degeneration of the basal ganglia commonly produce movement disorders it seems sensible that they must play an important role in movement control. However, this "basal ganglia centric" view of movement control and movement disorders is increasingly being challenged. Here I will discuss the ways in which investigation of the pathophysiology of movement disorders coupled with advances in understanding the normal physiology of movement control are leading to a much more integrated, "whole brain" approach to movement disorders.



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Professor Jock Murray

Professor Murray first came to Queen Square in 1967 as a Commonwealth Scholar and has collaborated with researchers bere, most notably Professor Ian McDonald. He is currently a Professor Emeritus at Dalbousie University and remains active in the Medical Humanities Program he initiated in 1992. His research interests include medical history, medical humanities, research in multiple sclerosis and neurological education. He has over 225 medical publications, 9 books and 43 text book chapters. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada and member of the Order of Nova Scotia.

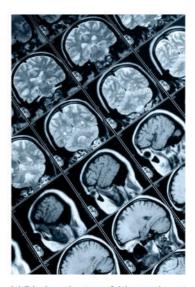
From Leeches to CCSVI – A history of multiple sclerosis "cures"

Perspective

The earliest writers on multiple sclerosis were discouraging about the results of therapy, but each still applied an array of therapies. Moxom, who published the first cases in the English literature, listed eighteen therapies he used, even though he found the results "most unsatisfactory". In the 1930's Brickner listed 159 MS therapies. Russell Brain, in a review of MS, concluded, "The multiplication of the remedies is eloquent of their inefficacy".

Since then there have been dozens of therapies heralded as "breakthroughs", most of no value and some harmful. These include various fever therapies, including transfusion of malaria parasites, heavy metals, anticoagulants, histamine desensitization, various sera and vaccines, forced CSF drainage, snake venom, hyperbaric oxygen, numerous diets, oral myelin, and bee stings.

A review of the history of these therapies reveals even skeptical physicians have a strong therapeutic imperative, that patients and physicians tend to see benefit where none exists, to ignore harms when theory drives the approach, and to allow belief to sometimes trump evidence. Finally I will describe the usual profile of a "breakthrough" in MS therapy.



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Professor Alan Thompson

Professor Thompson is Dean of the UCL Faculty of Brain Sciences, and Programme Director for Neurological Disorders, UCL Partners Academic Health Science Centre. He is an NIHR Senior Investigator, honorary consultant neurologist at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, a Guarantor of Brain, and Editor-in-Chief of Multiple Sclerosis Journal. He has 729 publications and focuses on the underlying pathology Multiple Sclerosis and Neuro-Rehabilitation. He has been the Director of both the UCL Institute of Neurology and National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery. He has played key roles in developing many MR techniques in the diagnosis and follow-up of MS and is one of the leaders of the group of international experts that defined and refine diagnostic criteria for MS.

Multiple sclerosis – Clinical & research developments Perspective

Although many of the key questions underlying multiple sclerosis (MS) remain unanswered, the last three decades have seen major developments in the field. These have impacted on almost all aspects of the condition from diagnosis to treatment and the team at Queen Square has been at the heart of many of these. The complexity of the mechanisms underlying disability is being unravelled through new pathological insights and an immense contribution from MRI. This includes the appreciation of the extensive involvement of the grey matter and at the cellular level the role of microglia and mitochondria.

MRI has also made a major contribution to the diagnosis of MS which is now made earlier and with greater certainty. This is particularly relevant given the fact that MS is now a treatable condition. The last two decades have seen a steady increase in the number and range of treatments moving from 'injectables' to, more recently, oral medication.

The challenge remains to identify targets and subsequently effective treatments for the progressive forms of MS, which is the subject of an international initiative in which investigators from Queen Square are playing a major leadership role.

Overall, MS has now become a treatable and manageable condition with a strong emphasis on self-management and the promotion of a healthy lifestyle, major advances which have been strongly facilitated by the emergence of specialist MS nurses. It is no longer a case of 'diagnose and adios'!



