

Biography Dr Peter George Harper



For 30 years Consultant Medical Oncologist at Guy's Hospital where he and his team significantly improved patient outcomes, always focusing on a holistic approach to cancer care many years before its general acceptance. He pioneered a research-based practice, with the majority of patients entering clinical trials and training both national and international fellows in trial design, a practice they continued in their subsequent carriers. During the same time, he built one of the most successful private cancer treatment practices in London.

In 2004, Dr Harper was awarded the *Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur*, by President Jacques Chirac, in recognition for his services to French National Cancer Strategy. He is a past Chairman of the International Affairs Committee of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), Board Member of the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC), Board Member of the International Gynaecological Cancer Society (IGCS), and Board member of many National & International Cancer Committees.

Dr Harper has published extensively, having authored or co-authored more than 200 peer-reviewed papers.

In 2005, he was the Founding Partner of the London Oncology Clinic (LOC), which has grown to over 150 oncologists in multiple cancer disciplines, at five centres in London and The Christie Hospital in Manchester.

A key component of his vision for LOC was a 360° holistic approach to cancer care, groundbreaking when launched, that is now widely recognized as best practice for both cancer-specific and general medical care. Dr Harper initiated the Living Well Programme, now the established treatment model for post-chemotherapy cancer patients and their caregivers.

Dr Harper's vision, and ability to implement, has driven innovation in patient-centric cancer care and much improved patient experiences, which only recently is a key metric reflecting the quality of medical care delivery.

Most recently, Dr Harper founded Welbeck Health Partners, a cutting edge private out-patient/day surgery clinic in London, focused on diagnostics and day surgery. With over 250 consultant clinicians, the team enables a seamless patient experience across clinical units in a 100,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility, that incorporates all major medical disciplines. Dr Harper is exceedingly proud of this capstone achievement to a career focused on driving and delivering new models of excellence in medical care.

Paramount in all his years of practice is 'patient- centered care', now truly encapsulated in Curacao in this conference on Lifestyle Medicine.