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Background

I am the Consultant Clinical Psychologist for the Paediatric Unit of the Royal Marsden Hospital. I joined the Hospital in 1994, and head up the Paediatric Clinical Psychology team and work as part of the paediatric unit's multi-disciplinary team. My first degree was in Social psychology (BSc), and I did my training in clinical psychology at the Institute of psychiatry (MSc). I have further qualifications in marital and family therapy (CertFamTher) and a doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Surrey (PsychD).

Current research

- Impact of parental cancer upon their children: Children of Somatically Ill parents (COSIP)
- Self efficacy and vulnerabilities of siblings, when their brother or sister has a chronic illness

Research Interests

- The late effects of treatment of cancer on children and their families, particular interest in social functioning, social relationships, identity and fertility issues
- Children who have brain tumours, cognitive sequelae, social functioning and risk assessment for neuro-psychological problems
- Adolescents and young people who have cancer
- Obesity following treatment for cancer
- Staff support, stress and burnout

New research projects in planning

- Burnout, stress, job satisfaction and support needs of multi-disciplinary staff working in paediatric oncology
- Intervention project for children with hypothalamic damage and morbid obesity