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Dawn Langdon completed her training as a clinical psychologist at Oxford University and the Institute of Psychiatry, KCL. She worked as a clinical neuropsychologist at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London for sixteen years, obtaining a PhD on reasoning in organic brain syndromes from the Institute of Neurology, UCL and registration as both a neuropsychologist and a health psychologist.

She is now Professor of Neuropsychology and Director of Health and Medicine at Royal Holloway, University of London. She is neuropsychology lead on a number of multinational trials for the pharmaceutical industry. She has worked extensively on psychological aspects of MS, including measurement of cognition and its relation to pathology and other disease variables. She is also investigating how risks and benefits of MS medication are best communicated to patients, including a successful randomised control trial comparing the new protocol to consultation as usual.

She is Co-Chair of the BICAMS initiative (www.BICAMS.net), which has recommended a brief cognition tool for MS. There are currently 36 countries in the national validation pipeline, of whom 17 have published. The AAN have recommended BICAMS as part of its Quality Measurement Set for MS. Nearly 20 peer review journal articles recommend BICAMS for routine assessment. 10,000 people with MS are assessed on BICAMS annually, in clinics around the world. BICAMS has been used in a number of international pharma trials and also in other investigations of MS cognition relating to imaging, employment and everyday life tasks; in total over 50 scientific papers have reported BICAMS results. Dawn Langdon has led on the development of IPAD BICAMS.

She is also Co-Chair of MS in the 21st Century (www.msinthe21stcentury.com), an international group of expert patient advocates and health professionals working to improve communication and other aspects of health care for people with MS. She is on the steering group of the International MS Cognition Society (www.imscoogs.com). She is a Trustee of the MS Trust (www.mstrust.org.uk) and is the author of their online cognition tool for people with MS (www.stayingsmart.org). She is a Fellow of the British Psychological Society and is an Honorary Professor in the Preventative Neurology Unit within the Wolfson Institute, Queen Mary University of London.