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Emeritus Professor Leslie G Walker

Leslie G Walker is Emeritus Professor of Cancer Rehabilitation at the University of Hull, Kingston upon Hull, United Kingdom. Since retiring from the NHS in 2009, he continues to carry out research and give invited lectures.

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 founding member of the Faculty of the Hull York Medical School (HYMS).

In 1999, he established 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 located within the Queen's Centre for Oncology and Haematology at Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham. The service has won a number of awards, and the approach is known internationally as the "Hull model".



Current research includes psychosocial aspects of Li Fraumeni syndrome (with colleagues at the Institute of Cancer Research and the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK; the University of Manchester and the Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, UK; the Netherlands Cancer Institute, the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne, Australia; and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Harvard Medical School, USA); the effects on quality of life of

vaccination with human telomerase reverse transcriptase (hTERT) peptides (with colleagues at King's College London, Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, London, and the University of Nottingham), and psychosocial aspects of cancer screening.

Previous research has focussed on the psychoneuroimmunology of breast, brain and colorectal cancers; relaxation, hypnotherapy and guided imagery to alleviate the side effects of various cancer treatments; the evaluation of different models of providing psychosocial care, and the development and evaluation of psychological and complementary interventions for people with cancer. Over the years, he has received funding from a wide range of sources, including the Medical Research Council, the Wellcome Trust, Cancer Research UK, the HTA Programme, the NHS R&D Programme (Cancer), the Scottish Home and Health Department 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 Clinical Reference Group of Breast Cancer Care, and the Clinical Experts Reference Group of Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

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; the Tenovus Research Committee, and three Medical Research Council Multicentre Trial Steering Committees.

Current Editorial Board membership includes the European Journal of Psychiatry and Contemporary Hypnosis & Integrative Therapy.

Professor Walker has given numerous Invited Lectures and Keynote Addresses throughout the world, and he has over 300 publications to his name (see [Publications](#)).

He is a Fellow of the British Psychological Society, an Honorary Life Member of the British Association for Clinical and Academic Hypnosis, a Chartered Scientist, a Chartered Clinical Psychologist, and a former Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society, the Society of Biology and the Royal Society of Medicine.

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