

# DR NEIL FISHER

Helicon Medical Writing Ltd, Director

## PROFILE

I am an experienced writer, skilled in writing and editing a wide range of medical communications and healthcare education documents for a variety of audiences. Integral to this is my command of English, close liaison with clients and external experts, and my skills in absorbing and presenting information concisely, clearly, and creatively.

## SERVICES

Includes, but not limited to, the following:

### Training and education

- E-learning content
- Training manuals
- Newsletters
- Patient education material

### Conferences, symposia and meetings

- Slide kits
- Proceedings and highlights
- Advisory board, working party and other internal meeting reports
- Abstracts and posters
- Key opinion leader identification

### Publications (including liaison with authors and editors, and editing of non-native English)

- Study manuscripts
- Reviews (both narrative and systematic)
- Case studies and letters to the editor

### Product support

- Gap and messaging analyses
- Monographs and brochures
- Key paper summaries

My expertise ensures that your message is presented clearly and powerfully, and publications are written with the attention to detail required for rapid acceptance.

## THERAPEUTIC AREAS

All therapeutic areas covered. My strong pharmacological background and extensive medical writing experience ensure that I am comfortable with any subject. My most common areas of work have recently been the following:

- Multiple sclerosis
- Analgesia and migraine
- Oncology
- Addiction
- Diabetes
- Cardiovascular disease
- Respiratory disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- Gout

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

*1999–present* Freelance medical writer

As a freelance medical writer, I have had over 17 years of experience in writing and editing a wide variety of documents for industry personnel, consumers, and health professionals. I am the director of Helicon Medical Writing Ltd.

*1998–1999* Medical Writer, Parexel International Ltd, River Court, 50 Oxford Road, Denham, Uxbridge, UB9 4DL, UK

My tasks mostly involved writing and editing clinical study reports (Phases I–III), but also periodic safety update reports for marketed drugs. This experience gave me a thorough grounding in the clinical trials process and taught me the value of customer service.

*1996–1998* Scientific Assistant, Department of Medical Affairs, Sanofi, One Onslow Street, Guildford, GU1 4YS, UK

In this position, I prepared journal manuscripts, abstracts, posters, medical information monographs and trial summaries, clinical study reports (Phase IV), abbreviated expert reports, and conference proceedings. Working at Sanofi was most valuable in that I gained a thorough understanding of the needs and expectations of a major pharmaceutical company.

## PHARMACOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

My strong pharmacological background, comprising BSc and PhD degrees, enables me to prepare scientifically accurate and clear documents in the minimum amount of time. As a postdoctorate research fellow, I published papers and book chapters, and presented my work at a number of international meetings as abstracts, posters and oral communications.

### Research Experience

*1995–1996* University of London, Department of Anatomy, University College London, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT, UK

*1993–1995* University of Toronto, Department of Physiology, 1 King's College Circle, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1A8, Canada

*1992–1993* International School for Advanced Studies, Biophysics Sector, Via Beirut 4, 34014 Trieste, Italy

### Degrees

*1989–1992* Pharmacology  
*PhD* “The electrophysiological action of neuropeptides on rat motoneurons.”  
University of London, London, UK  
St Bartholomew's Preclinical Medical School (1989-1990)  
Queen Mary and Westfield College (1990-1992)

*1985–1989* Pharmacology  
*BSc* Upper Second Class Honours  
University of Bath, Bath, UK

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## APPENDIX: RECENT WORK SUMMARY

Therapeutic Area	Topic	Project	Audience
<b>2017</b>			
Asthma	Inhaler devices	Review	Physicians
Cancer	Monoclonal antibody	Training decks, posters	Physicians
Chronic kidney disease	Phosphate binder	Study manuscripts	Physicians
Cystic fibrosis	Antibiotic	Annotated reprints	Internal
Hypertension	Angiotensin II receptor antagonist, ACE inhibitor	Training slide decks	Internal
Infectious disease	Vaccine	Study manuscripts	Physicians
Multiple sclerosis	B-cell antagonist	Interactive PDFs, slide presentations, training slide decks, product launch deck, conference preparation	Internal, physicians
Osteoarthritis	Platelet-rich plasma	Training slide decks	Internal
Pain	NSAID	Training slide decks	Internal
<b>2016</b>			
Addiction	Opioids, hepatitis C	Conference slide decks, needs assessment, speaker rehearsals and glossary, and webinar preparation	Physicians
Asthma	Inhaler devices	Review	Physicians
Cancer	Treatment survey	Literature search and review	Internal
Chronic kidney disease	Phosphate binder	Abstracts, literature searches, message support, posters, slide presentations, speaker biographies, core slide deck, reviews, reprint carriers, study manuscripts	Internal, physicians
Gout	General	KOL identification	Internal
Gynecomastia	Diuretic	Literature searches	Internal
Hyperkalaemia	Potassium binder	Publication searches, reviews, slide decks, internal report	Physicians, internal
Migraine	Triptan	Review	Physicians

