



Biography

Julia Taylor- Nurse Consultant Urology- Salford Royal Hospitals NHS Trust, Salford, Manchester. Qualified as a Registered General Nurse in 1984 she commenced her first senior post as ward sister in 1987. Since that time she has been passionate to identify opportunities and to utilise these to develop services to meet the needs of the patients.

In 1997 Julia was appointed to develop the role of the specialist nurse in Urology. Over the next 12 years she focused on the development of specialist and subsequent advanced nursing practice in Urology in a large teaching Foundation Trust in Salford, Manchester. Initially, she introduced a nurse- led cystoscopy service for patients with superficial bladder cancer. This was the first of many nurse-led services developed within the Department of Urology and also provided to further the skills of senior nurses thus eroding the traditional boundaries of nursing.

As Chair of the education group and Honorary Secretary of the British Association of Urological Nurses (BAUN) Julia contributed to raising the profile of Urology Nurses on a national level. There was a need to articulate at this level the valuable contribution of Urology Nurses to their patients. Working on the Action on Urology Workforce Planning Project at the Department of Health outlined the emerging roles. Urology has a national reputation for innovation. The speciality has long been recognised for its new approaches to care delivery. The project described the new emerging roles within Urology and some of the change management issues to be addressed. Julia drew upon good practice across the country and proceeded to offer practical advice on “how to do it”.

In her eagerness to share her practice she recently became the recipient of a Florence Nightingale Travel Scholarship. This opportunity allowed Julia to explore continence issues in Australia. Her study focused on the role of the nurse practitioner in Urology with special focus on continence. The aim was to benchmark the current continence service of a large teaching hospital in the United Kingdom with a centre of excellence for continence care.

As a newly appointed Nurse Consultant in Urology she continues to influence the development of continence services both within her current team of 6 Urology nurse specialists and on a strategic level within both secondary and primary care. Within Salford Royal Hospitals the mantle of the organisation is to focus on the safe, clean personal approach to delivering care. Whilst developing new services this guides the team to ensure patient focus remains the priority. Since completing her MSc in Health Studies she has become actively involved with the RCN leadership programme to support the development of senior nurses within the organisation.