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Professor Clare Fowler

Professor Fowler CBE, FRCP, is an Emeritus Professor of Uro-Neurology at UCL and formerly consultant at the National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery. She established a department of Uro-Neurology at the National Hospital in 1987, and her particular clinical interest has been in treatments and methods of improving continence in patients with neurological problems. Professor Fowler has over 265 publications which include edited works and textbooks. A disorder underlying urinary retention in young women has been eponymously named "Fowler's syndrome".

Uro-Neurology at Queen Square

Perspective

Neurology came about in an effort to create a unit impact on understanding the neurology of the with a special interest in the neurology of the bladder and focused attention on the importance of bladder and the care of bladder disorders in patients brain control. Most of life is spent with the bladder with neurological disease. Such patients rarely need in its storage mode when cortical processing of surgery, but require a neurological approach to their afferent signals occurs, and the role of bladder pelvic organ dysfunction in the context of afferents is now an important area of research. deteriorating disability.

Anti-muscarinic medications had long been available refer patients with bowel and sexual dysfunction to treat symptoms of an overactive bladder and and the neurology of those organs and how to best although these were effective in mild to moderate manage neurological patients with problems in urinary urgency, often used in combination with those areas is now of current interest. clean intermittent self catheterisation. However with disease progression something more was needed and many different approaches were tried in an attempt to discover a second time therapy. Detrusor injections of botulinum toxin emerged as the best option and this is now a licensed treatment which has been shown to restore quality of life to patients with MS.

Some 25 years ago the Department of Uro- The advent of functional imaging had a major

Uro-neurology inevitably became the department to





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Mr Sundeep Teki

Mr Teki is a PhD scholar at the UCL Institute of Neurology working under the supervision of Professor Tim Griffiths. He has 21 publications and focuses his research on auditory conditions. He won the 2011 Young Investigator Award at the 13th International Rhythm Perception and Production Workshop at the Max Planck Institute of Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Germany.

Basal ganglia and the cerebellum in time perception PhD highlights

How does the brain measure time? In the absence of I will describe work based on human fMRI and a dedicated sensory system, how does the brain psychophysics that ascribes a "relative, beat-based" analyse and perceive time? Recent evidence from timing mechanism to the striatum and an "absolute, both human and animal work implicates a distributed system consisting of diverse regions such as the basal ganglia, supplementary motor area, temporal and prefrontal cortices and the cerebellum.

I will focus on the role of two critical structures of this temporal processing system, which may be considered "core" areas for timing - the cerebellum and the basal ganglia. The cerebellum was proposed to act as a biological clock in the millisecond range by Braitenberg. Further investigation of the inferior olive that provides the sole input to the Purkinje provided additional bases olivocerebellar system as a key internal timing network that may operate via error-based learning mechanisms.

The role of the basal ganglia in time perception, specifically regular patterns or "beats" received strong support by studies that implicated the striatum in perceptual timing in healthy volunteers as well as in patients with Parkinson's.

duration-based" timing mechanism to olivocerebellar system and outline my proposal of a unified timing system that incorporates these two interconnected regions as core components of a distributed timing network.

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Professor Niall Quinn

Professor Quinn is Emeritus Professor of Clinical Neurology at the UCL Institute of Neurology. He has over 425 publications that span the length and breadth of Movement Disorders. He is especially interested in Wilson's disease and Parkinsonian Syndromes. He was formerly Clinical Sub-Dean and course Director for the MSc/Diploma Clinical Neurology, and continues to lecture at Queen Square and abroad.

Kinnier Wilson, his 1912 Brain paper, and Movement Disorders at Queen Square

Queen Square legacy

Movement Disorders as a sub-specialty did not really formally exist until the mid-1980's when David Marsden and Stanley Fahn established both the Movement Disorder Society and its journal, Movement Disorders. Nevertheless from the earliest days of Queen Square physicians were describing, analysing and studying movement disorders. Gowers and Jackson wrote about Parkinson's disease (PD), Gordon Holmes about tremors, Purdon Martin about the basal ganglia and posture, and Macdonald Critchley about tremor and parkinsonism.

