



# Professor David John Dodwell

## BSc MB ChB FRCP MD FRCR MEWI

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### Present Appointment

**Consultant in Clinical Oncology**  
St James Hospital, Leeds

### Clinical Practice

This comprises a site-specialized breast oncology practice based at St James Hospital, Leeds. In conjunction with my clinical and specialist nurse colleagues we have developed a service with the elements of MDT practice and meetings, prospective organisation of data collection to facilitate audit and activity analysis and protocols for diagnosis, therapy, communication and integrated follow-up.

I see 520 new patients per year and accept 40 cross referrals. I supervise systemic therapy and radiotherapy for patients with early and recurrent disease.

### Medico-Legal Experience

I have been involved in medico-legal practice for over 20 years. I accept around 30-40 instructions per year, the great majority of which relate to the management of breast cancer. The impact of diagnostic delay and oncology practice, including drug treatment and radiotherapy feature most prominently.

The split between defendant and claimant work is around 60%/40%. I have been a member of the Expert Witness Institute for around 8 years. I receive instructions from the major medical defence unions (MDU and MPS) as well as the arge legal firms they work with, including DACBeachcroft, Hempsons and others. I receive instructions from claimants' solicitors and from intermediary medicolegal service companies.

I have attended 70-80 legal conferences over the last 5 years and attended court on 5 occasions to give evidence. I have been involved in two criminal cases an as independent expert.  
I have attended medicolegal educational courses in London, Manchester and Leeds.



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## National Responsibilities

### **Sloane group**

I am lead oncologist on this group auditing the outcome of screen-detected DCIS within the UK.

### **UK Breast Cancer Screening Audit Group**

I am the oncologist on this group with responsibility to contribute and co-ordinate the audit function of the UK Breast Screening Programme.

### **Chemotherapy Board - Royal College of Radiologists (RCR)**

I am a member of this group with responsibility for co-ordinating the functions and determining the policy of the RCR in relation to systemic therapies in oncology.

### **Joint Council for Clinical Oncology (JCCO)**

I represent the RCR on the JCCO. This group allows liaison and co-operation between Clinical and Medical Oncology the two specialties involved in solid tumour oncology within the UK.

### **Clinical chemotherapy information group (CCIG)**

I am chair of the CCIG which provides clinical input into the development and implementation of a nationally agreed national data set (SACT) to capture and analyze the use of systemic therapy in solid cancer and haematology.

### **UK Breast Cancer Group (UKBCG)**

I am a member of the organising committee for this UK breast oncology organisation.

### **Breast Cancer Haven**

I am on the national board of the charitable support organisation Breast Cancer Haven

### **Senior Research Fellow – Early Breast Cancer Trialists’ Collaborative Group (EBCTCG), Nuffield Dept of Population Health – Oxford University**

I work as part of the EBCTCG team and provide clinical oncology guidance to produce individual patient-level meta-analyses of clinically relevant questions in breast cancer local therapy.

### **Project team NABCOP audit**

I am the oncologist on this UK HQIP-funded audit of the management of breast cancer in older women.

## Clinical Research and Publications

My own research interests include surgical, systemic and radiotherapeutic interventions in early breast cancer.

I am on the steering committees for the TACT, TACT 2, TANGO, ABC, Anglo-Celtic, Intergroup IES, EPO, Strontium, AZURE, POSNOC and LORIS trials. I sit on the Breast Systemic Therapy Trials Steering Committee for the Institute of Cancer Research – Royal Marsden Hospital.

I have published over 120 peer-reviewed papers on the management of breast cancer.

