

Tweets from 4th set of 100 posts in S4ME thread: Michael Sharpe skewered by @JohntheJack on Twitter

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because of the optics. To anyone who doesn't know the facts, he will be coming across as reasonable, polite, cordial and very patient with the pwme who keep challenging him.

To illustrate, consider the conversation below from the point of view of someone who knows nothing much about ME and nothing about PACE (split over two posts because of the forum software limits):



It's ME H0neybee @123h0neybee

20 Apr

.Start with careerist approach to thinking about an illness.

Add a policy based hypothesis that will win you accolades fm policy mandarins hoping to contain costs.

Shake & voila. Policy based evidence served up in denial of well, you know, Actual evidence [#PACEtrial](#)



michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



Well that's just not true is it. It was doctors trying to help sick people feel better and to do what they wanted to. That's all.

8:26 PM - Apr 20, 2018



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Medea van Schijndel @MAvanSchijndel

21 Apr

Replying to @profmsharpe @123h0neybee

trying to help sick people by claiming they are not sick? and subjecting them to a psychological experiment to find (scientifically and ethically questionable) ways to confirm the claim?



michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



Er.....No. trying to help people with rehabilitation.

12:33 PM - Apr 21, 2018



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Medea van Schijndel @MAvanSchijndel 21 Apr

Replying to @profmsharpe @123h0neybee
to recover from what?



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@profmsharpe



To reduce their symptoms and disability.

1:19 PM - Apr 21, 2018



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Medea van Schijndel @MAvanSchijndel

21 Apr

Replying to @profmsharpe

symptoms of what illness and disability caused by what?



michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



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fatigue made worse by exertion.

4:16 PM - Apr 21, 2018



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Bettine Molenberg

@BettineM



if you are aware that the fatigue is made worse by exertion, why force people to do GET, and pushing them on by means of CBT? And when you see the results (people who ended up in wheelchairs or become bedridden) how could you go on promoting CBT/GET?

9:33 PM - Apr 21, 2018



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Bettine Molenberg @BettineM

21 Apr

Replying to @BettineM and 2 others

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michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



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I have not been promoting these treatments but have described the findings from trials of CBT and GET. These trials do not find harms. I am afraid that I do know what has been done outside trials to produce these reported harms

Kind regards.

3:11 PM - Apr 24, 2018



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To those who are not genned up, this all looks very reasonable.

Clearly to claim he is unaware of how CBT and GET have been deployed around the world is ludicrous.

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overexerting themselves outside the trial to demonstrate harm.
That's just not on.



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[Update: he has corrected this to "I do NOT know"]

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Oops! A typo...



Lucibee @_Lucibee

25 Apr

Replying to @profmsharpe and 2 others

That's not true. They did find harms. You might not have reported them, but that's another matter. If you know what was "done outside trials to produce these reported harms", maybe you should elaborate here?



michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



I am sorry - a typo: I do NOT know what was done outside trials. I only know about the trials I was involved in.

2:22 PM - Apr 25, 2018



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Gabby Klein @GabbyKlein1

25 Apr

Replying to @profmsharpe and 2 others

So, you are stating that PACE was a study on [#CFS](#), not [#MyalgicEncephalomyelitis](#)? [#CFS](#) being the fatigue syndrome as opposed to [#ME](#) the acquired neuroimmune disease?



analogue
@analoguefade



They claim it was both given that they applied both Oxford CFS and modified London ME criteria. They claim the results apply to both, but only if fatigue is the main symptom. Fatigue of course is not a main symptom of ME. pic.twitter.com/cB2uKfqLbu

1:02 AM - Apr 26, 2018

Our findings were strengthened by the small numbers of dropouts, high rates of acceptance of the treatments, use of manual-defined treatments provided by competent clinicians, high rates of participant satisfaction, adherence to manuals, and therapeutic alliance. The PACE findings can be generalised to patients who also meet alternative diagnostic criteria for chronic fatigue syndrome¹² and myalgic encephalomyelitis¹³ but only if fatigue is their main symptom.¹¹

♡ 21 👤 See analogue's other Tweets



michael sharpe @profmsharpe

26 Apr

Replying to @analoguefade and 3 others

That is right - all participants met criteria for CFS and a subset also for (one set of) criteria for ME. All had to have fatigue as the principal complaint. I hope clear in the paper.



