

## Meet the Team

The MAP Guideline was developed by Dr Trevor Brown, Dr Adam Fox, Dr Neil Shah, Dr Carina Venter, Dr Joanne Walsh and Dr Rosan Meyer. Read more about them below.

### **Dr Trevor Brown, MRCP (UK), FRCPCH**

*Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Allergy, Children's Allergy Service, Ulster Hospital, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust, Northern Ireland.*

Trevor read Medicine at the Queen's University in Belfast. His initial interest in Clinical Allergy began during undergraduate secondments to the medical schools at McMaster University, Canada and the University of Aarhus, Denmark. His initial postgraduate training included being a Resident at The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada where his interest in allergy was further developed. Returning to the UK, he spent a few years as a Principal in general practice, before returning to hospital practice to complete his training as a General Paediatrician. He was then appointed as a general paediatrician to the Ulster Hospital.

He proceeded to set up a multidisciplinary Specialist Children's Allergy Service at secondary care level. This was awarded the 'Allergy Service of the Year' by Allergy UK in 2011. Subsequently he has been part of: the UK Department of Health National Care Pathway for Food Allergy in Childhood and was a member of the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) clinical guideline development group for the assessment and diagnosis of food allergy in children and of the development group for the NICE food allergy quality standard.

He was one of the original authors of the Milk Allergy in Primary Care (MAP) guideline and is a joint first author of the more recent international version of the MAP guideline.

### **Dr Adam Fox, MD, FRCPCH**

*Consultant Paediatric Allergist & Clinical Director, Guy's & St Thomas' Hospitals NHS Trust, London.*

Adam read Medicine and Neuroscience at Cambridge University before completing his clinical training at University College, London. Having completed specialist training in Paediatric Allergy in 2006, he spent 9 years as clinical lead of Allergy at Guy's & St Thomas' Hospitals, London - Europe's largest specialist Allergy service. He is now Clinical Director for Specialist Ambulatory Medicine and a Reader in Paediatric Allergy at King's College London.

Adam chaired the UK Department of Health National Care Pathway for Food Allergy in Childhood and was a member of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

(NICE) clinical guideline development group for the assessment and diagnosis of food allergy in children. He is the senior author of the Milk Allergy in Primary Care guideline. He currently chairs the Paediatric Committee of the British Society of Allergy & Clinical Immunology and has been elected as President from October 2018.

Adam was awarded 'Paediatric Allergist of the Year' from Allergy UK in 2007. His doctoral thesis on peanut allergy received the Raymond Horton Smith prize from Cambridge University in 2012 and he was included in The Times 'Britain's 100 Best Children's Doctor's' (2012). Adam received the William Frankland Award for Outstanding contribution to Allergy by the British Society of Allergy & Clinical Immunology in 2015 and a National Clinical Excellence award from the UK Department of Health in 2016.

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### **Dr Neil Shah**

*Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist and Senior Lecturer at Great Ormond Street Hospital, London.*

Neil leads a large prospective research study on GI food allergy called the Burden project. In 2016 he was consultant trainer of the year at GOSH 2016 and was a runner-up at the Allergy UK Clinical Hero awards.

### **Dr Carina Venter, RD PhD**

*Dr Venter is currently an Assistant Professor of Paediatrics, Section of Allergy and Immunology at the Children's Hospital Colorado and University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine, where she is conducting research and working with children and adults with a range of food allergies.*

Previously, she was appointed as an Assistant Professor/Dietitian at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She is currently the chair of the International Network of Dietitians and Nutritionists in Allergy, and a member of the American Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (AAAAI), American College of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (ACAAI), European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) and the British Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (BSACI). She is a registered dietician in the United Kingdom, United States and South Africa. She has had numerous publications in international journals, and has authored book chapters and edited a book on Food Hypersensitivity. She moved from the UK in 2015 where she had been performing research into food allergies and allergy prevention as a Senior Lecturer at the University of Portsmouth and at the David Hide Centre on the Isle of Wight.

She was a member of the EAACI food allergy guidelines on Allergy Prevention, as well as Diagnosis and Management of Food Allergy. She was also a member of the NICE (UK) food allergy guidelines. Since her arrival in the US, she was appointed to the expert panel of the National Institutes for Allergy and Infectious Diseases Peanut Allergy Prevention Guidelines. In her free time, she loves to blog on <https://carinaventeronline.wordpress.com>, and she is a top twitter allergy activist at most international allergy meetings (@VenterCarina).

**Dr Joanne Walsh, MB, BCh, MSc**

*Jo is a GP Partner at Gurney Surgery in Norwich, part of the Castle Partnership.*

She studied at University of St Andrews (BSc Medical Sciences) before undertaking clinical training in Manchester (MBChB). She later graduated from University of East Anglia (UEA) with an MSc in Health Sciences. She is an Honorary Senior Lecturer at UEA, involved in the teaching of undergraduate medical students.

After several paediatric posts in the north of England, Jo completed her GP training in Bury St Edmunds.

She was a member of the Guideline Development Group for the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guideline for the Diagnosis and Assessment of Food Allergy in children (2011) and involved with the UK Department of Health National Care Pathway for Allergy – food and gastrointestinal allergy.

She was a co-author on the MAP (Milk Allergy in Primary Care) Guideline and continues to give primary care input to this project.

She currently chairs the British Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology Primary Care Committee and is on the clinical and scientific committees of Anaphylaxis Campaign and Allergy UK.

**Dr Rosan Meyer, RD PhD**

*Honorary Senior Lecturer, Imperial College, London, UK*

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Rosan completed her degree in Dietetics in South Africa and specialised in paediatric nutrition in the United Kingdom. In 2004, she went on to finish her Masters in Paediatric Nutrition and in 2008 completed her PhD at Imperial College London. She was the principal research dietitian at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children until December 2015, leading a project on the impact of gastrointestinal food allergies on children and their

families and the team have published many articles on non-IgE mediated food allergies. In addition, she has busy a paediatric dietetic practice specialising in food allergy in London.

She is currently module leader for the Food Hypersensitivity Module that forms part of the MSc in Allergy at Imperial College London, and is honorary senior lecturer in paediatrics at the same university leading many research projects in food allergy. She has recently also started with the paediatric allergy team at St. Thomas Hospital working as a paediatric allergy research dietitian and is visiting professor at KU Leuven on the new masters program of Deglutology. In addition, she is the chair of the specialist Food Allergy Group of the British Dietetic Association and the European Section of the committee of the International Network for Diet and Nutrition in Allergy. She is also an author of numerous peer reviewed publications and book chapters.

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