RCPE Symposium: Neurology
Wednesday 5 October 2016
Venue: Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 9 Queen Street, EH2 1JQ

09.00  Registration and Coffee

09.25  Welcome by President, RCPE

Session 1  New therapies and old controversies in acute stroke
Chair:  Professor Majaz Moonis, Professor of Neurology, University of Massachusetts Medical School

09.30  What's new in the management of hyperacute stroke?
Professor Keith Muir, SINAPSE Chair of Clinical Imaging, Institute of Neuroscience and Psychology, University of Glasgow
* the latest news from therapeutic trials in hyperacute stroke * mechanical intervention in hyperacute stroke: emerging evidence and implications for service development * the use of imaging in guiding management

10.15  Stroke of undetermined cause and embolic stroke – two sides of the same coin?
Professor Martin O’Donnell, Professor of Translational Medicine, NUI Galway
* the epidemiology of stroke of undetermined cause * how far should we go with investigations to identify a potential source? * potential occult embolic sources * what is the best secondary preventive strategy?

11.00  Coffee

Session 2  The way forward for early epilepsy and late trauma
Chair:  Dr John Paul Leach, Consultant Neurologist, Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow

11.30  New drugs for epilepsy - worth the bother?
Professor Tony Marson, Professor of Neurology, University of Liverpool
* use of the ‘new’ antiepileptic drugs over the last 25 years * expense: are they ‘worth it’? * relative efficacy and tolerability.

11.55  Treatment of first seizure - jumping the gun?
Dr Russell Hewett, Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, University of Glasgow
* the difference between UK and USA in first seizure management * the evidence for and against an interventional approach to management * practical measures to help inform individualised treatment protocols.

12.20  Chronic traumatic encephalopathy / concussion guidance – another Scottish innovation
Dr William Stewart, Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, Institute of Neuroscience and Psychology, University of Glasgow
* is there brain damage from so-called ‘minor head injury’ and what is the clinical significance of this? * preventing/attenuating the accumulating damage from head injury.

12.45  Lunch

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Session 3  Neurology / Neuro-ophthalmology session: Shades of grey - differentiating abnormal from normal variants.
Chair: Dr Johann Selvarajah, Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, Centre for Neuroscience, University of Glasgow

13.30  MRI brain white matter change - spectrum of change - how can we grade?
Dr Kirsten Forbes, Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, University of Glasgow
* what can we learn from MRI white matter disease? * what is important and what is incidental and to what extent can the radiologist help us?

13.50  MRI brain white matter change - clinical management of an imaging ‘abnormality’
Professor Alasdair Coles, Professor of Neurology, University of Cambridge
* what should we do with white matter changes? * what do we tell patients? * how do we investigate? * what action, if any, should we take?

14.10  Symptoms that are not suggestive of a neurological problem
Dr Richard Davenport, Consultant Neurologist, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh
* what neurological symptoms are suggestive of organic neurological disease? * what neurological symptoms should make us worry? * how can we tell the difference?

14.30  Coffee/Tea

Session 4  Neurology / Neuro-ophthalmology session: Hitting the heights – diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of obesity-related neurological conditions
Chair: Dr Stephen Madill Consultant Ophthalmologist, Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion, Edinburgh

14.55  Idiopathic intracranial hypertension - feeling the pressure?
Dr Alexandra Sinclair, Clinician Scientist, Institute of Metabolism and Systems Research, University of Birmingham
* epidemiology and pathophysiology of IIH * is the problem getting ‘bigger’ in our society? * making the diagnosis and monitoring - clinical tips and pitfalls

15.25  Medical and surgical treatment of idiopathic intracranial hypertension
Mr Michael Burdon, Royal College of Ophthalmologists & Consultant Ophthalmologist, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham
* what active interventions are available? * what is the aim of treatment and what are the outcomes? * how do we know when treatment is/is not working?

15.55  Sir Alexander Morison Lecture
Health and fitness – are we part of the problem or part of the solution?
Professor Christopher Oliver, Honorary Professor Physical Activity, University of Edinburgh

16.40  Discussion

16.50  Close

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