

CURRICULUM VITAE

JUDY MARIE TAPPER

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

DEGREES

MBBS, 1980, University of the West Indies

FRCPC, 1985, University of Toronto, Paediatrics

Postgraduate Paediatrics, 1981 – 1985, University of Toronto

Postgraduate Paediatric Neurology, 1985 – 1988, University of Toronto

INTERNSHIP

1980 – 1981 University Hospital of the West Indies, Mona

RESIDENCY

1981 – 1985 Paediatric Resident Department of Paediatrics
Hospital for Sick Children
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

FELLOWSHIP

1985 – 1988 Fellow, Paediatric Department of Paediatrics
Neurology Hospital for Sick Children
Toronto

APPOINTMENTS

1998 – 1991	Lecturer	University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona
1998 – 1991	Consultant Paediatrician & Paediatric Neurologist	Department of Child Health, University of the West Indies
1991 – Present Health	Associate Lecturer	Department Child and Adolescent Health, University of the West Indies
1991 – 2010	Part-time Consultant Paediatric Neurologist	Department of Child Health, University of the West Indies
1992 – Present	Consultant Paediatric Neurologist	Bustamante Hospital for Children
1991 – Present	Consultant Paediatrician & Paediatric Neurologist	Private Practice 20 Hillcrest Avenue Kingston 6

POSITIONS/ELECTED OFFICES

1989 – 1991	Treasurer, Paediatric Association of Jamaica
1990 – 1995	Director/Founding Member, STEP Centre (School for Multiple-disabled Children)
1991 – 1992	Secretary, World Congress of Neurology, Caribbean Chapter
1991 – 1999	Medical Advisory Committee, National Association for Children and Adults with Attention Deficit disorder (JADDA)
1992-1994	Medical Advisor, Jamaica Association for Mentally Handicapped Persons
1993 – 1995	Treasurer, Paediatric Association of Jamaica
1997 – 1999	Floor Member, Medical Alumni Association, Jamaica Chapter
2000 – 2002	President, Paediatric Association of Jamaica
2006 – 2009	Vice-president, Jamaican League Against epilepsy
2009 – 2012	Treasurer, Jamaican League Against epilepsy

PRESENTATIONS

1989, Clinicopathological Conference (CPC), UWI, Mona
Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

1992, Visiting Lecturer, Department of Child Health, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados
Determination of Brain Death
Neurodegenerative Disorders
Global Developmental Delay

1998, **Safety in School**

1999, Paediatric Association of Jamaica (PAJ) Biennial conference, Jamaica Conference Centre
Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy

2000, **Pharmacotherapy in the Management of Attention Deficit Disorder**

2001, Jamaica Association of Dermatology.
Neurodermatoses

2003, April, Medical Association of Jamaica (MAJ), Annual Conference, Jamaica Pegasus Hotel
Paediatric Ppilepsy Syndromes

2006, April, UWI, Mona, Department of Obstetric and Gynaecology and Child Health, Biennial Conference
Approach to the Child with Global Developmental Delay

2006, November 19, Ena Thomas Memorial Symposium
Mitochondrial Disorders

2006, November 6, Leila Wynter Memorial Symposium, Bustamante Hospital for Children
Guillan Barre Syndrome

2007, November 17, Paediatric Outreach, Negril
Headache in Children

2009, January 22-24, Caribbean Neuroscience Symposium, UWI/Ritz Carlton Resort
“Aspects of Sturge Weber Syndrome”

PRESENTATIONS

2009, February 14-15, UWI, Mona, Department of Obstetric and Gynaecology and Child Health, Perinatal Audit and Symposium: Medical Disorders during Pregnancy and the Neonatal Period.

Approach to the Floppy Infant

2009, November 2, Leila Wynter Memorial Symposium, Bustamante Hospital for Children

Management of Status Epilepticus

2010, July, Class of 1980, Medical Alumni Reunion, Iberostar Hotel, Montego Bay
We Didn't Get an Einstein Did We? – Approach to the child with Intellectual Disability

2011, November 26, PAJ Outreach Project, Montego Bay

The Catastrophic Epilepsies

2012 April, Lecture to Paediatric Nursing Program, Kingston Public Hospital
Neurological Disorders in Children and Adolescents

2012, May 22, Lecture, Association of General Practitioners, Novartis
“New Opportunities in the Management of Paediatric Epilepsy”

2013, Dec 1, PAJ Outreach, Maypen Hospital, Clarendon

“Management of Seizures- the Jamaican Perspective”

2014 April, UWI, Mona, Department of Obstetric and Gynaecology and Child Health, Biennial Conference. Theme: Code Red; Critical Care Issues in Paediatrics.

“Management of Status Epilepticus”

2014, November 17, Leila Wynter Memorial Symposium, Bustamante Hospital for Children. Theme: Paediatric Emergencies.

“Status Epilepticus”

2014, December 3, Ministry of Education, Special Education Unit, Disability Awareness Week conference, Theme: Understanding Health Impairments and Disabilities for Inclusion and Development.

“Understanding Seizures/Epilepsy”

2015, April 18, Paediatric Association of Jamaica, 20th Biennial Conference
Theme: “ Journeys in Paediatric: Blood, Brain & Body.

“Events That Mimic Seizures”

2015 October 7, STEP Centre. World Cerebral Palsy Day.

“Adolescents with Cerebral Palsy”

2018, October 10, CVM At Sun Rise. In-studio TV interview, 7am. Host Dr. Mario Guthrie.

“Cerebral Palsy”

2019, February 21-23. Caribbean Neurological Association & Department of Surgery, UWI, 17th Annual Caribbean Neurosciences Symposium. Montego Bay Convention Centre. Theme: “Urgencies and Emergencies.”

“Acute Non-Surgical Weakness”

2019, November 12, Northern Caribbean University, NCU FM, radio programme, *Let’s Talk Health*. Over-the-phone interview. Host Dr Sonia Copeland, 6:30-7:30 pm.

“Epilepsy with a focus on early recognition in children.”

2019, November 21, 8:00am, in-studio TV interview.

TVJ, Smile Jamaica Morning Time, “10 Minutes to Your Health” Hosts: Dahlia Harris, Neville Bell.

“Epilepsy”

2021, March 20, Paediatric Association of Jamaica, 23rd Biennial Conference

Theme: “Daily Encounters in Paediatrics”

“SUDEP - Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy”

AFFILIATIONS

Paediatric Association of Jamaica

Medical Association of Jamaica

Royal College of Canada

International Child Neurology Association, ICNA

Epilepsy Society of the Caribbean

Medical Protection Society

Medical Alumni Association, Jamaica Chapter

PUBLICATIONS

The UWIMONA Pediatric Epileptic Seizure Survey Questionnaire was Equivalent to Clinical Assessment in Identifying Children with Epilepsy

R. Melbourne-Chambers, D. Clarke, G. Gordon-Strachan, J. Tapper, M. Tulloch-Reid.
Journal of Clinical Epidemiology, 2013

Cognition, Academic Achievement, Motor Performance and Quality of Life in Children with Idiopathic Epilepsy from a Developing Country.

R. Melbourne-Chambers, N. Morrison-Levy, S. Chang, J. Tapper, S. Walker, M. Tulloch-Reid.

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