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Anthony Ward is Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at Staffordshire University and, until recently, the Medical Director of the North Staffordshire Rehabilitation Centre (NSRC) at the Haywood Hospital in Stoke on Trent. Medical degrees from the University of St. Andrews and University of Dundee. He is a Fellow of the Royal Colleges of London and Edinburgh and a Senior Fellow of the European Board of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine.

He founded the NSRC in 1988 as the sole consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine in the West Midlands region of the UK and was only the seventh to be appointed in the country. The regional centre now has 28 consultants. He set up the training programme for doctors, therapists and nurses in specialized rehabilitation both regionally and nationally. He has an international reputation for his expertise and research in the management of spasticity and, in particular, on the development and use in clinical practice of botulinum toxins and intrathecal baclofen.

He is currently:

- Elected Member of Council, Royal College of Physicians of London (RCP).
- Board Member, Swedish Foundation of Rehabilitation Information.
- President-elect of the Académie Européenne de Médecine de Réadaptation.
- UK Representative, Assembly of Delegates, Int. Society of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine.
- Senator, Union of European Medical Specialists' Section of PRM.
- President of Headway North Staffordshire.

Among other appointments, he has been the:

- President of the British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine (1996-1998).
- President of the Union of European Medical Specialists' Section of PRM (2002-2006).
- Vice-President of the World Federation of Neurological Rehabilitation.
- President of the European Board of PRM (1994-1996).
- Vice-President of the European Society of PRM. (2009-2012).
- Member of Council, The Society for Research in Rehabilitation.
- Trustee, Remedi Foundation (2002-2010).

He was a founding member of the European Neurorehabilitation Society in 2010.

Recipient of the 2015 International Society of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine's Haim Ring Award for Excellence & International Relations, which is awarded to one person in the world every other year.

His clinical and research interests centre on the management of spasticity and stroke and brain injury rehabilitation. He is on the World Stroke Organization Global Stroke Community Advisory Panel and International Spasticity Advisory Board through his chairmanship of the European Spasticity Faculty. He has published widely in scientific journals and his books include "The Clinical Uses of Botulinum Toxins", the Textbook of Rehabilitation Medicine, the OUP Handbook of Rehabilitation Medicine, the RCP National Guidelines for the Management of Spasticity in Adults and the RCP's Working Party Report on "Rehabilitation Medicine 2011 and Beyond".