11th to 14th October 2016

RCoA CPD Matrix: 2E03 & 3E00

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Maximum number of candidates: 25

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Course Fee: £450 until 10th August 2016: then £525 (Includes lunch and dinner)

Course Learning Objectives:
This course aims to develop skills of assessing and treating pain related to cancer and its treatment. This interactive course develops an evidence-based approach to assessment, and formulating diagnosis and designing a comprehensive management plan including pain management. The emphasis is on a multidisciplinary approach to managing pain related to cancer. Learning objectives of this course are in line with EFIC Core Curriculum for managing pain related to cancer as below.

- Identify sociocultural influences on the experience of cancer and cancer-related pain.
- Be able to compare and contrast the assessment and management of persons with cancer related pain and those with chronic non-cancer pain.
- Recognise the problems faced by cancer survivors who have persistent pain and management principles.
- Discuss the meaning and significance of the World Health Organization analgesic algorithm for pain in cancer.
- Show awareness of and addressing unpleasant end-of-life symptoms including but not limited to, pain, nausea/vomiting, respiratory distress and itch.
- Recognise the essential role of close liaison with other teams, specifically from oncology, radiation oncology, neurosurgery, anaesthesia and palliative medicine.
- Define and distinguish between incident and incompletely relieved persistent pain.
- Discuss the role of cancer therapies in the management of cancer-related pain, including but not limited to: Radiotherapy, Radiopharmaceuticals, Chemotherapy, Immune therapy and Surgery.
- Discuss the use of other adjuvant analgesics in cancer pain including but not limited to: bisphosphonates, corticosteroids and ketamine.

There will be ample opportunity to interact with course faculty throughout the course.
**Who Should Attend:**
Trainees from Anaesthetic, Neurosurgery, Pain and Palliative Medicine. Consultants/Specialists in Pain Medicine, Palliative Medicine, GPs, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, and Senior Physiotherapists with a specialist interest in the management of chronic pain. Scientists, Pharmacists and other non-medical personnel with a professional interest in relation to management of pain related to cancer.

**Royal College of Anaesthetist’s CPD approval (20 points) & Revalidation Matrix category:**
2E03 Basic assessment and management of chronic pain
3E00 “Specialist interest area in Cancer Pain”

**Course Material:**
The Course Handbook will be available on the PRF Webpage with the lecture slides and carefully selected references (Available during the course and for 4 weeks after the course, to participants using a secure link via drop box). You will also receive a complimentary copy of the BMA award winning book “Practical Management of Complex Cancer Pain”.

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**EUROPEAN PAIN FEDERATION EFIC®**

EFIC® was founded in 1993 and meanwhile represents 36 national pain societies in Europe that have been chartered by the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP®).

**Aims:** In general EFIC® is organised to promote multidisciplinary research, education and management of pain. The specific aim is to create a forum for European collaboration on pain issues and to encourage communication at a European level between EFIC® member societies and also with other bodies interested and involved in the fields of pain research and pain therapy, such as European, regional or national societies or federations of medical specialities (anaesthesiology, neurology, headache, palliative care, etc), institutions of the European Community, European and national educators, legislators and health care providers.

**Constitution:** The affairs of EFIC® are conducted by its Council, which consists of the President or the councillor of each EFIC® member pain society and 5 elected officers who form the Executive Board of EFIC®. The Council meets at least once a year, while the Executive Board manages affairs between Council meetings. EFIC® is being established as a charitable foundation in Belgium.
BRIEF HISTORY OF LOCAL PAIN SERVICE

The Pain Clinic at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (http://www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk/99/pain-medicine.html), is one of the largest in the UK. The clinic’s founder and director for 30 years, was the late Dr Sam Lipton, who pioneered many pain relieving techniques.

The Pain Research Institute set up in 1986 by Sam Lipton to work alongside the Walton Pain Clinic. The key academic staffs are Professor Turo Nurmikko and Senior Lecturer Dr Andreas Goebel. The Pain Relief Foundation (http://www.painrelieffoundation.org.uk) financially supports the Research Institute.

The Walton Centre (http://www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk) is a Neurological Hospital with a regional multidisciplinary pain unit led by Dr Manohar Sharma. The Walton Pain Clinic was set up in the 1960s and currently has eleven consultants, including pain physicians, neurosurgeons and psychologists, providing a service for the Northwest of England, but also accepting national referrals for complex pain treatments. Pain service has strong collaboration with palliative medicine, spinal surgery, neurology, urology and gynaecology delivering many specialised pain relieving treatments and multicentre research trials.

