


## Tweets from 9th set of 100 posts in S4ME thread: Michael Sharpe skewered by @JohntheJack on Twitter



**Joh**  
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**michael sharpe** @profmsharpe

The converse dualistic moral implications of 'physical' illness can be just as harmful as those of mental.


No psychological component and the responsibility is all the doctors.

8:02 PM - Jun 9, 2018

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Simon Wessely is in now:

**Claudia Gillberg** @DrCSGillberg 8 Jun  
Replying to @\_Lucibee and 2 others  
What a gem. His tweets lay bare the irrational and unethical mindset behind PACE. A glimpse of 'the banality of evil', considering the many horrendous consequences of that trial.

**Simon Wessely** @WesselyS

Putting to one side a further example of my school friend @sfmnemonic famous Law, what have been the 'horrendous' consequences of the trial, since its publication in 2011? I don't think it changed clinical practice in the UK, but perhaps it did elsewhere?

3:33 PM - Jun 9, 2018

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**Cosmicella** @\_Sue\_W\_ 10 Jun  
Replying to @WesselyS and 5 others  
The DWP's safety from forking out money to the undeserving think-they're-ill-but-they're-not scroungers?

**Simon Wessely** @WesselyS

Cant answer for DWP. Wasn't there. But It has a legitimate interest in helping people get back to employment given that the opposite is usually bad for health Sadly PACE didn't help that. Since then we have learned u need additional occupational support for that. Not just CBT

10:49 AM - Jun 10, 2018

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**Carolyn Wilshire** @wilshica

10 Jun

Replying to @WesselyS and 4 others

I do agree the trial had notable strengths, for a psyc intervention, which on the whole are pretty bad. But I think where things went wrong was when the authors changed the outcomes measures to make things look better. than they were. Discovering that is what got me involved.



**Simon Wessely**

@WesselyS



I don't agree with your timeline of events or motives but I think you were correct to say it would have been better in the later secondary paper to have included a sensitivity analysis with the different criteria.

11:04 AM - Jun 10, 2018



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**Carolyn Wilshire** @wilshica

10 Jun

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Is this part of the soft walk-back by the authors? "Well, in any case, the trial didn't really change practice, so we're all okay"?



**Simon Wessely**

@WesselyS



I reluctantly responded to this thread because I do not think that the team that delivered the PACE trial, which you yourself described as having "notable strengths", do not deserve a comparison with 'Eichmann in Jerusalem' and I hope you agree this was unfair and unwarranted 1/2

10:13 AM - Jun 10, 2018



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**Carolyn Wilshire** @wilshica

10 Jun

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On the 'Eichmann in Jerusalem' comparison, I think that is rather a stretch from the tweeter's comment! I think you may be deliberately overinterpreting the comment to claim the victim space here.



**Simon Wessely**

@WesselyS



Am not the victim here by the way but I beg to differ on that. If you use the phrase "Banality of Evil" I find it hard to think of what other comparison you are making.

10:53 AM - Jun 10, 2018



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**Simon Wessely**  
@WesselyS



Apols for the double negative there. Obviously I either do think they don't or alternatively I don't think they do Either way @sfmneonic Law is fulfilled and that's unfair and unhelpful  
10:36 AM - Jun 10, 2018

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**Robert 1973**  
Senior Member  
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Location: UK

Keela Too said: ↑

YES! And this is why they must defend PACE with such vigour. If it falls much more may tumble in the aftermath. And they know it.



**Wendy Burn** @wendyburn

7 Jun

Psychiatry – the medical speciality that combines empathy and science [theguardian.com/royal-college-...](http://theguardian.com/royal-college-...)



**Robert McMullen**  
@RobertHMcMullen



Multiple flaws in the PACE trial, and the institutional failures to identify, prevent, acknowledge or correct them, suggest standards in psychiatric research are in need of urgent review. How many more ineffective/harmful treatments are being prescribed based on flawed research?

5:46 PM - Jun 7, 2018

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**Lucibee**  
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"BPS is not an ideology, it's a widely accepted framework for understanding all illnesses"

<https://twitter.com/profmsharpe/status/1005822855119032321>



**Jo Best** @MEJoBest · Jun 10

BPS ideology by definition includes biological factors, but interprets these in relation to psycho/social/behavioural factors, whereas the focus of the Invest in ME Research conference events is on understanding the biology so that patients may access effective medical treatment.