The key early leading light in defining extrapyramidal disease, however, was Kinnier Wilson, and his 1912 Brain paper on Progressive Lenticular Degeneration and his textbook Neurology, remain two of the most classic and comprehensive works in the neurological literature. Post-war neurologists at Queen Square somewhat neglected movement disorders until the 1980's when Bannister was studying autonomic failure in PD, MSA, and PAF, Andrew Lees was appointed to the staff and set up a brain bank, Anita Harding was sorting out cerebellar ataxias and Huntington's disease, and David Marsden moved back from

Denmark Hill in 1987, bringing with him John Rothwell, Brian Day and Marjan Jahanshahi, Philip Thompson and myself, and recruiting Kailash Bhatia, leading to a renaissance of interest.

The likes of Mark Edwards, Patricia Limousin, Marwan Hariz, Ludwic Zrinzo , Tom Foltynie, Nick Wood, Henry Houlden, John Hardy, Tamas Revesz, Janice Holton and most recently Tom Warner and Huw Morris, currently carry the academic movement disorder torch at Queen Square, with strong contributions also from Tony Schapira and Anette Schrag at the UCL Royal Free Campus.

In view of the recent centenary of Wilson's 1912 Brain paper, I have chosen in my talk to concentrate on this topic.



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Professor Elizabeth Fisher

Professor Fisher is a Professor of Neurogenetics at the UCL Institute of Neurology, having joined in 1990. Her research interests focus on mouse molecular genetics to find the individual dosage sensitive genes giving rise to aspects of Down syndrome. In parallel her lab has also created and analysed a series of mouse models with motor neuron degeneration, trying to shed light on why motor neurons die in the disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. She has 581 publications.

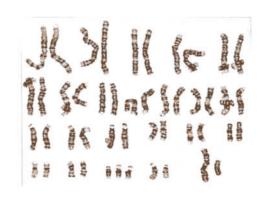
Learning from mice about the human condition

Mouse model in Down syndrome

Humans and mice have had a well-established relationship for thousands of years and in recent times we have worked with 'mouse models' for medical research. But why mice? Partly because they thrive in captivity, and partly because of history in the early years of the last century. We can now manipulate the mouse genome to order to learn what it is to be human and what it is to be a mouse.

A few years ago we made an unusual mouse strain that models the human chromosomal disorder Down syndrome. Approximately one in every 750 people world-wide is born with Down syndrome, and has an extra copy of chromosome 21 (and this number is not necessarily diminishing in countries with pre-natal diagnosis). Trisomy 21 gives rise to a complex set of features that includes cognitive impairment, a greatly increased risk of Alzheimerlike dementia from mid-life onwards, and many variable features including heart malformations, increased susceptibility to infections autoimmune disease.

Down syndrome is a gene dosage disorder and arises from having three copies of an entire chromosome, and so identifying individual genes that contribute to different features of the disorder is challenging. Our mouse model has been very helpful for starting to dissect the different biological components of Down syndrome and yet again highlights the importance of working with mouse models.



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Professor Sarah Tabrizi

Professor Tabrizi is a Professor of Clinical Neurology and Consultant Neurologist at the UCL Institute of Neurology and National Hospital for Neurology. She established her own independent research group in 2003 and has a synergistic research programme in neurodegeneration from basic cellular mechanisms of protein misfolding (using prions as a model tool) to translational clinical research. She has over 186 publications that largely is focussed on the neuropathology of Huntington's disease. She serves on executive advisory panels including the UK HD association, the European HD Network and to NINDS/NIH.

Huntington's disease – past, present and future Insights from TRACK-HD

Huntington's disease (HD) is a devastating autosomal dominantly inherited neurodegenerative disease for which there is currently no effective disease modifying therapy. Since the first description in 1872, HD has been at the fore-front of Mendelian genetics both in clinical practice and research. The history of HD and its importance for modern genetics will be reviewed. This genetic predictability of HD provides an opportunity for early therapeutic intervention many years before overt symptom onset and at a time when reversal or prevention of neural dysfunction may still be possible. As HD is monogenetic, fully penetrant, and characterised by a long premanifest phase, it is emerging as a potential model for studying therapeutic intervention in other neurodegenerative conditions such as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease where no preclinical diagnostic tests exist. Understanding of HD pathogenesis is evolving, and there are a number of candidate therapeutics with potential disease-modifying effects currently being tested. The most promising approaches will be briefly reviewed.

