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David Bates is Emeritus Professor of Clinical Neurology at Newcastle University, UK. He served as Chairman of the Joint Colleges Working Party on the Vegetative State and Criteria for Brain Stem Death, London, UK, and Chairman of the Consensus Conference on the Epilepsies for the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, UK. He is past Chairman of the International MS Forum, past Chairman of the Medical Research Advisory Committee of the MS Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Former Editor of the International MS Journal.

His research interests are in vascular disease, coma and the unconscious patient, and in MS. His current research is predominantly in clinical trials of novel therapy in MS and in the role of mitochondria in protecting and repairing axons in the more chronic phases of the disease.

Professor Bates studied medicine at Downing College, Cambridge University, UK, and at Middlesex Hospital, London, UK, before training in neurology at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and, as Harkness Fellow, at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, USA. He has published more than 200 peer-reviewed papers, edited three textbooks and contributed chapters to more than 35 books.