

Dr Mark Williams

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I am a senior interventional Consultant Cardiologist at Ashford and St Peter's NHS Trust. I attended King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, University of London in 1991, having superseded my 3 B offer. I successfully obtained an intercalated BSc honours degree in Pharmacology, Immunology and Genetics and had my graduation at Westminster Central Halls in London. I graduated from King's in 1997 at the Royal Festival Hall.

Following a competitive application, I obtained one of the Professorial House Jobs, at King's. Consultants on the firm included Professor Alan McGregor (Firm Chief), Professor Stephanie Amiel, Dr Michael Edmonds (now Professor Edmonds, Dr Peter Watkins and Dr Phillip Bath. One of the registrars on the firm was Dr Carol Gayle (she is now the clinical lead for diabetes at King's, she has remained my mentor throughout these years and in fact is a Godmother to my daughter. I also met Dr Riyaz Kaba for the first time then. He was the senior house officer, when I was the house officer on the firm. I undertook my surgical House Job and Mayday University Hospital (now the Croydon University Hospital NHS Trust).

I undertook my SHO rotation at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City and the Royal Free Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. Some of the Consultants I worked for who helped shape me into the Consultant I am today included; Dr Andrew Davenport, Professor Steve Powis, Dr Aine Burns, Dr Huw Beynon, Dame Professor Carol Black and Dr Gerry Coghlan.

I subsequently obtained the MRCP from the Royal College of Physicians of England. I pursued a clinical research fellowship in Systemic sclerosis associated pulmonary arterial hypertension at the Royal Free Hospital under the supervision of Dr Gerry Coghlan and Professor Christopher Denton and I was subsequently awarded my MD in Clinical research from the University of London.

I completed specialist training in interventional cardiology at the Royal Sussex County and King's College Hospitals. I was appointed as Locum Consultant Interventional cardiologist at the Royal Sussex County hospital, Brighton and subsequently a substantive post as Consultant Interventional Cardiologist at Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in 2013.

I have been at the Trust for 7 years. In those years set up our highly successful primary PCI service for treatment of heart attacks. I was instrumental in the renaming of our cardiology ward. Birch Acute Cardiac Unit (BACU), which not only fulfils the premise that our medical wards are named after trees, but also tells what we do.

I became a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and I was encouraged by one of our current divisional directors to apply for a clinical excellence award and was successful in obtaining a point (though I'd applied for two). I was actually disappointed with this, only to be later informed that I was one of the few doctors to get a point on that round.

I have lead the teaching programme in cardiology from medical students to all levels of doctor

including our non-cardiology colleagues and I am an honorary Senior lecturer at St George's School of Medicine. I have received teaching excellence awards 3 out of my 7 years at St Peter's, nominated by the St George's medical students.

I have a passion for teaching. My ward rounds are known to have the largest attendance as I take time out to teach, all who have the time to listen. I believe this is what will build our future network of doctors, nurses, physiologist and other healthcare professionals.

Until recently, I was the Clinical lead in Cardiology and though a relentless task, I thoroughly enjoyed this job as it ratified what I had been doing, even before becoming clinical lead.

I have a firm belief in "if you are going to do something, then do it well", that has to do with my mother and my Jamaican upbringing. I am proud of my Jamaican Heritage.

Having been born in England to Jamaican parents (who came here in 1960 and 1962, my mother having travelled first). I am 100% Jamaican and 100% British and have right to live in both countries. In fact, I have dual nationality.

I do believe that I have a further role to play in management and will pursue this alongside my clinical endeavours.

Our Trust values are:

Putting patient First - I surely have demonstrated that I do that.

Passion for Excellence - I put my heart into anything that I do.

Pride in Our Team - I am proud of the teamwork in Cardiology - from our inpatient service on BACU, to our cardiac catheter lab. service managed by InHealth, to our outpatient service.

I most definitely take Personal Responsibility for all that I do.

I am looking forward to this next post COVID-19 era and will do my best to keep the high standards that I have set for myself.

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2013 to Present.