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**16:30-17:30**

**Stroke: Is it the end? – Living with uncertainty**

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Stroke is a life-limiting illness. It may either present as a terminal event in the form of a massive stroke or repeated strokes may be part of a patient's decline over several years.

Using real-life interactive case histories the session will explore the palliative issues and ethical decision making that surrounds the care of patients dying from stroke. Topics covered will include stroke as a terminal event in vascular dementia, symptom management following massive stroke and caring for stroke victims at the end of their life in the community

**Dr Michelle Kidd**

I qualified from Liverpool Medical school in 1997. I was a junior doctor in the Mersey region in general medicine during which time I spent six months at the Walton Neurosciences Centre. I obtained MRCP(UK) in 2001 shortly before the birth of my first daughter. I joined the department of Medicine at Warrington Hospital, initially as a staff grade but I have subsequently been appointed as an Associate Specialist in stroke in 2007. Although at times I have covered most of the medical specialities I have always had a passion for stroke medicine and neurology. This has led to my current role on Warrington's Stroke unit. End of life care is an inevitable part of Stroke medicine and palliative medicine is a major part of my working life. I have become the lead for palliative medicine on the unit and I am engaged in a wider role within my trust looking at end of life strategy for all patients.

I work three days a week and the rest of the time I am mother of two girls and a jazz singing sensation.