1 3



**michael sharpe** @profmsharpe · Jun 10

That is fine. Unfortunately the journey from basic biological discovery to availability of a drug therapy is usually a long one. So in the meantime?

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**michael sharpe**  
@profmsharpe

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BTW the biopsychosocial perspective is not an ideology, it is a widely accepted framework for understanding all illnesses.

3:43 PM - 10 Jun 2018

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9 Jun

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**Mike Godwin** ✓  
@sfmnemonic



Now you've got me interested. Where can I find the paper in question and links to any dispute about it?

4:23 PM - Jun 12, 2018

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**Mike Godwin** ✓ @sfmnemonic

12 Jun

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**Simon Wessely**  
@WesselyS



Here you go, Mike. And how are you these days?  
[qmul.ac.uk/wolfson/resear...](http://qmul.ac.uk/wolfson/resear...)

4:29 PM - Jun 12, 2018

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A friend of Wessely's, previously unaware, wants to know about PACE. Wessely only tweeted him the link to the original work, although he is also interested in the dispute. Anyone feel like tweeting links to the special issue of J Health Psych, the Wilshire reanalysis and Tuller's blog to the guy? @dave30th?



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**Anil van der Zee**  
@AnilvanderZee



Simon. He didn't just ask for the study alone!! Where are the links about the dispute? ❤️😂👉

2:12 AM - Jun 13, 2018

♥ 38 👤 See Anil van der Zee's other Tweets



**Mike Godwin** [@sfmnemonic](#) 13 Jun  
Replying to [@AnilvanderZee](#) and 5 others  
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**Anil van der Zee**  
[@AnilvanderZee](#)



A great piece by Steven Lubet. Professor of law [theconversation.com/how-a-study-ab...](#)  
2:28 AM - Jun 13, 2018



**How a study about Chronic Fatigue Syndrome was doctored, ...**  
A study that suggested Chronic Fatigue Syndrome was more psychological than physical has been debunked. How did the data [theconversation.com](#)

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Well played Anil (@Grigor)!

Indigophoton, Jun 13, 2018 [Report](#) [Bookmark](#)

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**Robert 1973**  
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Seems he's also an old pal of Omar!



**Omar Wasow** @owasow

13 Jun

Replying to @sfmneemonic and 6 others

Hey Mike, old techie pal here. On basis of those CBT/GET studies, my wife was advised by her doctor to ignore pain in her body as product of "false illness beliefs." Six years ago she walked 1 mile home from Dr's office. Hasn't walked that far since. See [ted.com/talks/jen\\_brea...](http://ted.com/talks/jen_brea...)



**Mike Godwin** ✓

@sfmneemonic



Hi, Omar. Yes, of course I know about Jennifer and her TED talk and the film. I wish you both the best!

1:22 PM - Jun 13, 2018

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He's now been sent dozens of links (including those to Steve Lubet's excellent open letter to SW) and appears to be receptive:



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**Mike Godwin** ✓

@sfmneemonic



Thanks, Simon! I'm doing great. I do take "banality of evil" to be a reference to Hannah Arendt, for what it's worth.

2:22 AM - Jun 13, 2018

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Not sure he will engage:

**Eilidh Hewitt** @hewitt\_eilidh 13 Jun  
Replying to @sfmneemonic and 5 others  
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**Mike Godwin** ✓ @sfmneemonic  
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**Mike Godwin** ✓ @sfmneemonic  
I should stress that I'm no expert. Because there's no consensus (that I'm aware of) about the aetiology and pathogenesis of ME, I should say that it's no surprise to me that there is such disagreement about theories of treatment.  
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**Mike Godwin** ✓ @sfmnemonic  
I want to see the film, but I'm not sure where to go to see it. Was Jennifer treated in the American system? I had the impression that American treatment modalities were somewhat different from UK ones.  
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**Sly Saint**  
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**James C. Coyne** @CoyneoftheRealm  
The #PACE trial is textbook case of badly conducted and reported trial. Its investigators broke agreement to share data. US CDC and IoM reject its relevance to #MEcfs, but Dutch are wavering. Investigators defended by friends in high places like @WesselyS, soon fading from scene.