Woodlands Hospice Charitable Trust opened in 1993 (http://www.woodlandshospice.org). It provides specialist palliative care for inpatients and outpatients. Its first medical director, Dr Ged Corcoran, established a joint pain/palliative care service with Dr Tim Nash, consultant pain physician at The Walton Centre. Drs Manohar Sharma and Kate Marley now lead this service

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Tuesday 11th October
08:30-09:30  Registration, Tea/Coffee, Radisson Blu Hotel, Liverpool
09:30-09:35  Course Opening and Introduction: Dr Chris Wells and Dr Manohar Sharma
09:35-11:00  SESSION 1 Understanding Cancer Pain, Chair: Dr Chris Wells
09:35-09:50  Hospice and Pain Medicine: the importance of working together - (Dr Chris Wells, Liverpool)
09:50-10:15  WHO Ladder for cancer pain: benefits and pitfalls - (Prof Sam Ahmedzai, Sheffield)
10:15-10:40  Pathophysiology of pain related to cancer - (Dr Andreas Kopf, Germany)
10:40-11:00  Discussion
11:00-11:30  Tea Break
11:30-13:00  SESSION 2 Understanding pain and management options, Chair: Dr Kate Marley
11:30-12:00  Assessment of pain related to cancer - (TBC)
12:00-12:20  Epidemiology of pain related to cancer - (Prof Kris Vissers, Netherlands)
12:20-12:40  The need for a New Ladder? – (Prof Kris Vissers, Netherlands)
12:40-13:00  Discussion
13:00-14:00  Lunch
14:00-15:30  SESSION 3 Pharmacological Management of Pain related to Cancer, Chair: Prof Sam Ahmedzai
14:00-14:25  Non-opioid pharmacological management of cancer pain including Ketamine (Dr Andreas Kopf, Germany)
14:25-14:50  Opioids - opportunities and pitfalls - (Prof Bart Morlion, Belgium)
14:50-15:15  Opioids availability throughout Europe - (Dr Andreas Kopf, Germany)
15:15-15:30  Discussion
15:30-16:00  Tea Break
16:00-17:15  SESSION 4 Current Concepts in Pain related to Cancer, Chair: Prof Bart Morlion
16:00-16:30  Oncological treatments for cancer related pain- (Dr Chennamani Eswar, Liverpool)
16:30-17:00  Pain management in cancer survivors - (Prof Sam Ahmedzai, Sheffield)
17:00-17:15  Discussion
18:30-21:30  Evening Dinner at Radisson Blu Hotel, Liverpool
18:30-19:00  Evening drinks- optional – pay bar available
19:00-19.30  "EFIC Pain Curriculum and Training in Cancer Pain Management": Dr Andreas Kopf
19:30-21:30  Dinner
Wednesday 12th October

Venue: Woodlands Hospice (AM) and Clinical Sciences Centre, (PM) University Hospital Aintree, Liverpool (Meet in Radisson Blu Hotel Foyer, Bus Leaves at 7:45am)

08:30-09:00  Tea/Coffee Woodlands Hospice, Liverpool

09:00-11:00  SESSION 5 Pain Management in Hospice Setting, Chair: Dr Kate Marley

09:00-10:30  Symptom control in hospice/community setting - (Drs Clare Forshaw & Kate Marley, Liverpool)

10:30-11:00  Discussion

11:00-11:30  Tea Break

11:30-13:00  SESSION 6 Pain Management in Hospice Setting: Prof Kris Vissers & Prof Bart Morlion

Grand Round with live case presentations - (Drs Kate Marley and Manohar Sharma, Liverpool)

13:00-14:00  Lunch at Clinical Sciences Centre, Liverpool (Transport in Van to CSC)

14:00-16:00  SESSION 7 Pain Management in cancer survivors: live case studies, Chair: Dr Kate Marley

2 cancer survivors (live case presentation and discussion)

15:45-16:00  Discussion

17:15-21:30  Liverpool Football Club tour and Evening Dinner (Bus will leave foyer of CSC at 16:30pm)

Topic to be confirmed: Chair: Dr John Wiles, Liverpool

17:45-19:15  Tour of football Club/ drinks – pay bar available

19:15-20:30  Dinner

20:30-21:30  Topic “TBC”:

