

Invited Speakers Biography

AMI PRICE

Dr. Amy Price is a Patient Editor for Research and Evaluation at The BMJ. Her educational affiliation is the University of Oxford. Amy's background in international relief work, clinical neurocognitive rehabilitation, service on the boards of multiple patient organisations, and as a trauma survivor has equipped her with the flexible mindset to relate to all stakeholders and cultures. Amy's experience and training has shown her that shared knowledge, interdisciplinary collaboration, and evidence based research can shape the future. Her goal is to mentor others to build clear channels to propel evidence into practice by supplying the public, and those in low resource areas, with tools to make evidence based healthcare choices.

CIARÁN FITZPATRICK

Ciarán is an Editor for the BMC Series since March 2019. He obtained his BSc in Neuroscience from University College Dublin, MSc & PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences from University of Copenhagen, Denmark. He still researches the neurochemical correlates of behaviour relevant to psychiatric disorders cross-species. Having most enjoyed the publishing process during his PhD, Ciarán relocated to London to pursue an Editorial career at BMC Series. He is committed to promoting robust science on open-access platforms as Editor of BMC Cardiovascular Disorders, BMC Endocrine Disorders, BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders, BMC Rheumatology & BMC Sports Science, Medicine & Rehabilitation.

JONATHAN COLLIN

Jonathan is a Journal Development Manager working at BMC overseeing a portfolio of general medicine titles, including *Trials* and *Research Involvement and Engagement*, which he will be speaking about today. He runs a number of projects promoting transparency in research across BMC and has served as a member of the NHS Health Research Authority transparency forum.

KRYSIA DZIEDZIC

Krycia is the Director of the Impact Accelerator Unit and Professor of Musculoskeletal Therapies Versus Arthritis. Krycia commenced a four-year term as National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Senior Investigator on 1st April 2019 following a four-year NIHR Knowledge Mobilisation Research Fellowship exploring the implementation of NICE guidelines for the care and management of osteoarthritis in primary care. Krycia is now an Adviser to the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Fellows and Scholars programme. She represents non-medical health professionals on guideline

committees for osteoarthritis and implementation, including for NICE and EULAR (European League Against Rheumatism). Krysia is a member of the Osteoarthritis Research Society International (OARSI) Joint Effort Initiative steering committee, where she Chairs the Implementation group. Krysia is also a member of the Steering Group of OARSI Osteoarthritis Trial Bank for individual patient data meta-analyses. A Fellow of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, and NIHR Health Research Mentor, Krysia is also a member of the NIHR Knowledge Mobilisation Alliance.

ALI MOBASHERI

Ali Mobasher is President of the Osteoarthritis Research Society International (OARSI) and Professor of Musculoskeletal Biology in the Research Unit of Medical Imaging, Physics and Technology within the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Oulu in Finland. Ali holds the position of Chief Researcher in the State Research Institute Centre for Innovative Medicine in Vilnius, Lithuania and is an Associate Professor in the Department of Orthopaedics and the Departments of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology at University Medical Centre Utrecht in the Netherlands.

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Ali was educated at Dulwich College London, Imperial College London, the University of Toronto and the University of Oxford, where he obtained his doctorate from Wolfson College Oxford. He is ranked as one of the top 10 leading experts in the world on osteoarthritis on expertscape.com.

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JOSEP VERGÉS

Dr Josep Vergés is the Osteoarthritis Foundation International (OAFI) founder and president. He is a Clinical Pharmacologist laureated in the University of Montreal with more than 25 years of experience in osteoarthritis. He has been working internationally in projects related to osteoarthritis using his experience in clinical research, clinical trials, pharmacovigilance, biomarkers, immunology, drug development, and regulatory. He was also a member of the Evaluation Committee of the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) of the INSERM and the Scientific Council of the Lorena region to evaluate research projects in the field of Rheumatology / pharmacology. Former professor at the Autonomous University of Madrid he Co-authored more than 50 publications in international scientific journals.

MARIANNA VITALONI

Dr. Vitaloni is the scientific director at the Osteoarthritis Foundation International. Dr. Vitaloni's experience combines biomedical and public health interests. She graduated in Medical and Pharmaceutical Biotechnology at the University of Pavia, Italy where she also obtained her PhD in Genetic and Human Pathology. As a biomedical researcher, her practice focused on regenerative medicine, stem cells, microRNA and gene regulation, disease therapies. After, she graduated in public health and collaborated in the WHO genomics and global health initiative. In OAFI she directs national and international projects aiming at improving the quality of life of OA patients, promoting healthy lifestyle habits and developing new therapies and treatments. She also leads the OA Patients Task Force, an international alliance of patients' organizations working in OA.

DAVID HUNTER

Professor Hunter is a rheumatology clinician researcher whose main research focus has been clinical and translational research in osteoarthritis (OA). He is the Florance and Cope Chair of Rheumatology and Professor of Medicine at University of Sydney and the Royal North Shore Hospital. He is ranked as the world's leading expert in osteoarthritis on Expertscape.com since 2014. He is on the editorial board for Arthritis and Rheumatology, Osteoarthritis and Cartilage, Arthritis Care and Research and part of the review committee for OA for the American College of Rheumatology, EULAR and OARSI scientific meetings. Dr Hunter has over 450 peer reviewed publications in international journals, numerous book chapters, is the section editor for UpToDate Osteoarthritis and has co-authored a number of books, including books on self management strategies for the lay public.

LEIGH F. CALLAHAN

Dr. Leigh Callahan is the Director of the Osteoarthritis Action Alliance (OAAA). She is also an epidemiologist and outcomes researcher who, for more than 30 years has worked in musculoskeletal outcomes research. Her research has focused on predictors of outcomes and quality of life in individuals with osteoarthritis (OA) and rheumatoid arthritis (RA), patient reported outcomes and measurement, physical activity and arthritis, social determinants and health outcomes, health literacy, and complementary and alternative medicine use in rheumatic diseases. She is the Associate Director of the Thurston Arthritis Research Center, as well as Director of its Multidisciplinary Clinical Research Center, titled "Mitigating the Public Health Impact of OA".