**Simon Wessely** @WesselyS  
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**George Berger** @Georgeberger 13 Jun  
Replying to @consent\_patient and 5 others  
Thanks

**Patient Consent**  
@consent\_patient

#pacetrial is used as evidence to top up trian , high intensity therapists deliveryng IAPT LTC/MUS hee.nhs.uk/our-work/menta...@MyhillNews @CMonaghanSNP @davidtuller1 @keithgeraghty @JoanMcParland @tymestrust @TomKindlon #PWME #kidswithME @octoberpoppy @simonjduffy pic.twitter.com/CBHrBnV9Mj  
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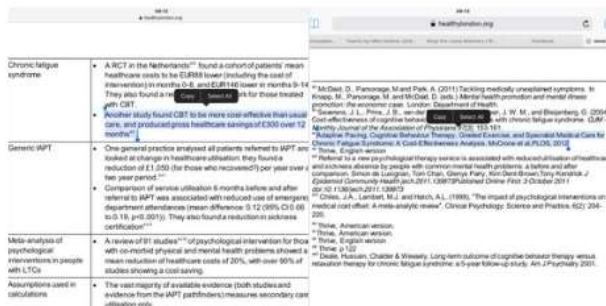


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**Patient Consent**  
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#pacetrial is used as evidence for IAPT  
LTC/MUShealthyLondon.org/wp-content/upl...@TomKindlon  
@newhealthpsych @dxrevisionwatch @davidtuller1  
@MyhillNews pic.twitter.com/RqnTcSI7e3  
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**Indigophoton**  
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Messages: 688  
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Location: UK

Jonathan Edwards said: ↑

Perhaps someone could tweet to indicate to Mike Godwin that he is fully qualified to assess the claims in this debate. All that is needed is common sense.

@Robert 1973 made that general point, although without specific examples,



**Mike Godwin** ✓ @sfmnemonic

13 Jun

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**Robert McMullen**

@RobertHMcMullen



I think you're more than qualified to offer an opinion, Mike. One does not need to be an expert to understand many of the flaws – they are very basic. It is notable that no independent mainstream scientists are willing to defend the trial.

2:15 PM - Jun 13, 2018

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**Robert 1973**  
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Jonathan Edwards said: ↑

Sterling work. @Robert 1973

(And thanks for the book, which should be home soon.)

I was impressed that you remembered! Hope you enjoyed it.

Meanwhile, Mike Godwin's responses are encouraging:



**Robert McMullen** @RobertHMcMullen

13 Jun

Replying to @sfmnemonic

Criticism of the PACE trial, such as outcome-switching and the reliance on subjective outcome measures in an unblinded trial, are independent of theories about aetiology/pathogenesis. The question is whether the trial was designed, conducted and reported properly.



**Mike Godwin** ✓

@sfmnemonic



My impression based on having done much less research than you is that there are many different issues woven together in the general debate about ME. I was trying to say that if we knew the cause of ME we would likely have less disagreement about how to treat ME.

11:57 PM - Jun 13, 2018

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**Robert McMullen** @RobertHMcMullen

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**Mike Godwin** ✓

@sfmnemonic



I don't have anything positive to say about the elements of the PACE trial that you mention here. I hope I haven't given the impression that I'm neutral about that.

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**Robert McMullen** @RobertHMcMullen

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**Mike Godwin** ✓

@sfmnemonic



None of what I have said should be taken as either a defense of the PACE trial or as neutrality about its methodology. I see plenty to criticize about the PACE trial.

11:58 PM - Jun 13, 2018

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Robert 1973, Thursday at 1:00 AM Report Bookmark

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**Judy Hamilton** @secretspartacus

14 Jun

Replying to @sfmnemonic @RobertHMcMullen

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**Mike Godwin** ✓

@sfmnemonic



I think humility is good for everyone, generally speaking. There are many medical conditions whose aetiology is mysterious or at least ambiguous. Symptoms, and strategies for treating the symptoms, may vary among individuals who have the same condition....