Since 2008 TRACK-HD has chronicled the earliest stages of the neurodegenerative disease processes in premanifest and mild to moderately symptomatic individuals who carry the HD expansion mutation.

TRACK-HD was designed to observe natural disease progression in premanifest and early stage HD with the aim of understanding the preclinical and early phases of neurodegeneration, phenotypic correlates of neuronal dysfunction and to establish sensitive and specific clinical and biological markers of disease progression. Both our 24 month and new 36 month time-point data will be presented, including new insights into predictors of HD progression in both premanifest and early stage subjects, and a range of novel clinical measures that now show significant change in the premanifest group over this period. We have also identified baseline predictors of disease progression which may help enrichment for future disease-modifying clinical trials. Finally I will summarise our ongoing research aiming to identify neural compensatory networks that may occur in the premanifest phase of neurodegeneration in HD.





Professor Suthipun Jitpimolmard

Professor Jitpimolmard is a Professor of Neurology and vice president for research and technology transfer affairs at Khon Kaen University in Thailand. Professor Jitpimolmard undertook the Diploma in Clinical Neurology at the Institute of Neurology in 1987/88.He has 20 publications and specialises in Epilepsy.

Neurology in Thailand & links with Queen Square

Alumni highlights

The role of Queen Square in the development of Neurology in Thailand has been an important one. Thailand has a population of 66 million people and around 400 Neurologists. After the first Thai doctor (Professor Athasit Vejjajiva) had clinical neurology training at Queen Square, in 1962, the link has remained strong over the last 50 years. At least 30 Thai doctors have completed their training in clinical neurology or research and a few have completed PhD degrees. They returned home to serve Thailand as teachers, clinicians and researchers. They had made a big change to neurology in Thailand.

In the Thai neurology training system, trainees who wish to specialise in Neurology can either do three years in internal medicine and two years Neurology or apply directly to Neurology training (1 year internal medicine, 2 years Neurology).

There are a range of university hospitals that treat Neurological patients including Mahidol University (Siriraj Hospital, Ramathibodi Hospital), Chulalongkorn University, Chang Mai University, Khon Kaen University and Prince of Songkla University. There are a few which are not attached to universities including Prasat Neurological Institute and Rajvithi hospital.

All of these centres see patients with all kinds of neurological diseases, and conduct research along with clinical practice. The most common Neurological diseases in Thailand are Stroke, Epilepsy, CNS infection, migraine, tension type headache, peripheral neuropathy, and Parkinson's disease.

The presentation will cover neurological diseases, findings of research, along with links between Queen Square and Thailand and an update on recent developments within Thai Neurology.



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Dr Jeremy Rees



Dr Rees has been a consultant neurologist at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery since 1999. He has a special interest and expertise in neurological tumours particularly low-grade gliomas and paraneoplastic nervous syndromes. He has published over 50 papers and reviews and has contributed chapters on brain tumours and neurological complications of cancer to various reference books and has edited a book on neuro-oncology and jointly edited a textbook on Neuro-oncology.

Recent advances in Neuro-oncology

Perspective

Neuro-oncology is the subspecialty of neurology that deals with brain tumours and neurological complications of cancer and its treatment. The neurologist is now a Core Member of the modern Neuroscience Multidisciplinary Team and therefore must be familiar with recent advances in the subject. As the most common primary tumour is glioma, the talk will highlight the major advances in the diagnosis and management of both low-grade (LGG) and high-grade gliomas (HGG). Data from prospective multi-modality imaging in LGG will be presented demonstrating how MRI can be used as a prognostic tool in addition to conventional monitoring. In the field of HGG, it is gratifying to observe that survival for patients with glioblastoma, the most aggressive glioma, has improved from an average of 10 months to 14 months due to improvements in the standard of care and the advent of chemoradiation after maximal surgical resection. Temozolomide, an alkylating agent with simple oral administration and a favourable toxicity profile, is now used in conjunction with and after radiotherapy. In addition, newer techniques, such as fluorescence-guided resection have increased the surgeon's ability to maximise resection.

