



Médecine
de la Personne
International Group

74th International Meeting in Northampton (United Kingdom)

4th / 7th – 10th August 2024



Continuity of care – is it a thing of the past?

‘Yet another unfamiliar doctor, nurse, or healthcare assistant!’ We are generally pleased to see a familiar face, especially in unsettling situations, as can be the case when visiting the doctor, waiting in a hospital bed to be collected for an operation, in the accident and emergency department with a crying child. We search out familiar things which can be a familiar person or room, perhaps even a teddy bear or stuffed rabbit or a picture in the practice waiting room which we look for whenever we must go there.

Every time we see the doctor involves an encounter where we reveal personal things about ourselves, and we want to know that we are in good hands. Why do senior family doctors have so many long-standing patients? Is continuity of care a guarantee of good quality care? Where and when is it particularly important? Could it be harmful or even dangerous to see the same person every time in the same place? Can polyclinics where you see a different person every time or telemedicine where the patient’s observations are transmitted to an anonymous clinician replace seeing a single familiar person, can they in some way offer a different sort of continuity of care? Are we seeing medicine of the person fall by the wayside in this “brave new medical world”?

A special conference with personal encounters and discussion about topics which tend to be avoided.

Details about how to enrol and the full programme will be available early next year on our website; medecinedelapersonne.org/en

Languages

German, French and English

- Written versions of the lectures will be available in the three languages.
- The discussions will be translated ad hoc so that they can be understood in all three languages.

Tourism and study days

Sunday evening 4th August 2024

- Arrival at King's Park Conference Centre Northampton for those attending the tourism days

Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th August 2024

- Days of discovery and relaxation with time to get to know each other
- Visits to the sights in Northamptonshire

Wednesday evening 7th to Saturday 10th August 2024 at 3pm

Study days including:

- Lectures and bible studies
- Small group discussions on the lectures and an opportunity to share our own experience and practice.

Costs *(given per person, and including conference fees, visits, all meals and lodging)*

Tourist programme (4. – 7. 8. 2024): £ 640 / € 750 (children 5-16: 50%, 0-4: free)

Study days (7. 8. – 10. 8. 2024): £ 490 / € 570 (children 5-16: £ 190 / € 225, 0-4: free)

Students/participants from Eastern Europe: £ 150 / € 175 *(study days)*

- Other reductions available on enquiry
- We ask that those coming attend all the study days, as the discussions in the small groups and the way opinions and experiences are shared in those groups as the members get to know each other better are an important part of what we learn at these meetings of Médecine de la Personne.
- Extra nights before and after the conference can be booked direct with the conference centre.

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Conference location

King's Park

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