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Education:
Secondary Education: The Kings School, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Web Site: www.painmanagementconsultant.info

Medical education: Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, London.
October 1975 - June 1980

Qualifications:

MBBS (London)	1980
MRCS LRCP	1980
FRCA	1984
FFPMRCA	2009
A.T.L.S. Provider	1994

NHS appointment: Consultant in pain management, Derriford Hospital
Plymouth June 1994 to date

Summary of medical background experience and interests;

After qualifying from the University of London in 1980 Dr Luscombe trained in Pain Management and Anaesthesia in Exeter, Bristol, Southampton and Paris before taking up a Consultant post in Pain Management and Anaesthesia at the Royal Cornwall Hospitals in Truro. In addition to chronic and acute pain management he developed an interest in chronic pain syndromes and pain management programmes and co founded the first formal program in the south west in Cornwall. He also published the outcomes from this program as first Author in 1994. He developed an interest in intrathecal drug delivery and implanted his first pump in 1991 for a cerebral palsy patient with great clinical success.

Dr Luscombe moved to Plymouth in 1994 to a post in Pain Management and Anaesthesia. The Plymouth Pain Management centre is a multi disciplinary unit employing specialist nurses, psychologists and physiotherapists.

Dr Luscombe manages a wide range of painful conditions including, chronic back pain, sciatica, cervical pain, complex regional pain syndromes and other neuropathic pain, whiplash injuries, headache and cancer pain.

He has developed and co founded a pain management program in Plymouth and on a regional basis he has developed intrathecal drug delivery for severe limb spasm and pain into one of the UKs biggest series. He also implants spinal cord stimulators in line with NICE guidance.

Private Practice:

Dr Luscombe has an active and growing private practice at the Nuffield Hospital in Plymouth covering all aspects of chronic pain.

Professional presentations and educational roles:

Dr Luscombe co wrote the national guidelines on "Best practice in intrathecal drug delivery" for the British Pain Society and presented these to the ASM in Harrogate in 2007. This document is available on the BPS web site.

Dr Luscombe has presented to national meetings of the Neuromodulation Society of the UK and Ireland and the British pain Society and lectures internationally. He has organised a number of international meetings for Johnson and Johnson on intrathecal drug delivery.

Membership of expert witness organisations:

Dr Luscombe is listed on the expert witness online directory.

Summary of medicolegal practice:

Dr Luscombe started writing reports in 1997 and attended the Mobile doctors annual meeting in 2006. He currently receives around three new requests for reports per month. Initially these were predominantly claimant reports but the proportion of defendant reports is increasing. The majority of the reports are related to complex ongoing chronic pain problems associated with significant claims for damages.

He is aware of the civil procedure rules and will accept instructions from claimant and defendant solicitors and joint instructions. I also accept medical negligence work in Anaesthesia.

b) Court Attendance:

Dr Luscombe has attended court and given oral evidence on two occasions once for a claimant and once for a defendant.

In the first case in Truro he **was congratulated on the clarity of his evidence by the judge** and the claimant was awarded £90,000.

In the second case in Torquay in June 2010 he acted for the defendant and at the end of his evidence the judge manually wrote a mutually agreed text on the salient issues. In his judgment he wrote

".....I found Dr. Luscombe to be an impressive witness, who gave measured, compelling and consistent opinions based on long and relevant experience, and I have no hesitation in preferring his opinion in relation to the matters upon which they did not agree"

c) Scope of expertise

All aspects of pain management and in particular chronic pain syndromes, intrathecal drug delivery and spinal cord stimulation.

Medical negligence in pain management and anaesthesia.

d) Lectures and educational meetings.

I am available to lecture with notice on all aspects of pain management

Professional body membership:

1) Neuromodulation Society of the UK and Ireland. Founder member. Treasurer 2001 -06
President elect, President, immediate past President 2007-11

2) International Neuromodulation Society

3) British Medical Association

NHS Management Positions:

1) Clinical Director Neurosciences 2007-10

2) Associate Medical Director for Quality (complaints and serious incidents) 2010-date