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Speaker Biography

Professor Sam Ahmedzai

Sam is Emeritus Professor at the University of Sheffield, having been until March 2015 Chair and Head of the Academic Unit of Supportive Care in the Department of Oncology. He has 29 years' experience of being a Consultant Physician in palliative medicine in a multi-disciplinary symptom control and supportive care team in the Sheffield hospitals.

Sam graduated from the Universities of St Andrews (Scotland) and Manchester. His medical training was in oncology and respiratory medicine. Sam's research covers - biology of pain; symptom management; holistic needs and quality of life assessment; improving supportive care services for cancer and chronic disease patients.

He initiated the Science Committee for the Association for Palliative Medicine (UK) and was past chair of the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer's Groups on Quality of Life and on Pain and Symptom Control. The Sheffield Academic Unit has led developments in consumer involvement in cancer research. He was lead clinician for the Sheffield Adult Cancer Survivorship project and is a Council Member of the British Pain Society.

He presently chairs the National Cancer Research Institute's Clinical Studies Group on Supportive and Palliative Care research. He serves on NICE guideline development groups for myeloma and for care of the dying adult and chairs the Royal College of Physicians' Audit on Care of the dying adult.