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The natural temptation for a patient who has been ill-served by the prevailing medical theory is to be angry at the researchers. I get that. But researchers are no less human than the rest of us, and we all have problems stepping away from cherished theories.

11:40 AM - Jun 14, 2018

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**Mike Godwin** ✓ @sfmnemonic

14 Jun

Replying to @RobertHMcMullen

These are questions worth asking, but I always try to begin with the presumption that even those researchers who made terrible errors were not trying to be villains. It's a rebuttable presumption.



**Robert McMullen**

@RobertHMcMullen



Absolutely right. Innocent until proven guilty. My guess is that they may have believed they were doing the right thing. But that is different from whether or not they knowingly broke the rules or deliberately mislead.

11:38 AM - Jun 14, 2018

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**Robert McMullen** @RobertHMcMullen

14 Jun

Replying to @RobertHMcMullen @sfmnemonic

However, as I'm sure you appreciate, questions of motive (like pathology) are independent of questions about the quality of the science.



**Mike Godwin** ✓

@sfmnemonic



In my tweetstorm I have dealt expressly with this issue.

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[Edited to add my last tweets overlapped with Mike's]

Robert 1973, Thursday at 12:19 PM [Report](#) [Bookmark](#)

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**Lucibee**  
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Well done everyone. 😊



**Claudia Gillberg** @DrCSGillberg

14 Jun

Replying to @sfmnemonic and 8 others

Not really tbh. I made a comment days ago and suddenly there's someone harping on about loose presumptions, humility, etc - what am I supposed to say? Nice to meet you? Come on, this is silly. What if our roles were reversed?



**Mike Godwin** ✓ @sfmnemonic



I was hailed into this, and was entreated to read up on the dispute. I gave it a day of my time. I've stressed consistently that anything I say must be understood in the context of the limits of my expertise. In short, I was trying to exemplify humility. Little good that did.

6:39 PM - Jun 14, 2018

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**Anton Mayer**

@MECFSNews



Okay, but how do we stop them from harming patients further with GET and by spreading unreliable or false information about the illness? I don't think anyone particularly cares about the people responsible for this mess, we just want it to end and finally get real help.

12:51 PM - Jun 14, 2018

♥ 42 👤 See Anton Mayer's other Tweets



**Mike Godwin** ✓ @sfmnemonic

14 Jun

Replying to @MECFSNews and 2 others

I agree with how you frame the priorities here. I think the fix has got to be fundamentally political, and that means persuading government officials about what needs to be done.



**Robert McMullen**

@RobertHMcMullen



Can you help us?

1:11 PM - Jun 14, 2018

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**Mike Godwin**  @sfmneemonic

14 Jun

Replying to @RobertHMcMullen and 2 others

I hope I'm helping you now. @WesselyS hailed me into this discussion, and so I presume he's reading it. He may be interested in my take on all this stuff.



**Robert McMullen**

@RobertHMcMullen



Yes, indeed. Thank you, Mike.

In case Simon has missed some of the threads he isn't tagged in, here is the one where you suggest that the trial he describes as "a thing of beauty" appears to be "so profoundly flawed that it cannot be trusted": [twitter.com/sfmneemonic/sta...](https://twitter.com/sfmneemonic/status/1006888888888888888)



**Mike Godwin**  @sfmneemonic

Replying to @secretspartacus @RobertHMcMullen

None of the foregoing is a defense of the PACE trial, which, based on my current understanding, seems so profoundly flawed that it cannot be trusted. Nor is it a defense of researchers who should have been more rigorous. But humility is good practice for all of us, and ...

4:06 PM - Jun 14, 2018

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**Mike Godwin** @sfmnemonic 14 Jun  
Replying to @RobertHMcMullen and 3 others  
I'm pretty sure Simon has seen everything I posted. But the "let's you and him fight" approach doesn't work so well on us old guys.

