

# Brighton and Sussex Medico-Chirurgical Society

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**The Audrey Emerton April 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 6.30pm**

Professor Melanie Newport

**From local to global - an overview of global health**



Dr Melanie Newport is Professor/Honorary Lecturer in Infectious Diseases and Global Health at Brighton and Sussex Medical School. She trained in medicine at St Mary's Hospital Medical School & pursued an interest in infection that stemmed not only from her interest in the spectrum of disease caused by host-pathogen interactions, but also from a love of travelling. After a broad training in adult & paediatric infectious diseases, she undertook research studies towards a PhD in Infectious Diseases which was awarded in 1996, investigating families with genetic immunodeficiency. Melanie then headed off to the Gambia for three years to develop a programme of research into the genetics of susceptibility to infection, focusing particularly on tuberculosis. She continued this research at Cambridge University before moving to Brighton in 2004. As well as undertaking clinical & teaching duties in infectious disease.

Melanie has developed a growing Global Health programme at BSMS. She is Director of the Wellcome Trust Brighton and Sussex Centre for Global Health Research & of the BSMS MSc programme in Global Health. She chairs the Brighton-Lusaka Health Link which promotes training links between the two centres.