

## Gail Eva: Biography

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Dr Gail Eva is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Clinical Sciences at Brunel University London. She graduated from the University of Cape Town in 1985 with a degree in occupational therapy and spent the next five or so years in South Africa working in hospital and community settings with people with neurological disability, specifically spinal injury, head injury and stroke. In 1990, she moved to London and worked at the Royal Marsden Hospital where she became interested in cancer and palliative care rehabilitation. Over the past 24 years, she has worked in Oxford and London in a variety of clinical, managerial, educational and research roles in cancer and palliative care.

She completed her PhD at the University of Stirling, and held post-doctoral fellowships at the University of Oxford and UCL. Her research focuses on the social, psychological and occupational consequences of cancer-related disability, in particular vocational rehabilitation, goal-setting, rehabilitation outcome measures in cancer and palliative care, rehabilitation in neurological cancers, and non-pharmacological interventions for managing fatigue. She has a strong interest in developing research in the context of everyday clinical practice, and in the use of social media in research and clinical practice. She is currently Chief Investigator on an NIHR-funded study to determine the feasibility of a randomised controlled trial to evaluate a specific cancer vocational rehabilitation intervention (the REJOIN Study).

She teaches on cancer and palliative care rehabilitation, occupational therapy, research methods, and writing for publication for allied health professionals.

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