

Dr David K Menon MBBS, MD, PhD, FRCP, FRCA, FMedSci

Biographical sketch

Title	Professor
First name	David Krishna
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Current post	Professor of Anaesthesia
Department	Division of Anaesthesia
Institution	University of Cambridge
Fields of research	Neurocritical care, traumatic brain injury, coma and consciousness



David Krishna Menon trained in Medicine, Anaesthesia and Intensive Care at the Jawaharlal Institute in India, Leeds General Infirmary, The Royal Free Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital, and was an MRC Research Fellow at the Hammersmith Hospital prior to coming to Cambridge. He is Professor and Head of the Department of Anaesthesia, Principal Investigator in the Wolfson Brain Imaging Centre, and Co-Chair of the Acute Brain Injury Program at the University of Cambridge. In 2006 he was appointed to the British Oxygen Professorship at the Royal College of Anaesthetists. He is Co-Chair of the Executive Board of the European Brain Injury Consortium, sits on the Executive Board of the International Neurotrauma Society, and is a Founding Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, and a Professorial Fellow in the Medical Sciences at Queens' College, Cambridge. In 2009 he was appointed Senior Investigator, National Institute of Health Research (UK).

He was the first Director of the Neurosciences Critical Care Unit (NCCU) at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, where he established the first recognised training program for specialist neurocritical care in the UK. Protocols developed in the Addenbrooke's NCCU have been shown to improve clinical outcome in severe head injury and rationalise the management of acute intracranial haemorrhage.

Professor Menon's research interests include neurocritical care, secondary brain injury, neuroinflammation, and metabolic imaging of acute brain injury. He has also published on the physiology of coma and the vegetative state, and on mechanisms of anaesthetic action in the brain. In recent years he has represented the UK intensive care community in discussions regarding the impact of evolving legislative changes on research in critical care and emergency medicine. He has over a two hundred publications in peer reviewed journals and has contributed to major textbooks. Research in his group is supported by research funding from several sources, including the Academy of Medical Sciences, the Medical Research Council, the Royal College of Anaesthetists, the Evelyn Trust, and the Wellcome Foundation.