

James Lind Alliance Meeting, 3 December 2005 - Taking patients' and clinicians' questions seriously about the effects of treatment seriously.

Abstract – Harry Cayton

How are patient perspectives incorporated into the design of clinical trials? Could trials be improved by involving patients in defining the outcomes that really matter to them? Harry Cayton will consider some of the issues around a more patient focussed research drawing particularly on his experience of people living with dementia.

References:

J Cream, H Cayton *New drugs for Alzheimer's disease- a consumer perspective* in CPD Bulletin of Old Age Psychiatry 2001: 2(3): 80-82.

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Abstract - Shirley Nurock

The Alzheimer's Society Quality Research in Dementia (QRD) Programme – an award-winning model for consumer involvement at all stages of the research process.

How the QRD Consumer Network identifies research priorities, reviews funding applications and reaches consensus on funding panels. The challenges for patients and carers working in partnership with clinicians and researchers. The skills and knowledge they can bring to research and how the Consumer Network addresses mismatches between treatment outcomes they regard as important and those proposed by researchers.

Some examples of recent treatment-focussed projects considered useful by patients and carers, clinicians and researchers. Why other funding applications may not be successful. Consumer involvement in the QRD Programme really does 'make a difference' – what the researchers say about it.