

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Jan 2003 to date: Elmcroft Editorial Services Ltd (self-employed)

I work for a wide variety of clients, including STM publishers, medical education and communications agencies, interactive marketing agencies, not-for-profit organisations and academic research teams. I work on a freelance or contract/interim basis and am happy to work in-house (subject to some limitations) or at home. I have handled publications management, writing/rewriting, copy/sub-editing and proofreading in both guises.

CONTRACT/INTERIM WORK

Apothecom ScopeMedical (Mar 2011 to end September 2011): Maternity cover for Scientific Team Leader managing one senior and one junior medical writer in a business unit covering a wide variety of therapeutic areas. Provision of manuscripts, abstracts and slide decks to GPP2 standards, as well as writing copy for leave pieces, websites and apps. Liaison with client services teams, editorial team and KOLs. Included some business travel to client meetings and scientific steering committee meetings.

Sapient Nitro (Nov 2009–Jan 2010): Management of third-party copywriters and SEO copyediting on a project to relaunch a number of product websites for a major pharmaceutical company.

Informa Group (Dec 2008–Feb 2009): interim management of *Agrow Intelligence* database.

Elements Medical Communications (Aug 2007–Apr 2008): Maternity cover. Writing and editing primary manuscripts, reviews, supplements, abstracts, posters, oral presentations, library slide kits, meetings reports, competitor analyses and training materials. Involved face-to-face meetings with clients and contact with KOLs. Therapeutic areas included hepatitis B, wound care, OTC medicines, urology, circulatory disease, pulmonary disease.

Helix Medical Communications (Apr–July 2007): Writing/editing primary manuscripts, monographs, abstracts, posters, oral presentations and library slide kits in hepatitis B. Involved in regular meetings with clients and liaison with KOLs.

Girlguiding UK (Mar–Apr 2007): Update of all intranet content. Involved liaison with staff and volunteer members of the organisation.

Armadillo Medical Communications (Jan 2006–Jan 2007): Editorial manager, managing the writing, editing and production of slide kits, training materials for physicians and sales force, leaflets for physicians and patients and a supplement. Therapeutic areas included HIV, hepatitis B and cardiac imaging. Included supervision of in-house and freelance writers and liaison with designers and account managers.

Policy Studies Institute (Dec 2003–Feb 2004): Interim management of *Current Trends* journal. Responsible for liaison with members of the Institute, authors, reviewers, typesetters, printers and distributors as well as copyediting, proofreading and indexing three issues of the journal.

FREELANCE WORK

In addition to *ad hoc* work, sourced through the European Medical Writers Association (of which I am a member), through LinkedIn or by personal recommendation, I have longer-term relationships with:

- Touch Briefings—copy editing manuscripts for this publisher's full range of journals
- Icon Clinical Research (since 2010)—writing and QC of patient narratives
- LMH Communications (since 2010)—editing manuscripts and slide decks

- Phocus Services Ltd (since 2009)—writing and editing slide kits, manuscripts, meeting reports, and leaflets for patients and healthcare practitioners
- Scientific Institute of Medical Information and Documentation (SIMID; since 2007)—writing collections of short reviews of specific clinical trials in anaesthesiology, urology, cancer and infectious diseases for SIMID's pharmaceutical industry clients
- MedSense Ltd (since 2004)—writing and editing manuscripts, newsletters, web pages, training materials and meetings reports (primarily dermatology). Contribute to business development strategy planning and content for client pitches.
- Henry Stewart Publishing (since 2003)—proof reading *Human Genomics*

1999–2002: Editorial Manager, PJB Reports (PJB Publications Ltd, now Informa Group)

Promoted to this position in March 1999. Responsible for up to 50 business reports each year. The catalogue covered scientific and technical developments in the human and animal pharmaceuticals, medical devices and agribioscience industries, and business and commercial issues pertinent to those industries. My involvement began with commissioning (mainly freelance) authors and dealing with administrative queries (contracts, fees, sources of information etc) throughout the time that the author was working on the manuscript. I managed the process of editing and proofreading the manuscript, arranging third-party peer reviews and liaising with the production team to ensure a steady flow of work through to them and to the printers. My immediate responsibilities were:

- To commission good, reliable authors and editors
- To persuade people working at a distance to comply with deadlines and standards and to anticipate the help that they would need to do this
- To ensure good quality control for the manuscripts whilst meeting the commercial needs of the business

I had line management responsibility for up to four in-house editors. Made redundant in December 2002.

1993–1999: Editor, AGROProjects (PJB Publications Ltd). Joined PJB to set up *AGROProjects*—a database of agrochemicals in R&D based on PJB's PharmaProjects database for the pharmaceutical industry. Responsible for the concept, building, verification and maintenance of the database, which involved researching and writing entries, editing and proofreading the assistant editor's work and writing a quarterly newsletter. Also responsible for drafting the annual business plan, budget and sales forecasts for the product and for overseeing the creation and use of promotional materials.

1990–1993: Chemist (Zeneca Agrochemicals—now Syngenta—Jealott's Hill Research Station, Bracknell, Berks). Responsible for the production of kilogram quantities of test substances for large-scale glasshouse and initial field trials. Became Test Substance Controller in 1992, with responsibility for the storage and provision of characterised batches of material (actives and formulations) for use in efficacy, toxicology and metabolism and residue trials.

1986–1989: Senior scientist (Tate and Lyle plc, Philip Lyle Memorial Research Laboratory, Reading, Berks). Employed to scale up the second generation production process for the high intensity sweetener, sucralose (Splenda), prior to handing the process over to third party manufacturers. Achieved professional status (CChem) and membership of the Royal Society of Chemistry (MRSC) in 1987. Promoted to senior scientist during 1988. Made redundant following the company's decision to discontinue all in-house R&D.

1984–1986: Process Development Chemist (SmithKline French Ltd—now GSK—Tonbridge, Kent). Worked on the initial scale up (from laboratory through to production scale) of a number of drug candidates. Responsibilities included writing GMP-compliant manufacturing processes for plant operatives; overseeing work in plant; in-process checking

of raw materials; and ensuring compliance with specifications for quality of drug substances for clinical trials.

EDUCATION

1980–1984: BSc Hons Biological Chemistry (2:1) from The City University, London. Final year research project: *The Synthesis of a Novel Oligonucleotide*. Course included a sandwich year (with ICI—now Syngenta).

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Effective presentations:	1992	People management skills:	2002–03
Proof reading:	1994	Sub-editing:	2004
Interviewing skills:	1994	Medical publications planning:	2010
English for journalists	1995		

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry

Member of the European Medical Writers Association (EMWA)

Member of the International Society of Medical Publications Professionals (ISMPP)