21:45  Coach back to Radisson Blu Hotel, Liverpool
Thursday 13th October

08:30-09:00  Tea/Coffee, Radisson Blu Hotel, Liverpool

09:00-10:45  SESSION 8 Interventions for Pain related to Cancer, Chair: Dr Arun Bhaskar

09:00-09:25  Initial assessment and optimisation for invasive interventions - (Dr Kate Marley, Liverpool)
09:25-09:50  Role of sympathetic blocks - (Dr Arun Bhaskar, Liverpool)
09:50-10:15  Role of nerve blocks and infusions - (Dr Manish Gupta, Liverpool)
10:15-10:45  Discussion
10:45-11:15  Tea Break

11:15-13:00  SESSION 9 Interventions for Pain related to Cancer, Chair: Dr Manohar Sharma

11:15-11:40  Epidural infusion for pain related to cancer - (Dr Mahesh Choudhari)
11:40-12:05  Spinal neurolysis - (Dr Arun Bhaskar, Leeds)
12:05-12:30  Percutaneous cordotomy - (Dr Manohar Sharma, Liverpool)
12:30-13:00  Discussion
13:00-14:00  Lunch

14:00-15:30  SESSION 10 Surgery for Cancer Pain, Chair: Dr Kate Grady

14:00-15:00  Neurosurgical treatments for pain related to cancer (Prof Paul Eldridge, Liverpool)
15:00-15:30  Discussion
15:30-16:00  Tea Break

16:00-17:00  SESSION 11 Implants for Pain related to Cancer, Chair: Prof Paul Eldridge

Indications, patient selection, implantation and aftercare for Intrathecal Pumps in Pain related to Cancer - (Dr Louise Lynch, Leeds, UK)

18:30-21:30  Evening Dinner at Radisson Blu Hotel, Liverpool
   Chair: TBC
   Topic: TBC
Friday 14th October

08:30-09:00  Tea/Coffee, Radisson Blu Hotel, Liverpool

09:00-10:45  SESSION 12  Therapeutic Challenges- Interactive Case Presentations, Chair: Associate Professor Nevenka Krcevski-Skvarc

09:00-09:25  Incident pain (Pathological fracture related pain) - (Dr Manohar Sharma, Liverpool)
09:25-09:50  Visceral pain (Pancreatic cancer) - (Dr Louise Lynch, Leeds)
09:50-10:15  Pelvic pain - (Dr Arun Bhaskar, Leeds)
10:15-10:40  Head and neck cancer pain - (Dr Rajiv Chawla, Liverpool)
10:40-10:45  Closing Comments from Chairs

10:45-11:15  Tea Break

11:15-13:00  SESSION 13  Therapeutic Challenges- Interactive Case Presentations, Chairs: Dr Manish Gupta, Dr Bernhard Frank and Dr Kate Marley

  Group work: (Groups split in to 3 and case history on pain related to cancer and formulation of management plan with progression of cancer and pain including terminal care in hospice setting)

12:45-13:00  Closing Comments from Chairs

13:00-14:00  Lunch

14:00-15:30  SESSION 14  Cancer Pain Service developments, Chair: Dr Rajiv Chawla

14:00-14:30  Difficulties with service development in developing nations- how can they be overcome? - (Prof Nevenka Krcevski-Skvarc, Maribor, Slovenia)
14:30-15:00  Optimising cancer pain control and the way forward: (Dr Manohar Sharma, Liverpool)
15:00-15:30  Discussion

15:30-16:00  Tea, Course feedback and Close
COURSE FACULTY

Professor Sam Ahmedzai, Honorary Physician in Palliative Medicine, University of Sheffield, UK

Dr Arun Bhaskar, Consultant in Pain Medicine, Anaesthesia and Critical Care, London, UK

Dr Rajiv Chawla, Consultant in Pain Medicine & Anaesthesia, The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool, UK

Dr Mahesh Chaudhari, Consultant in Pain Medicine, Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Trust, Worcester.

