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Consultant in Pain Medicine**

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**GMC status:** Registered with a licence to practise

**GMC number:** 2650957

**Education:** The King's School (Macclesfield, Cheshire) 1970 – 1975

**Medical education:** Charing Cross Hospital Medical School 1975 – 1980

**Qualifications:**

MBBS (London)	1980
MRCS LRCP	1980
FRCA	1984
FFPMRCA	2009

**NHS practice:** Derriford Hospital, Plymouth

**Private practice:** Nuffield Health Plymouth Hospital  
Duchy Hospital Truro

**Medicolegal practice:** Nuffield Health Plymouth Hospital  
Ten Harley Street Consulting Rooms in London  
Other venues by arrangement.

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## **Consultant in Pain Medicine**

**Professional qualifications:** After qualifying from the University of London in 1980, I trained in Pain Management and Anaesthesia at Exeter, Bristol, Southampton and Paris before taking up a consultant appointment in Pain Management and Anaesthesia at the Royal Cornwall Hospitals in Truro in 1990.

**NHS Consultant appointments:** In 2004, I was appointed Consultant in Pain Management and Anaesthesia at Derriford Hospital in Plymouth. The Plymouth Pain Management Centre is a multidisciplinary unit employing specialist nurses, psychologists and physiotherapists.

I manage a wide range of chronically painful conditions including, chronic back pain, sciatica, whiplash injuries & neck pain, complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), neuropathic pain, chronic headache and cancer pain.

I developed and co-founded the regional PMP at Plymouth and I implant spinal cord stimulators in line with NICE guidance. I have advanced the regional ITDD service for severe muscle spasm and chronic pain into one of the UK's largest services.

**Specialist medical interests:** In addition to general acute and chronic pain management, I developed an interest in chronic pain syndromes and pain management programmes (PMP), and co-founded the first formal PMP in the southwest. In 1994, I published the outcomes from this PMP, as first author of a paper in Anaesthesia.

I developed a special interest in intrathecal drug delivery (ITDD) from an early stage. In 1991, I implanted my first intrathecal drug delivery pump for the treatment of muscle spasm in a cerebral palsy patient with great clinical success.

In 2016 I reduced my NHS workload to one session per month as my medicolegal practice expanded and I also took on a day per month consulting in an inner city GP practice with patients with chronic pain and opiate problems.

**Private practice:** Dr Luscombe has a busy private practice at the Nuffield Health Plymouth Hospital and Duchy Hospital Truro covering all aspects of chronic pain management.

**Professional presentations & educational roles:** I am co-author of the British Pain Society (BPS) national guidelines: "Best practice in intrathecal drug delivery". I presented this document at the British Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting at Harrogate in 2007.

I have presented at several national meetings of the Neuromodulation Society of the UK & Ireland (NSUKI) and the British Pain Society. I have also lectured at international meetings on many occasions in addition to organising a number of international meetings for specialists in intrathecal drug delivery and spinal cord stimulation (SCS).

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## **Positions of responsibility:**

Clinical Director of Neurosciences (Derriford Hospital)	2007-2010
Associate Medical Director for Quality (Derriford Hospital)	2009 – 2013
Clinical advisor on Appraisal and Revalidation (Derriford Hospital)	2016 - to date

## **Membership of professional bodies:**

Neuromodulation Society of the UK & Ireland (NSUKI)	2001 – present
Treasurer of NSUKI	2001 – 2006
President-elect, president, & immediate-past-president of NSUKI	2007 – 2011
International Neuromodulation Society (INS)	2001 – present

**Medicolegal expertise and practice:** I began writing medicolegal reports in 1997. My training has included attendance at the Mobile Doctors' annual conference in 2006 and the Professional Solutions 'Writing Expert Reports - Advanced (Parts 1 & 2)' in March 2013. I am fully aware of the civil procedure rules.

I currently prepare between six and nine personal injury / medical negligence reports each month following examinations in London, Plymouth, Truro and other venues by appointment. The majority of the reports relate to complex chronic pain problems associated with high value claims for damages. I receive instructions from solicitors acting for both claimants and defendants in addition to instructions on a joint basis.

I have attended Court and provided oral evidence on three occasions. In the first Court case, the judge congratulated me (Claimant's expert) on the clarity of my evidence. In his written judgement in the second case, the judge wrote: "I found Dr Luscombe (Defendant's expert) 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."

**Scope of expertise:** I am a medical expert in all aspects of Chronic Pain Management including chronic pain syndromes, complex regional pain syndromes (CRPS), intrathecal drug delivery (ITDD) and spinal cord stimulation (SCS).

**Lectures and educational meetings:** I am available to and have previously lectured to Solicitors on the medicolegal aspects of pain management and other pain issues.

**Membership of expert witness organisations:** I am a member of the Society of Expert Witnesses (SEW) and the Expert Witness Institute (EWI). I am listed on the UK Register of Expert Witnesses.

**Personal interests:** I am married and have two children and four stepchildren and enjoy family activities, in particular sailing, walking and running. I am also interested in history, politics and economics.

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