



## Insights into Medical Cannabis: Speaker Biographies Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 10.00-17.00

### Chair

Dr Sunil Arora, Chronic Pain Consultant, MyAccess Clinics



Dr Sunil Arora is a consultant in pain medicine with extensive experience in managing patients with acute, chronic and cancer-related pain. He is one of the first medical cannabis prescribers in the UK, working with one of the leading medical cannabis clinics to provide access to patients, as well as educating clinicians on their journey as Lead Pain Consultant at the Medical Cannabis Clinicians Society. Dr Arora is committed to providing excellent care to his patients using a holistic, patient-centered approach to ensure the best management plan.

### Speaker

Dr Karen Wright, Senior Lecturer, Lancaster University



Dr Karen Wright received her doctorate from the University of Bath in 1999. Her work on inflammatory cell signalling in the gut led to the exploration of the endocannabinoid system in the human gastrointestinal tract during her postdoctoral studies.

She moved to Lancaster University to take up a Lectureship in 2008 and is now a Senior Lecturer with 23 original research articles and 6 reviews on topics ranging from cannabinoid signalling, wound healing and mucosal barrier function, specifically pertaining to the Inflammatory Bowel Diseases. She collaborates widely with both clinicians, industry and academics to work towards realising the therapeutic potential of cannabis-based medicines.

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### Speaker

Dr Sunny Nayee, Consultant in Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine, London



Dr Sunny Nayee trained at Cambridge University Medical School. He has completed training rotations in some of the top teaching hospitals in the United Kingdom including the well-renowned Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, the Royal Brompton Hospital in South Kensington and Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust in West London.

Dr Nayee regularly presents at national and international meetings and attends cadaveric workshops in the UK and across the world to learn and implement cutting-edge techniques. He has an interest in patient safety and communication and has presented at the National Patient Safety Conference, Royal College of Anaesthetists and submitted publications in various journals and books.

### Speaker

Dr Rebecca Moore, Consultant Psychiatrist, London



Dr Rebecca Moore is the lead consultant psychiatrist at The Medical Cannabis Clinics and has over twenty years of experience working in London in the NHS and private sector. Most recently, she worked for the South London and the Maudsley NHS Trust at St Thomas' Hospital, caring for women in pregnancy and in the postnatal period.

Dr Moore has a special interest in trauma and PTSD along with anxiety and mood disorders. She believes it is vital to work collaboratively with patients and to draw up holistic plans for their care.

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Dr Elizabeth Iveson, Stroke, Elderly and Neurorehabilitation Physician



Dr Elizabeth Iveson is a consultant stroke and neurorehabilitation physician, with a background in elderly care and general medicine. She has over 20 years' experience of working with complex patients with long term conditions and multiple symptoms, including pain, anxiety, fatigue and spasticity.

Dr Iveson is passionate about providing comprehensive, thoughtful and skilled care to her patients. She is a founding committee member of the Medical Cannabis Clinicians Society and is active in the education of professionals regarding medical cannabis, helping develop national guidelines and speaking at many meetings and conferences.

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