

Brief biography: Professor Raju Kapoor DM FRCP

Dr Kapoor is Professor of Neurology at University College London and Consultant Neurologist at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery. He graduated from the University of Oxford in 1981 and completed his postgraduate medical training in London. He did his initial research at New York University Medical Center and in the University Laboratory of Physiology in Oxford, working on the basic electrophysiology of neurones in the cerebellum and substantia nigra. He completed his neurological training at University College London Hospitals and at the National Hospital, where he took up his present post in 1994.

His research interests are in the pathophysiology and treatment of demyelinating diseases. His work with Prof Kenneth Smith on axonal injury in MS suggested possible ways of achieving neuroprotection and preventing disability, which he translated into clinical trials of neuroprotection with lamotrigine in secondary progressive MS, and with phenytoin in optic neuritis. He was on the Coordinating Committee of the MS Outcome Assessments Consortium, which aimed to develop new disability measurements for clinical trials, and is on the Scientific Steering Committee of the International Progressive MS Alliance, which aims to expedite the development of therapies for progressive disease.