Professor Paul Eldridge, Consultant Neurosurgeon, The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool, UK

Dr Chinnamani Eswar, Clinical Oncology Consultant, Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology, Liverpool, UK

Dr Clare Forshaw, Consultant in Palliative Medicine, University Hospital Aintree, Liverpool, UK

Dr Bernhard Frank, Consultant in Pain Medicine & Anaesthesia, The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool, UK

Dr Kate Grady, Consultant in Pain Medicine & Anaesthesia, University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester, UK

Dr Manish Gupta, Consultant in Pain Medicine, The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool, UK

Dr Andreas Kopf, Director Pain and Palliative Care, Department of Anesthesiology, Benjamin Franklin Medical Centre, Charité University Berlin, Germany

Associate Professor Nevenka Krcevski-Skvarc, Head of Pain and Palliative Care Unit, University Medical Centre Maribor, Slovenia

Dr Louise Lynch, Consultant in Pain Medicine, D Ward, Seacroft Hospital, York Road, Leeds, UK
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Dr Kate Marley, Consultant in Palliative Medicine, University Hospital Aintree, Liverpool, UK

Professor Bart Morlion, Director of the Leuven Centre for Algology & Pain Management, University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium

Dr Manohar Sharma, Consultant in Pain Medicine, The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool, UK

Professor Kris Vissers, Professor in Pain and Palliative Medicine at the University Medical Centre St Radboud, Nijmegen, Netherlands

Dr Chris Wells, Pain Physician, Rodney Street, Liverpool, UK

Dr John Wiles, Consultant in Pain Medicine, The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool, UK
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Course Organisers

Dr M L Sharma MBBS, MD, FRCA, MSc, FFPMRCA

Dr Sharma is the clinical lead of the Department of Pain Medicine at The Walton Centre and has been in practice in chronic pain management for the past 10 years. The highly specialised Pain Service has a large multi-disciplinary team comprising Consultants in Pain Medicine, Psychologists, Neurosurgeons, Specialist Physiotherapists and Pain Nurses including Occupational Therapists; all managing chronic pain in a balanced, pragmatic and holistic manner.

He is actively involved with the British Pain Society and the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Royal College of Anaesthesia in various educational and research activities. He has been the organiser of several successful UK pain meetings and has many research projects ongoing at the moment. He has edited the specialist handbook on Practical Management of Complex Cancer Pain published by the Oxford University Press in February 2014.

As an organiser of this course, he has a special interest in cancer pain management and has very close links with the local Hospice and Palliative Medicine. He holds a weekly joint cancer pain clinic to offer advanced treatments to relieve pain ranging from spinal infusions, spinal neurolysis to complex neuroablative techniques such as cordotomy.

Dr J C D (Chris) Wells MB, ChB, LRCP, MRCS, LMCC, FRCA, FIPP

Dr Wells was a consultant in Pain Medicine at the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool and currently has a practice in Liverpool. He is recognised for having pioneered UK drug delivery systems and Pain Management Programmes (PMPs) in Europe, setting up the first continuously running programme in Liverpool, 1983.

His clinical interests include assessment and management of back and neuropathic pain. Due to his expertise he has been an invited lecturer at national and international plenary sessions and workshops, giving in excess of 1000 presentations including the annual BPS lecture, 2008 and EFIC special lecture in memory of David Niv, 2009.

Dr Wells is now President of EFIC subsequent to his previous roles as Secretary, Chair of the Bye-laws Committee and President Elect. He is involved in several EFIC committees, including initiatives on training, education, and the European Year against Pain. Likewise, he is an important affiliate of many other pain organisations including the British Pain Society (BPS), World Institute of Pain (WIP), Neuropathic Pain Special Interest Group (NeuPSIG) and the World Society of Pain Clinicians (WSPC). He has also held a prominent role within the Pain Research Institute where he acted as Director from 1983 to 1994, following Dr Sam Lipton and is now a Trustee.

Dr Kate Marley

Dr Kate Marley is a consultant in Palliative Medicine based in University Hospital Aintree and is medical director of Woodlands Hospice. Along with Dr Sharma she undertakes the weekly joint Pain and Palliative Care clinic for patients with complex cancer pain which was set up by Dr Sharma and her predecessor Dr Hugel.

The Walton Centre is one of only a few centres in the country which offers percutaneous cervical cordotomy and other procedures including intrathecal pumps. Kate's interests include Ethics at the end of life and also clinical education.
Faculty

**Professor Sam H Ahmedzai BSc, MBChB, MRCP, FRCPS, FRCP**

Professor Sam H Ahmedzai is the chair and head of the Academic Unit of Supportive Care in the Department of Oncology at the University of Sheffield. He is also an honorary consultant physician in palliative medicine, leading one of the UK's busiest hospital supportive care teams. He chairs the National Cancer Research Institute’s Clinical Studies Group on Palliative and supportive care research. He was also the lead clinician for the Sheffield Adult Cancer Survivorship project.