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<b>2015</b>			
Addiction	Opioids	Advisory Panel on Substance Misuse submission	Public body
Cancer	Monoclonal antibody, biomarkers, immune system disinhibition, childhood cancer	Slide presentations, training slide decks, interview with KOL, case report, reviews, conference support	Internal
Chronic kidney disease	Phosphate binder	Core slide deck, posters	Internal
Gout	Urate transport inhibitor	Conference preparation, online training material	Physicians, internal
Migraine	Triptan	Review	Physicians
Thromboembolism	Low molecular weight heparins	Reviews	Physicians, nurses, pharmacists
<b>2014</b>			
Addiction	Opioids	Journal manuscript	Physicians
Asthma	Bronchodilator	Meeting abstracts	Physicians
Cancer	Monoclonal antibodies	Messaging analysis	Internal
Chronic kidney disease	Phosphate binder	Posters, abstracts, reviews, investigator brochures, study manuscripts, core slide deck, monograph	Physicians, internal
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	Bronchodilator	Evidence survey slide deck	Internal
Crohn's disease	Monoclonal antibody	NICE evidence submission	Public body
Diabetes mellitus	Insulins, anti-obesity treatments	Reviews	Physicians
Gout	Urate transport inhibitor	Conference preparation, online training material	Physicians, internal
Infectious disease	Vaccine	Study manuscript	Physicians
Multiple sclerosis	Monoclonal antibody, treatment survey	Conversion of face-to-face training material to intranet content, posters, attendance and newsletter for nurses' meeting	Internal, physicians, nurses

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<b>2013</b>			
Asthma	Bronchodilator	Advisory board meeting report, and symposium slides	Internal, physicians
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	Bronchodilator	Review	Physicians
Malnutrition	Parenteral nutrition	Website content, conference competitor intelligence report	Physicians, internal
Diabetes mellitus	Glucose meter	Competitor review slide deck, study manuscripts	Internal, physicians
Acute coronary syndrome	P2Y12 inhibitor	Review	Physicians
Hypertension	Vasodilator	Paper summaries	PCPs
Sexually transmitted disease	Treatment survey	Review	Physicians
Chronic kidney disease	Phosphate binder	Study manuscripts	Physicians
Cardiovascular disease	Statins	Meeting abstracts	Physicians
Multiple sclerosis	Monoclonal antibody	Conversion of face-to-face training material to intranet content	Internal
Pain	Analgesic	Advisory board attendance and report	Internal
<b>2012</b>			
Hypertension	Vasodilator	Paper summaries	PCPs
Cancer	Monoclonal antibodies, and immunotherapy survey	Study manuscripts, gap analysis, searches, slide presentations	Physicians, internal
Leukaemia	Monoclonal antibody, and treatment survey	Study manuscripts, reviews	Physicians
Acute coronary syndrome	P2Y12 inhibitor	Study manuscripts, reviews, posters, conference attendance and report	Physicians, nurses and internal
Cardiovascular disease	Antiplatelet agents	Reviews	Physicians
Diabetes mellitus	Insulin pump, glucose meter	Study manuscripts, reviews, competitor review slide deck	Physicians and internal
Haemophilia	Pathogenic safety of infusion products, and surgery	Reviews, slide presentations	Physicians

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Chronic kidney disease	Phosphate binder	Study manuscripts	Physicians
Malnutrition	Parenteral nutrition	Website content	Physicians
Surgery	Anticoagulant	Clinical trial report summaries	Internal

ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme; KOL, key opinion leader; NICE, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence; NSAID, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug; PCP, primary care physicians