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Austin graduated in occupational therapy from Trinity College, Dublin in 1992 and gained a masters degree in Cognitive Neuropsychology from University College, London in 2004. He completed a PhD at Brunel University, investigating the accuracy of memory complaint in people with Multiple Sclerosis.

Austin has worked as an occupational therapist for over 16 years, in a range of neurology services – acute care, rehabilitation and specialist outpatient clinics. He was employed as neurology Clinical Specialist at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, London, and currently works as a team manager for Central London Community Healthcare.

Areas of particular clinical and research interest are in the mechanisms, assessment and treatment of hemispatial neglect, progressive neurological disease, neuropsychological impairment in Multiple Sclerosis and statistical modeling. He has presented a number of local, national and international conferences on motor neurone disease, post-polio syndrome, prism interventions in neglect and multiple sclerosis. He has also contributed to education events for a number of charities.

During his time in the NHS, he has achieved funding for, and set up, peer training for clinical AHP leads in key areas of professional development – organisational & project management, leadership & team management, and research methods.

He has taught and examined on a number of undergraduate and postgraduate occupational therapy courses in the UK and Ireland, as well as being a trainer and course developer on behalf of Harrison Training over seven years.

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