His research covers symptom management, biology of pain, holistic needs, quality of life assessment and improving supportive care services for cancer and chronic disease patients.

**Dr. Arun Bhaskar MBBS FRCA FFPMRCA FFICM FIPP**

Dr. Bhaskar is a Consultant in Pain Medicine, Anaesthesia & Intensive Care completing his specialist training from the Northwest Deanery, UK in 2006. In addition to the Royal College Fellowships in anaesthesia, pain medicine and intensive care, Dr. Bhaskar also has a fellowship in interventional pain practice. He started his consultant post at The Christie NHS Hospital, Manchester and established the pain service alongside the existing palliative care services and developed a comprehensive cancer pain service, which he led until 2014. He is currently based at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

Dr. Bhaskar’s special interests include complex pain including neuropathic pain, cancer pain, visceral & pelvic pain, pain interventions and neuromodulation. He also has a special interest in opioid management in complicated cancer pain as well as opioid-dependence and its management in the pain patient population.

Dr. Bhaskar is the current secretary of the World Society of Pain Clinicians and an elected member of the Council of the British Pain Society; he is the executive liaison for Interventional SIG, Neuropathic pain SIG and Cancer pain SIG of the British Pain Society. He is also an elected council member of the Neuromodulation Society of UK & Ireland and also advises NICE on interventional procedures.

**Dr Mahesh Chaudhari, MBBS MD FRCA FFPMRCA**

Dr Mahesh Chaudharia Consultant in Pain Medicine is the lead clinician for the Pain management services at the Worcestershire Acute Hospital’s NHS Trust, Worcester. In addition to the chronic pain management service provision in community, he is regularly involved in the cancer pain management at the St Richard’s Hospice and the Primrose Unit in Worcestershire.

His area of interest includes central neuroaxial blocks including Intrathecal Neurolysis for cancer pain management.
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**Dr R Chawla MD, FRCA, FCARCSI, FFPMRCA**

Dr Chawla is a Consultant in Pain Medicine & Anaesthesia at the Walton Centre, Liverpool, UK and is currently the Local Pain Educational Supervisor.

He is a dedicated and compassionate specialist in the field of Pain Medicine. Able to demonstrate clinical expertise with the proven ability to listen, assess, investigate Chronic Pain patients and take appropriate decision with a comprehensive treatment plan. A Professional, committed to the field of medical education, research and development with the aim of improving standards of medical practice and developing Pain medicine. A dynamic member of a multi-disciplinary team who thrives in challenging working environments. His interests are Interventional Pain Medicine, Facial Pain, Pelvic Pain.

**Prof PR Eldridge MA MB MChir (Cantab) FRCS CCST Neurosurgery**

Professor Eldridge is a Consultant Neurosurgeon at the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool. His specialisms include trigeminal neuralgia, chronic pain, epilepsy, movement disorders, tumours and neurovascular surgery. He has published and presented extensively on these subjects, nationally and internationally. He is Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Liverpool and he is co-author of textbooks and chapters of textbooks.

Professor Eldridge is Editor in Chief of the British Journal of Neurosurgery; a Regional Advisor to the Royal College of Surgeons; member of the adult neurosurgery commissioning group, advisor to NICE, member of the Regenerative Medicine Group (Dept of Health), Trustee of the Pain Relief Foundation and a past Secretary and Council Member of the Society of British Neurological Surgeons; past President of the UK chapter of the International Neuromodulation Society.

**Dr Chinnamani Eswar**

Dr Chinnamani Eswar is a Consultant clinical oncologist at Clatterbridge Cancer Centre. He has been a consultant in the centre since 2003 where he treats lung cancer, prostate cancer, bladder cancer, and oesophageal cancer.

His special interests are prostate brachytherapy and stereotactic radiotherapy lung.

**Dr Clare Forshaw**

Dr Clare Forshaw is a Palliative Medicine Consultant based at University Hospital Aintree. She is currently working at Woodlands Hospice as well as providing support for the local community and hospital specialist palliative care teams.

Clare’s interests particularly include the Ethics of Cancer and Palliative Care, and she has recently completed an MA through Keele University.
Dr Bernhard Frank, MD, FFPMCAI, FCARCSI

Dr Frank graduated in Medicine at the University of Kiel, Germany in 1996. He received the Doctor of Medicine from Newcastle University in 2005. Since 2009 he has been a Consultant in Pain Medicine at the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust in Liverpool and is currently Clinical Lead for Neuropathic Pain and Opioid Management.

