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About

Callum is a postdoctoral research associate working with Dr Raymond Reynolds at the School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences. He is currently conducting a BBSRC funded research project to investigate the effect of ageing on the control of balance.

Qualifications

BSc (2008), PhD (2012), University of Birmingham

Biography

After gaining an undergraduate degree in Sport and Exercise Sciences at the University of Birmingham, Callum stayed on to complete his PhD under the supervision of Dr Raymond Reynolds and Dr Martin Lakie. His thesis studied whether the processing of vestibular signals for balance and orientation is modulated by changes to the postural, sensory and emotional context. He was recently appointed as a postdoctoral researcher and is now investigating whether the vestibular control of balance is affected by ageing. This research project is funded by the BBSRC.

Research

Dr Osler's principal research interests lie within the field of human postural control. His work has predominantly used mastoid electrical stimulation to investigate vestibular-evoked balance and orientation reflexes, most recently in elderly individuals. He also has experience with rotary chair testing and caloric vestibular stimulation. Besides studying the vestibular system, Callum has conducted research examining the effect of light touch and interpersonal contact on the control of balance.

Other activities

- Affiliate of the Physiological Society
- Associate of the Higher Education Academy

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