

PATRICK KENNEDY

BIOGRAPHY

Dr Kennedy is a Reader in Hepatology & Consultant Hepatologist at Barts and The London School of Medicine & Dentistry, QMUL. He trained at University College Dublin and completed his post-graduate medical training in Gastroenterology & Hepatology in London. He undertook doctoral research with Professor Antonio Bertolotti at The Institute of Hepatology, UCL, investigating T cell responses in chronic hepatitis B and C. He was subsequently appointed as a HEFCE Clinical Senior Lecturer at Barts and The London Medical School.

His primary research focus is in Hepatitis B virus (HBV) within a translational platform. He has a special interest in liver disease in young people, specifically HBV; he set up and runs the dedicated young adult liver service at The Royal London Hospital and leads the HBV service at Bart's Health, the largest NHS Trust in the UK. He has produced novel work redefining disease categorisation in HBV, the foundation for the re-evaluation of treatment candidacy in Chronic Hepatitis B (CHB). Developing these themes, an important focus of his current work is individualized treatment strategies for CHB and changing current management paradigms.

He is an expert advisor for NICE and a member of the viral hepatitis clinical guideline committee for CHB. He provides expert opinion for the United Kingdom Advisory Panel on blood-borne viruses and is the Hepatology lead for the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Section at the Royal Society of Medicine. He is also the chief/principal investigator for a number of investigator-led and commercial phase 1, 2 and 3, clinical trials in HBV therapy. This clinical trial portfolio dovetails Dr Kennedy's longstanding research interest and publication record in HBV.