New discoveries in basic and translational research are likely to improve this situation further in the next 10 years, although biological agents that target tumour cell signalling pathways have been disappointing in malignant gliomas. Specifically, antiangiogenic therapy with antivascular endothelial growth factor antibodies (bevacizumab) has not shown any clear impact on Overall Survival. We hope that targeting key molecular pathways in gliomas will lead to a prolongation of survival at little cost in terms of Quality of Life.



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Dr Laura Silveira Moriyama

Dr Silveira Moriyama joined the UCL Institute of Neurology in 2004 as a PhD scholar and is a Senior Clinical Research Associate at the Department of Molecular Neuroscience and a UCL Clinical Teaching Fellow. She has over 100 publications and specialises in Movement Disorders. She is the current clinical tutor for the Diploma in Clinical Neurology via Distance Learning. She is also a visiting professor at the University of Campinas, Brazil.

International teaching and opportunities for networking Queen Square global impact

With the growing role of collaborative research and distance learning in academia, international partnerships are becoming paramount for the success of universities worldwide. Dr Laura Silveira-Moriyama, MD, PhD is a Senior Clinical Research Fellow at ION-UCL and a Visiting Professor at the Neurology Department at the Brazilian university UNICAMP (University of Campinas, Brazil). In addition she has developed partnerships with institutions worldwide including Tartu University in Estonia, Colombo Hospital in Sri Lanka, and The Neurology Institute of Mexico. She will talk about the various opportunities to network and contribute to the Queen Square ethos by participating in various collaborative teaching efforts which aim to boost knowledge transfer.





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Dr Gordon Plant



Dr Plant joined the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in 1986 and has been a Consultant Neurologist since 1991. He specialises in Neurological disorders affecting the eyes and holds positions at St Thomas Hospital and Moorfields Eye hospital along with the National. He has over 212 publications.

Ophthalmology and the National Hospital

A historical perspective

One of the first four appointees at the hospital in 1860 was Laurence a surgeon specialising in Ophthalmology who founded an eye hospital in South London in 1857. There is no evidence that he ever worked at the hospital and he resigned his post in the same year. He had also been a member of David Wire's planning committee.

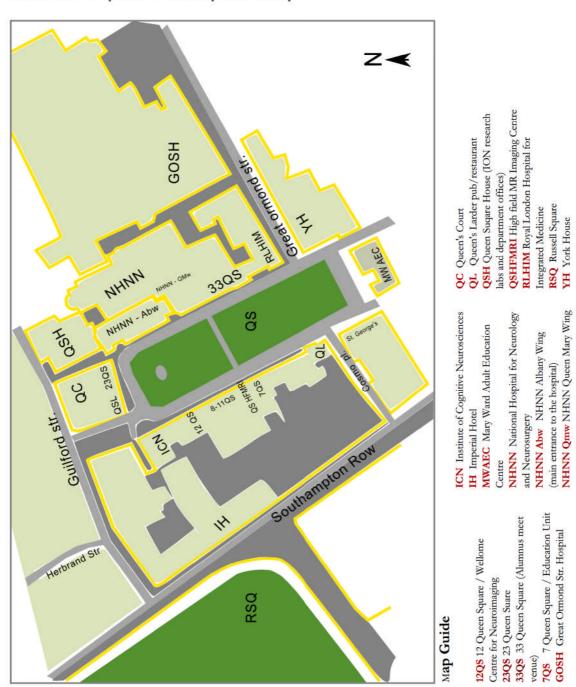
Did his involvement signify an early appreciation of the association between eye and Neurological diseases or was it his experience in setting up a specialist hospital that qualified him? Whether this is the case or not the importance of ophthalmoscopy to neurology was early established. Equally significant were the Physicians on the staff of Moorfields Eye Hospital, particularly Hutchinson. I will discuss the roles of the physicians Hughlings Jackson and Gowers in promoting the use of the ophthalmoscope and their links with Moorfields Eye Hospital. I will illustrate Hughlings Jackson's ophthalmoscope, now in the Moorfields museum, and discuss the publication of "Medical Ophthalmoscopy" by Gowers. Finally the careers of Marcus Gunn and Brudenell Carter, the two ophthalmic surgeons appointed to the hospital in the 1880's will be described.



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Queen Square campus map





UCL and Bloomsbury area map

