

Brief Curriculum Vitae

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Leslie G Walker is Emeritus Professor of Cancer Rehabilitation at the University of Hull, Kingston upon Hull, United Kingdom.

Until November 2009, in addition to holding the Foundation Chair of Cancer Rehabilitation, he was the Clinical Lead for the Division of Cancer in the Postgraduate Medical Institute, University of Hull. He was also Director of the Institute of Rehabilitation (a joint venture between the University of Hull and the local NHS Trusts), and a member of the Faculty of the Hull York Medical School (HYMS).

In 1999, he founded a unique Oncology Health Service (funded by Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust) and he directed the service until 2009 when he retired from the NHS. Each year, more than 2,500 people with cancer access the Service for the first time, and each week some 375 people with cancer and their relatives attend the custom built, fully integrated Oncology Health Centre at Castle Hill Hospital. The service has won a number of awards, and the approach is known internationally as the "Hull model".

Research interests include psychoneuroimmunological studies of breast, brain and colorectal cancers; psychosocial aspects of cancer screening; the evaluation of different models of providing psychosocial care, and the development and evaluation of psychological and complementary interventions for people with cancer. In the last five years, he has received funding from the Medical Research Council, Cancer Research UK, the HTA Programme, the NHS R&D Programme (Cancer) and Dimbleby Cancer Care.

Professor Walker currently serves on a number of committees, including the The National Institute of Health Research Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre College of Experts; the Tenovus Research Committee; the Clinical Reference Group of Breast Cancer Care, and the Clinical Experts Reference Group of Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Current Editorial Board membership includes the European Journal of Psychiatry, Psycho-Oncology, Contemporary Hypnosis, and Complementary Therapies in Clinical Practice.

He is a former Co-Chair of the Nominating Committee of the International Psychosocial Oncology Society, and he has served two terms of Office as Chairman of the British Psychosocial Oncology Society. Until recently, he was Chairman of the Research Committee of Breast Cancer Care. He has also been a Member of the Population and Behavioural Sciences Committee of Cancer Research UK; the Council of the British Society of Experimental and Clinical Hypnosis; the Research Committee of the National Cancer Survivorship Initiative (Department of Health); the National Cancer Research Institute Complementary Therapies Clinical Studies Development Group; and three Medical Research Council Multicentre Trial Steering Committees.

Professor Walker has given numerous Invited Lectures and Keynote Addresses throughout the world, and he has over 300 publications to his name.

He is a Fellow of the British Psychological Society, the Society of Biology and the Royal Society of Medicine, and a former Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society and the Institute of Biology.

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