Department of Psychology
Beaumont Hospital
Research Interests, Publications and Presentations
November 2012

Staff members of the Department of Psychology, Beaumont Hospital, are listed below in alphabetical order.

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Mairead Dempsey
My research interests include: adjustment to chronic health conditions, systemic psychotherapy with families managing a chronic condition, and psychometric assessment with individuals with significant hearing deficits.

Current Projects
- Parent Plus Programme for parents of deaf children in the Cochlear Implant Programme
- Parental Stress and Resources

Dr. Gillian Fortune
Research Interests
My research interests include Non-Epileptic Attack Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and neuropsychological outcome following childhood brain injury.

Publications


**Jonathan Gallagher**

My current research interests include:

- Assessment and intervention in cardiac patients
- Illness perceptions and health behaviour change
- Self-management in heart failure
- Stress management and biofeedback
- Barriers to cardiac rehabilitation
- Personality, coping and quality of life in cardiac patients
- Shock Anxiety and Device Acceptance in patients with an ICD
- Insomnia & PTSD in ICD patients

**Publications**


Presentations


Chambers, D., Begley, M., Corcoran, P. & Gallagher, J. (2002). Suicide, social change and young Irish men (9th European Symposium on Suicide & Suicidal Behaviour, University of Warwick, September 2002).

Mark Mulrooney
Research Activity/Interests
My research interests include memory, rehabilitation, learning disability, epilepsy and neuropsychological test development and procedures.

Publications

A Survey of the Level of Learning Disability among the Prison Population in Ireland Completed for the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform
Research Team: Mark Mulrooney, Michael Murphy, Dr. Mark Harrold, Dr. Sean Carey,
Final Report, 2000

Challenging Behaviour Training Programme for staff
Developed for St Michael’s House 1997
Reach: Journal of Special Needs Education, Volume 12, No. 2, pp. 119-126

Acute Confusional States in Elderly Subjects
Moore T.F. & Mulrooney M.1991 Hospital interventions and acute confusional states in elderly surgical patients. CONA Journal 13(4), 13 19

A Single-Point Visual Scanning Device For Rehabilitating Unilateral Neglect
MCGILLIVRAY, R. MA.Sc., P.ENG.; MULROONY, MARK M.A.; BRECHIN, GEORGE C.E.T.

Dr. Ailín O’Dea
Research interests:
• coping and Cystic Fibrosis
• how living kidney donation impacts on families/ relationships
• the ethics of living donation
• psychosocial benefits/ costs for living donors post-op

Presentations:


"Living with Loss in Chronic Illness"  Presented on the impact of working with people with chronic conditions on the therapist/ therapist self-care, 2009.

Publications:
2011:  co-authored the Beaumont Hospital hospital publication "Thinking about donating a kidney?"


Dr. Niall Pender
Research Activity/Interests
My current research interests and collaborations range from the evaluation of basic cognitive processes in neurological conditions to specific interests in the neurocognitive aspects young onset neurodegenerative diseases such as Huntington’s disease and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

Publications


**Published Abstracts/reports**

J Phukan, O Hardiman, N Jordan, L Gallagher, [http://jnnp.bmj.com/content/81/11/e25.2.abstract?sid=d226ece2-352d-4415-9b81-41c09415616e-aff-1#aff-1](http://jnnp.bmj.com/content/81/11/e25.2.abstract?sid=d226ece2-352d-4415-9b81-41c09415616e-aff-1#aff-1)


**Public reports, newsletters, service/legislation issues**


Pender, N. (2009), President’s Column. *Irish Psychologist, Monthly 2009-2010*


**Conference Poster Presentations**


Doreen Hoerold, Niall P. Pender, & Ian H. Robertson1 (2007). Self-Awareness, Sustained Attention & Error Processing in Focal Lesion Patients:
Neuropsychological & Electrophysiological Correlates. International Neuropsychological Society Summer Meeting Bilbao, Spain.


Selected Seminar/Conference Presentations (2001-2012)

Invited Lectures


Pender, N. (2010). *Psychology in Acute Hospital Settings*. Key Note Address, Division of Health Annual Conference, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, March.


**General Conference Presentations & Presentations from collaborating research teams**


Tracking back the problem underlying prospective memory task performance following traumatic brain injury.


Presentation at the 62nd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology, April 10 - April 17, 2010, Toronto, Canada.


Hoerold, Doreen; Pender, Niall & Robertson, Ian (2008). The Neural Basis of Self-Awareness: Different Roles for Left and Right Prefrontal. Psychological Society of Ireland, Annual Conference.


S. Howley, N. Pender, K. Murphy (2007). Cognitive dysfunction in 221q deletion syndrome. PSI Annual Conference, Killarney


Dineen, Catherine; Pender, Niall; Edgeworth, Jennifer; Hardiman, Orla & Thornton, John (2006). The neuropsychological profile of white matter brain changes- a systematic review. Psychological Society of Ireland, Annual Conference.


Pender, Niall; Dineen, Catherine; McIntyre, Deborah & Delanty, Norman (2006). The Intra-carotid Sodium Amytal Test for the Cognitive Assessment of Presurgical Epilepsy Patients. Psychological Society of Ireland, Annual Conference.


**Dr. Jennifer Wilson O’Raghallaigh**
My research interests include somatoform disorder, adjustment to illness, stress and coping, development, gender, borderline personality disorder and psychotherapeutic intervention efficacy.

**Publications**


**Presentations**


