

Profile

Professor Fortune is Professor of Medicine in relation to Oral Health.

Director of Centre for Immunobiology and Regenerative Medicine

Director of London Behçet's Centre of Excellence

Senior Fellow Queen Mary Policy Institute.

Graduated in both Dentistry and Medicine from University College, University of London., and obtained PhD at UMDS (United Medical Schools of Guys and St Thomas) University of London.

Specialist registers: Oral Medicine in Dentistry (GDC), Immunology in Medicine (GMC).

2002 recruited to the position of Professor of Medicine in Relation to Oral Health at Queen Mary University of London

Honours, awards, and positions held:

CBE for services to Dentistry.

Prestigious Colyer Gold Medal for significant contribution to the profession through research, teaching, and clinical work

Honorary FRCS - "highest honour the College can award".

Slack Medal- particularly outstanding contribution to the College and its successors.

Professor of Oral Medicine - Leeds University, Honorary Consultant

Senior Lecturer in Immunology and Honorary Consultant in Oral Medicine - UMDS.

Dean and Director of the Institute Director of Dentistry QMUL

Clinical Director for Dentistry, Head and Neck including Maxillofacial surgery and ENT.

Oral Medicine-President and Council member-British Society of Oral Medicine. Recognised expertise in Oral Medicine, Clinical Immunology, Oral manifestations of Systemic Disease and Rare diseases

President of Odontology section of Royal Society of Medicine

FRCP Royal College of Physicians

FRCS Royal College of Surgeons

BD Centres UK- membership of the European Reference Network RITA (ERN).

Background:

Social Mentoring-works extensively with local communities and mentors' doctors, dentists and scientists trying to navigate the complex environments of the HEIs and NHS. Provides 1:1 support for staff, and nationally for women and excluded groups.

Covid- participation in 3 invited national and international Webinars' initially addressing increased deaths in excluded communities and health workers; community health mistrust through lived experience; and vaccine uptake through localism. Localism project with targeted posters translated into 19 languages. Using community advocates these had national and international reach. Showcased on BBC news broadcaster 'localism works'.

Education and Health Extensive experience in teaching within both the undergraduate and postgraduate sector in UK and internationally. Expertise is in curriculum development, assessment methodology and quality assurance.

Chaired Royal College of Surgeons examination committee. Seminal in the reintroduction of the LDS RCSEng., the first licensed examination in Dentistry.

Founding member of Inter-professional Education Network of Royal Society of Medicine member of (UKHEAC) UK Healthcare Education Advisory Committee.

Strategic focus

National-Widening access and increasing uptake into higher education. Works with schools to develop aspiration in schoolchildren from the earliest years. Chaired London Healthcare Education Widening Access Committee. High quality teaching and training implemented using community and community outreach programs for teaching and training.

Global- Committed to global collaboration to enhance health and education. Focus abroad to build capacity and increase uptake using non-traditional models of education and clinical training.

Embed health and education within the contextual focus of national and societal cultures, and economics. Ongoing programs in Africa are with Global Knowledge Education Network (GKEN) an African diaspora group of academics and like-minded persons, with universities in several countries to deliver and exploit technology for affordable access to health and education, through UN Sustainable Goals (WASD).

Effect of Climate change on non-visible societies

<https://mobile.twitter.com/qmgpi/status/1459169835145908228>

Stakeholder interest group-Health and Education-EU Parliament.

Co-chaired New York -UN sustainable Goals-focussing on countries in Africa, South America, and Asia.

Co-convened WASD conference -Making Universities work for the UN sustainable development goals.

Research- Main research focus is epithelial biology, including mucosal disease and oral cancer. Interest and expertise in Behçet's disease and member of the medical advisory panel to the Behçet's Syndrome Society. Together with Behçet's Society secured funding to set up three dedicated Centres in England for the management of this condition.

Recent Large grants

Behçet's Centre of Excellence £10m over 5years.

Clinical trials Behçet's Centres-£1.2m

Global health NIHR co-applicant, Jonathan Grigg PI -6 African countries-2.5m