



Geraldine Burge

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Current position

Geraldine is the lead ILD specialist nurse at University Hospitals Birmingham NHS trust. She completed her general nurse training at Westminster Hospital 1979 and subsequently trained in Cardio Thoracic, ILD and Palliative Care nursing. Geraldine holds additional qualification in CBT, Jungian psychology and teaching. Geraldine has worked as a Research nurse in interstitial lung disease since 2002 completing studies of Interferon gamma, Pirfenidone and Nintedanib before becoming one of the first NHS ILD clinical nurse specialists.

Geraldine's strengths in mentorship are to offer clinical support and develop teaching and presentation skills.

Clinical

As the lead ILD CNS at Heartlands Hospital, part of University Hospital Birmingham Geraldine works across 4 sites and runs 3 nurse-led clinics a week. She facilitates 7 clinics a week across sites working closely with ILD physiotherapist and palliative occupational therapists and supports the ILD MDT meetings.

Geraldine consults with patients who have been diagnosed with ILD or CTD-ILD if lung involvement is progressive. She attends 3 MDT's a month and has access to the Occupational clinics at our city centre hospital. Geraldine runs the local ILD patient support group and works as a volunteer for Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis Charity, and the British Lung Foundation as a Healthcare professional.

Teaching

As part of her clinical role Geraldine has a remit to teach and lecture. She is well known nationally and internationally delivering talks on ILD at the University Birmingham post graduate seminars, BTS, ERS and at the AIR meetings over the last 16years.

Professional Service

Geraldine contributed to the NICE 2009 scoping exercise for IPF, and the 2011-2013. NICE IPF Guideline Development Group, and again reviewing the guidance 2016. She was the Chair of the nursing group of the European Respiratory Society Assembly 9.03 (1995-1999.), whilst working with the ATS nursing group reviewing abstracts for their congresses (1995-1997). She has also worked as Secretary to ERS Assembly 9 (2009-2012) sitting in the European School of Respiratory Medicine and contributing to the well-established external ILD course run at Heidelberg. She currently sits on ERS Research Fellowship grant committee and has contributed to numerous Advisory boards for ILD.

Geraldine was a founding director and chairman of the Interstitial lung Disease Interdisciplinary network ILD-INN.2015-2017, and is currently the West Midlands regional ILD-INN lead. This network seeks to provide support, education and influence for all allied health professionals working in Interstitial Lung Disease.