

BATH PAIN FORUM



Tuesday 19th March 2019

4.00pm

Venue: Lecture Hall, Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath, BA1 1RL

Pain in Autism Spectrum Disorders: Sensation, Emotion and Behaviour with Dr David Moore

David Moore is a senior lecturer in psychology at Liverpool John Moores University and a co-founder of the Somatosensory and Affective Neuroscience Research group. David is an Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society and his research interests include somatosensation in ASD (pain and gentle touch) as well as the cognitive impact of pain. Before coming to LJMU David completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Bath Centre for Pain Research developing the Bath Test of Attention for Pain (Bath TAP). Prior to this, he completed his PhD at Sheffield Hallam University examining the attentional biases for faces in adults with ASD.

The presentation:

David will speak about how individuals with Autistic Spectrum Disorders experience and express pain. Recent diagnostic criteria of autism include insensitivity to pain as a specific example of this abnormality. Research evidence here is however limited. The suggestion of aberrant pain responsivity in ASD is distressing as pain may be the first or only sign of illness or injury and individuals with ASD may be at greater risk of injury or illness than their peers. During this talk I will consider what we mean when we think of pain, what it might mean to have altered pain sensitivity and some implications of misinterpreting these data. Here I will consider what we know about how painful stimuli might be experienced from the initial coding of the stimulus in the periphery to the neural coding and finally behavioural response of these individual to communicate pain. There are still a large number of questions unanswered and the reasons for or implications of altered pain perception in autism are still unknown

Welcome to Bath Pain Forum

Background

The Pain Forum was launched in 2000 after the recognition that pain was of interest to a large number of healthcare professionals in the greater Bath area. These meetings have been well supported by clinicians in the local area. We invite world leaders in pain research to present their work and discuss developments. These speakers are chosen for the high quality of their research and their ability to communicate it well. Perhaps the most important part of the forum is that everyone is invited to carry on discussions afterwards.

This event is supported by the Integrated Pain Management Health Integration Team (IPM HIT) on behalf of Bristol Health Partners.

What is involved?

There is a two-part structure. Where possible each meeting will include:

1. *Invited Presentation*

From 4.00pm – 5.00pm we will have a presentation from an invited speaker on a current topic of interest.

2. *Get together*

Afterwards we will either have a cup of tea together or support the Bath economy and trade by visiting a local hostelry for refreshment.

Contact

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