Hattie Hodgson-Crome
@H_Hodgson



How, then, did the results go on to inform NICE guidelines for CFS & ME? The latter having exercise intolerance as a defining symptom? (1/2)

3:54 AM - Apr 28, 2018 · Leeds, England

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Hattie Hodgson-Crome @H_Hodgson

28 Apr

Replying to @H_Hodgson and 5 others

Did you and the team not spot this potentially harmful conflation?
(2/2)



michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



A complex question. Actually current NICE guidance were done before PACE was published. And I am just a researcher. I don't decide how they will use research next time and what definitions of illness.

6:09 AM - Apr 28, 2018



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Hattie Hodgson-Crome @H_Hodgson

28 Apr

Replying to @profmsharpe and 4 others

Surely, if you see your work being misinterpreted (as with this conflation) with potentially harmful effects, you have a duty to speak out?



michael sharpe
@profmsharpe



My job is to write clear papers.

7:08 AM - Apr 28, 2018



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Cheshire

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Well, that is an admission...



Julie Rehmeyer @julierehmeyer

27 Apr

Replying to @julierehmeyer and 3 others

If you prefer to answer them about me and you've read THROUGH THE SHADOWLANDS, that would also be interesting. I can certainly have a copy of the book sent to you.

[bit.ly/through_the_sh... 16/](http://bit.ly/through_the_sh...)



michael sharpe
@profmsharpe



Well. If they are not 'loaded' questions Wii try and answer. Flrst doctors should never diagnose or treat on limited information. Ever. Second I strongly suspect that under the ME/CFS label are a range of different conditions.

6:49 PM - Apr 28, 2018



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I'm just wondering why then he ever tried to push a one size fits all kind of treatment, and dismissed conflicting voices, why he never ever tried to identify the subgroup that had "good" outcomes with his therapy.

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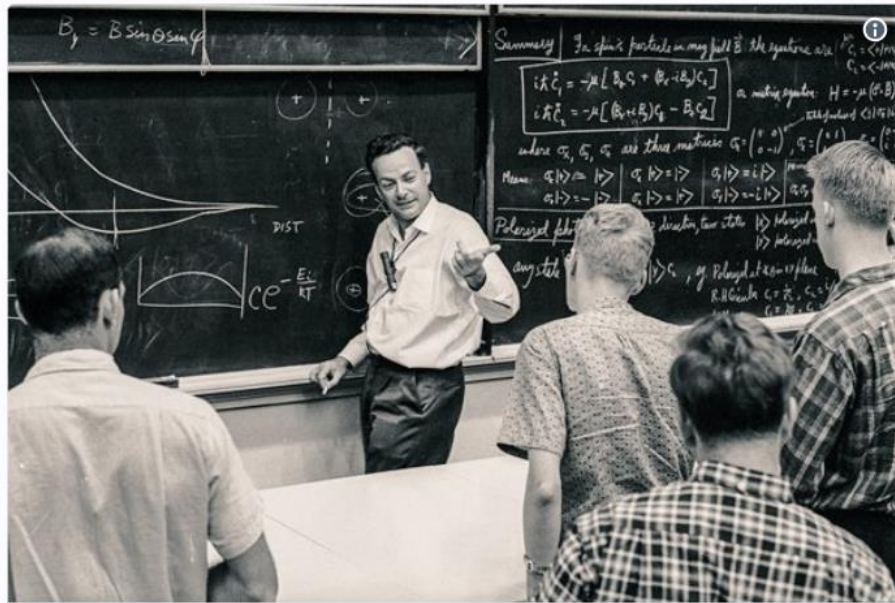
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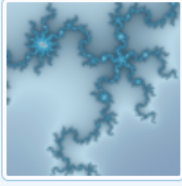
Richard Feynman
@ProfFeynman



If science is to progress, what we need is the ability to experiment, honesty in reporting results - the results must be reported without somebody saying what they would like the results to have been - and finally - an important thing - the intelligence to interpret the results.

7:13 PM - May 15, 2018

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I've been granted one question. What would you ask? (Remember the rules...)



Lucibee @_Lucibee

23 May

Replying to @_Lucibee

I would imagine that many of those also asking the same questions have similar broad background of interests. They are defo not ill-informed.

It takes guts to ask difficult questions.

It also takes guts to give difficult answers.

Fobbing ppl off is the easy option.



michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



Ok. Last go. Do you have a question that is neither loaded or has already been addressed at least once. And will you agree that the response to an attempt to give an honest answer will not be unsubstantiated accusations of dishonesty and fraud?

11:22 AM - May 23, 2018



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