Academic Primary Care in the UK: Supporting research and education in cardiovascular disease

Professor David Fitzmaurice
Developing continuing education in cardiovascular disease in primary care: A view from the UK

Professor David Fitzmaurice is a GP and Professor of Primary Care and Clinical Lead for Primary Care Clinical Sciences at the University of Birmingham. His research interest is in cardiovascular disease, in particular oral anticoagulation management. He co-authored the UK guidelines on patient self-management of oral anticoagulation and helped establish as the National Centre for Anticoagulation Training (NCAT) at the University of Birmingham. David will discuss his experience of developing CPD for primary care, both at Masters level and as stand-alone CPD in areas such as mental health, gynaecology and cardiovascular disease for GPs, practice nurses and health care assistants.

Dr Paramjit Gill
Heart failure amongst minority ethnic communities: the Ethnic-Echocardiographic Heart of England Screening Study (E-ECHOES)

Dr Paramjit Gill is a Reader in Primary Care Research at the University of Birmingham. He is a GP in inner-city practice and the RCGP Clinical Champion for Social Inclusion. His research interests include addressing inequalities in health and health care, particularly amongst migrant populations, and evidence-based health care and its application to health care delivery. He is the founding member of the RCGP Health Inequalities Standing Group and was lead editor of ‘Working with Vulnerable Groups. A clinical handbook for GPs’. Paramjit will provide an overview of establishing the prevalence of heart failure amongst UK South Asian and Black African-Caribbean communities, and the challenges and solutions of research amongst these population groups.

Professor Richard Hobbs
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Richard Hobbs is Professor and Head of the Department of Primary Care Health Sciences at Oxford University and the National Director of the NIHR School for Primary Care Research. He was co-Director of the Quality and Outcomes (QOF) Review Panel from 2005-09. His research interests focus on cardiovascular epidemiology and clinical trials, especially relating to vascular and stroke risk, and heart failure. His research has impacted on international health policies and clinical guidelines. Within the NHS, he consulted on National Service Frameworks for CHD, atrial fibrillation, and heart failure and several National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) reviews. He provides clinical care in an inner-city general practice.