He is an Honorary Senior Lecturer at University of Liverpool with a research interest in neuropathic pain and clinical pharmacology and was also a Fellow of the Faculty of Pain Medicine at the College of Anaesthetists in Ireland, Dublin 2010.

Dr Kate Grady

Dr Kate Grady is a Consultant in Pain Medicine and Anaesthesia at the University Hospital of South Manchester in UK. She is the Dean of the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Royal College of Anaesthetists of the UK.

She has had a longstanding interest in the educational aspects of Pain Medicine and since the inception of the Faculty of Pain Medicine; Kate has chaired its Training and Assessment Committee and led the introduction of the Fellowship of the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (FFPMRCA) examination. She is a member of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists group which exports Pain Medicine courses throughout the world.

Dr Manish Gupta FRCA, FFPMRCA

Dr Manish Gupta trained in Pain Medicine at the Walton Centre, and is now a Consultant here in Pain Medicine & Anaesthesia. Along with Dr Sharma, he undertakes the joint pain and palliative care clinic, and manages the assessment, and peri-procedural care of cancer pain patients referred to the service. He is a keen and dynamic member of the multi-disciplinary team.

Dr Andreas Kopf

Dr Andreas Kopf is the Director of the Pain Medicine Unit, attending the Dept. of Anaesthesiology at the Charité-University Medicine Berlin, Germany.

Dr. Kopf is chairman of the pain and psychology modul of Charité University and acts as the Educational Committee chairman of the German Pain Society and EFIC. He is visiting professor for the Dept. of Medical Physiology at the University of Nairobi and consultant of the German Ministry of Health for the German-Serbian Pain Medicine Cooperation.

Dr Louise Lynch

Dr Louise Lynch is a full-time consultant in chronic pain management at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. She is responsible for cancer pain management at the St James’s Institute of Oncology. Her background is in anaesthetics.

Her particular interest is in the use of fully implanted programmable intrathecal drug delivery systems for the management of cancer-related pain.
**Professor Bart Morlion MD, PhD**

Professor Morlion who trained as an anaesthesiologist, is director of the Leuven Centre for Algology & Pain Management at the University Hospitals of Leuven and is professor at the University of Leuven. He teaches pain management at the KU Leuven and several university colleges in Belgium.

From 2006 until the end of 2012 he was the President of the Belgian Pain Society - the Belgian Chapter of the IASP and represents Belgium as councillor in EFIC – the European Federation of IASP Chapters. He steers the Organising Committee of the Belgian Interuniversity Course of Algology committees in international scientific societies. He is the chairman of the EFIC website committee, editor-in-chief of EFIC newsletter, section editor of the European Journal of Pain and member of the IASP membership and IASP educational committee.

**Associate Professor Nevenka Krcevski Skvarc**

Professor Nevenka Krcevski Skvarc currently works at University Medical Centre Maribor, Slovenia at the Department of Anesthesiology, Intensive Care and Pain Treatment. I hold the position of Head of Pain Unit and Head of Palliative Care Unit. I am active at Faculty of Medicine University of Maribor as a lecturer and mentor in Anesthesiology, Pain Medicine and Palliative Care. At the Faculty my position is Head of Institute of Palliative Medicine and Care. I am also a lecturer and mentor at Faculty of Health Science University of Maribor.

Founder of Slovenian Association for Pain Management in 2006 and was the first President for nine years, after that a member of Association’s Council. From 1996 till the current position of the Honorary Secretary of European Pain Federation – EFIC, and was the Councillor of EFIC

**Professor Kris C. P. Vissers MD, PhD, FIPP, jPL**

Professor Vissers is an anesthesiologist, professor in Pain and Palliative Medicine and chairman of the Radboud Expertise Centre for Pain and Palliative Medicine, at the Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre in the Netherlands.

He is the president of the Dutch Pain Society, Chapter of the IASP and the president of Palliaactief, the Dutch Society of palliative care, and also a chapter of the European Association of Palliative Care (EAPC). In 2015 he became president of the World Institute of Pain

**Dr John Wiles MB, BS, FRCA, FFPMRCA**

Dr John Wiles specialised in Pain Medicine from an anaesthetic background. He was the Clinical Director of the Walton Pain Service from 1995-2011 and is currently a part time Pain Medicine Consultant at Walton Centre.

Dr Wiles set up and chairs the Pain Relief Foundation Education Committee, for which he was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the Pain Relief Foundation.
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