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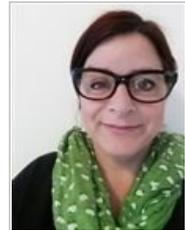
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### About

Amelia Swift is a registered nurse and Senior Lecturer in Nursing. She works at the University of Birmingham 3 days per week where she teaches across the Bachelor of Nursing programme in a variety of clinical and research focused modules as well as taking a keen interest in developing electronic and mobile learning resources and strategies. She also contributes to post-graduate course in a research capacity and acts as a supervisor for post-graduate students. Amelia also works for 2 days per week at the University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust where she is the Clinical Academic Lead for non-medical staff. In this role Amelia works with clinical staff to help them to develop their academic skills and qualifications while retaining their clinical focus. Amelia works alongside others to foster links between the University, the NHS, and organisations that work towards building student and clinical staff confidence, competence and passion for integration of research with patient care.

Amelia has published a number of scholarly papers and a book chapter furthering nurses understanding of pain and its management. She has developed excellent skills in teaching and was a finalist in the Student Nursing Times Lecturer of the Year awards in 2012. She is particularly interested in using technology as part of the teaching armoury and has introduced a number of electronic strategies to the Nursing department.

Amelia's research focus has been in pain transmission and pain management and she is now widening her scope to include a variety of clinically focused topic areas with a common theme of service improvement and enhanced patient care.

### Qualifications

Lecturer in Nursing:

- PhD in Health Sciences (osteoarthritis pain transmission), University of Birmingham 2012
- PGCE (HE) 2001
- MSc in Health Sciences (Management and Education), University of Birmingham, 1999
- ENB 100 Intensive Care Nursing, Queen Elizabeth School of Nursing (QESN), Birmingham 1995
- ENB 998 Teaching and Assessing Nurses, QESN, 1995
- RGN, Charles Frear School of Nursing, 1989

### Biography

Amelia qualified as a nurse in 1989 and worked in surgical wards, intensive care and then as one of the first Clinical Specialist Nurses in chronic pain management, becoming a member of one of the first multi-disciplinary pain services in the UK. Amelia's interest in pain continued and she took a research nursing post at the Heart of England NHSFT exploring the pain of osteoarthritis as well as pain scoring methods. This eventually formed the basis of her PhD in which she combined basic science techniques in the laboratory with clinical research in the practice area. She was awarded her PhD in 2012 and is now developing a research portfolio with effective pain management and improvement in patient experience at its heart.

### Teaching

Teaching Programmes

- [BNurs \(/undergraduate/courses/med/nursing.aspx\)](#)
- [BSc Physiotherapy \(/undergraduate/courses/sportex/physiotherapy.aspx\)](#)
- [BSc Biomedical Science \(/undergraduate/courses/med/biomedical-science.aspx\)](#)

### Postgraduate supervision

MRes

### Research

Amelia is currently developing a portfolio of research to explore and improve pain management, which incorporates her interest in the patient's experience, assessment methods and technology.

### Publications

Swift A (2012) Opioids in Palliative Care Nursing Times 108(45):16-19

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Swift A (2011) Never accept that pain is a normal part of growing old Nursing Times 107:16

Swift A (2011) A patient has osteoarthritis of the knees but cannot take NSAIDS. How can I provide pain relief? Nursing Times 107(14):25

Williamson-Swift A (2011) Pain and its pharmacological management in older adults IN Hindle A, Coates A (Eds) Nursing Care of Older People Oxford, OUP: 213-233

Williamson-Swift A (2008) Education and training of pain nurse specialists Pain News Autumn

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