**dauidtuller** @dauidtuller1  
Mike, thanks for weighing in on this. Your input is invaluable! It's hard to understand how long the patient community has been waiting for honesty and integrity from the scientific community. The entire UK academic/medical establishment has backed PACE and slimed critics.  
7:12 PM - Jun 14, 2018  
81 likes 18 people are talking about this

**Robert McMullen** @RobertHMcMullen 14 Jun  
Replying to @dauidtuller1 and 4 others  
I second David's comment. My tweets above were a genuine attempt to ensure that Simon was following as it's easy to loose track of sub-threads. I'm not interested in fights – only reasoned debate, proper science and due process. I hope Simon will heed your advice. Thanks again.

**Mike Godwin** @sfmnemonic  
I take your comment as sincere. It's probably immediately obvious to exactly nobody that Simon and I went to American high school together for a year approximately 44 years ago. I have some photos around here somewhere.  
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Eta, last pair of comments

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in some formats, Twitter "helpfully" misses out the convo between your first tweet and the latest one

Case in point, \*this\* just happened. Here's my tweet:

**Angela Kennedy** @AngelaK11635746 14 Jun  
Replying to @ME\_Inactivist and 10 others  
But it appeared to be in response to @DrCSGillberg comments and therefore she was justified in bringing up the problems. Someone being tagged or even hailed into the convo does not, of course, establish them in an adjudicatory role, especially here on twitter.

**Lucibee** @\_Lucibee  
It appeared to be, but wasn't. Twitter is a minefield in that regard. Truncating convos; making you think that something is a direct reply when it isn't. Utter nightmare!  
8:02 PM - Jun 14, 2018  
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Here's how it displays in my feed:



**Anton Mayer** @MECFNews · 9h  
Replying to @thegodofpleasur @\_Lucibee and 6 others  
Talk about possible causes of the illness is a distraction in my opinion. We don't yet know what causes it. We do know that Wessely and co published rubbish studies that don't hold up to scrutiny.  
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**Emma Joy** @emmajoy6 · 9h  
Just indicates that there is a wealth of biological data out there that they are willfully ignoring.  
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**Lucibee** @\_Lucibee · 1m  
It appeared to be, but wasn't. Twitter is a minefield in that regard. Truncating convos; making you think that something is a direct reply when it isn't. Utter nightmare!

Twitter has been optimised for conflict.

Lucibee, Thursday at 8:08 PM Report Bookmark

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Meanwhile,



**Emma Joy** @emmajoy6 14 Jun  
Lots of people who don't know the full story start out thinking this way, then you see DWP involvement, steering committee issues, the way they treat patients, the money spent concealing data, lack of usual procedures.... it all leads to the same conclusion.  
[#PACEtrial](#) [twitter.com/sfmnemonic/sta...](#)


**michael sharpe** @profmsharpe  
Now that really is silly. None of those things are indicators of anything.  
6:41 PM - Jun 14, 2018  
See michael sharpe's other Tweets



And,



**Sabrina Poirier** @Sabrina\_Poirier 10 Apr  
Replying to @profmsharpe and 3 others  
1/3 Hello @profmsharpe - I don't know you and so I am cautious in my judgments of you personally. However, your tweets consistently display an unwillingness to learn or understand patients' perspectives. This concerns me. The PACE trial might seem...

**Sabrina Poirier** @Sabrina\_Poirier  
2/3 ...small, in the bigger picture. You may feel as though patients are making too much of it. As a patient, however, it is not as easy to ignore or forget PACE. It has permeated the consciousness of most medical professionals, in many countries, and in many cases...  
3:02 PM - Apr 10, 2018  
4 See Sabrina Poirier's other Tweets

 **Sabrina Poirier** @Sabrina\_Poirier 10 Apr  
Replying to @Sabrina\_Poirier and 4 others  
3/3...the flawed results are the only information they seem to remember about our conditions and they use that info to dismiss us and avoid digging further for answers or treatment options that could provide some relief or increased functionality. Can you understand that?

 **michael sharpe** @profmsharpe   
Well if that were true it would be terrible. But it is not.  
6:38 PM - Jun 14, 2016  
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Sharpe has totally abrogated responsibility.

I'd like to believe that it is unintentional idiocy, incompetence and error that is behind this whole mess, but I'm afraid I cannot believe that Sharpe is as clueless as he is asserting here.

Indigophoton, Thursday at 8:17 PM [Report](#) [Bookmark](#)

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