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Biography

Professor David Gerrett is Professor of Pharmacy and Head of Pharmacy for Sheffield Hallam University in the UK. He graduated from Queensland University Australia in 1979, and spent nearly 3 years in community pharmacy before travelling extensively throughout Europe and America. In the 1980s he was a hospital resident pharmacist before specializing in hospital pharmacy in substance abuse and health education

Professor Gerrett moved into academia in the early 1990s, gaining his PhD in 1995 in the role of community pharmacists as providers of information on prescription medications. He also specialized in computing and was responsible for online learning and web development at the University of Derby, UK, gaining a postgraduate diploma in the process.

In 2000 Professor Gerrett returned to pharmacy as Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Head of the Pharmacy Academic Practice Unit, and lead in Professional Doctorates and Pharmacy Prescribing until 2007, when he moved into his present position at Sheffield Hallam University. Throughout his career, Professor Gerrett has been integrally linked to hospital pharmacy practice; earlier as a practitioner, latterly leading clinical masters degrees, and finally in academic management. He is active within the accreditation division of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, and has published 10 peer reviewed discussion papers. He has also published 19 key papers based on original research data in substance misuse, the role of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in practice, provision of advice, medication error, visualization of labelling, and pharmacist prescribing and access to patient information. He has given six oral research presentations, presented at 20 conference workshops and seminars – including key note speeches – and authored many posters, articles, book chapters and letters.

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