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Opportunities and Pitfalls from a Decade of
Discovery in Functional Neurological Disorders

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Abstract

The new millennium marked a real turning point for clinical and research interest in Functional Neurological Disorder (FND) and the last decade has seen this interest accelerate further. National and international patient organisations, an international medical society, large scale randomised treatment trials and many new research publications point to this progress.

In this talk I will consider this decade or so of progress highlighting what this may mean in terms of opportunities for progress, particularly for the current poor prognosis of people with FND . I will also highlight the pitfalls of this new found focus on FND and ways in which the progress that has been made might be swiftly turned back to the detriment of people with FND and healthcare in general

Biography of Prof Mark Edwards

Mark Edwards is Professor of Neurology at St George's University of London and The Atkinson Morley Regional Neuroscience Service at St George's University Hospital. He has a specialist clinical and research interest in Movement Disorders and Functional Neurological Disorder (FND). He is an active part of the specialist movement disorders and deep brain stimulation team at the Atkinson Morley Regional Neuroscience Centre, and continues electrophysiological and psychophysical research work into the pathophysiology and treatment of movement disorders in general. For detailed biography of Prof Edwards, please visit: <https://www.sgul.ac.uk/profiles/mark-edwards#overview>