

# DR NEIL FISHER

## 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

- Training slide kits and manuals
- E-learning content
- Newsletters
- Patient education material

### Product support

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

### 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

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 recent areas of work are listed in the appendix.

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

*1999–present* Freelance medical writer

As a freelance medical writer, I have had over 20 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	Treatment Class	Projects	Audience
<b>2020</b>			
Chronic kidney disease	Nonsteroidal antimineralocorticoid	Training deck; reviews	Physicians
<b>2019</b>			
Acromegaly	GHR agonists	Knowledge assessment	Internal
Anxiety and sleep disturbances	Homeopathic agents	Detail aid, monograph, slide presentations	Physicians
Autoimmune disease	Monoclonal antibodies	Knowledge assessment	Internal
Cancers/leukaemias	Monoclonal antibodies	Knowledge assessment	Internal
Haemophilia	Gene therapies	Training decks	Internal
Hepatic encephalopathy	Antibiotics	Training deck	Internal
Infections	Antibiotics and antifungal agents	Knowledge assessment	Internal
Nicotine addiction	nAChR agonist	Knowledge assessment	Internal
<b>2018</b>			
Asthma	Monoclonal antibodies	Abstracts, posters, study manuscript	Physicians
Anxiety and sleep disturbances	Homeopathic agents	Detail aid, monograph, slide presentations	Physicians, internal
Autoimmune disease	TNF inhibitors	Journal club	Internal
Breast cancer	CDK inhibitors	Study manuscript	Physicians
Cancers and inflammatory diseases	Monoclonal antibodies; radioactive isotopes	Pitch support, poster	Internal, physicians
Chronic kidney disease	Potassium binders	Study manuscript	Physicians
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	Steroids	Review	Physicians
Diabetes	SGLT-2 inhibitors	Paper summaries	Internal
Haemophilia	Monoclonal antibodies	Training deck	Internal
Lung cancer	Biomarkers	Training decks	Internal
Muscular dystrophy	Exon skippers	Core message support, onboarding summary	Internal
Ophthalmology	Immunosuppressants; VEGF inhibitors	Slide kits	Internal
Pancreatic exocrine insufficiency	Nutritional support	Webpage text	Physicians
Schizophrenia	Second-generation neuroleptics	Core message support	Internal

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<b>2017</b>			
Acute coronary syndromes	Low molecular weight heparins	Training deck	Internal
Asthma	Inhaler devices	Review	Physicians
Breast cancer, renal cancer, lung cancer; pancreatic cancer	Monoclonal antibodies	Training decks, posters, slide presentations	Physicians, internal
Chronic kidney disease	Phosphate binders	Study manuscripts	Physicians
Cystic fibrosis	Antibiotics	Annotated reprints	Internal
Hypertension	Angiotensin II receptor antagonists, ACE inhibitors	Training slide decks	Internal
Infectious disease	Vaccines	Study manuscripts	Physicians
Multiple sclerosis	B-cell antagonists	Interactive PDFs, slide presentations, training slide decks, product launch deck, meeting preparation	Internal, physicians
Osteoarthritis	Platelet-rich plasma	Training slide decks	Internal
Pain	NSAIDs	Training slide decks	Internal
<b>2016</b>			
Addiction and hepatitis C infection	Antiviral agents	Conference slide decks, needs assessment, speaker rehearsals and glossary, and webinar preparation	Physicians
Asthma	Inhaler devices	Review	Physicians
Breast cancer	General	Literature search and review	Internal
Chronic kidney disease	Phosphate binders	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	Diuretics	Literature searches	Internal
Hyperkalaemia	Potassium binders	Publication searches, reviews, slide decks, internal report	Physicians, internal
Migraine	Triptans	Review	Physicians

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2015			
Addiction	Opioids	Advisory Panel on Substance Misuse submission	Public body
Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia, melanoma, lung cancer, head and neck cancer, renal cancer, non-Hodgkins lymphoma	Monoclonal antibodies, biomarkers, immune system disinhibition	Slide presentations, training slide decks, interview with KOL, case report, literature searches, reviews, conference support, public information document, gap analyses	Internal
Chronic kidney disease	Phosphate binders	Core slide deck, posters	Internal
Gout	Urate transport inhibitors	Conference preparation, online training material	Physicians, internal
Migraine	Triptans	Review	Physicians
Thromboembolism	Low molecular weight heparins	Reviews	Physicians, nurses, pharmacists

ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme; CDK, cyclin-dependent kinase; GHR, growth hormone receptor; KOL, key opinion leader; nAChR, nicotinic acetylcholine receptor; NSAID, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug; SGLT-2, sodium-glucose co-transporter-2; TNF, tumour necrosis factor; VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor