

Dr James McLay

We were all shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Dr James McLay. James was a larger-than-life character who was a true clinical academic working in clinical practice as well as being an excellent teacher and educator and maintaining research interests. He will be much missed by his patients whom he looked after very well and by his students who loved and feared him in equal measure! He was a key part of the highly successful Clinical Pharmacology Masters programme at the University of Aberdeen for over 30 years, and he was instrumental in developing the first Physician Associate programme in Scotland.

James was also a strong supporter of the British Pharmacological Society which he joined in 1994 and was elected a fellow in 2012 for peer recognition in pharmacology. He was a member of several committees between 2005 and 2015 including the Heads of Clinical Pharmacology, Clinical committee and Education and Training committee. James and his students were regular contributors to the BPS meetings, and he had 13 papers published in the BJCP.

James was hard-working, big-hearted with great enthusiasm for all he did professionally and personally. He will be missed by all his friends and colleagues and most of all by his loving family.



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