

Dr Jonathan Nicholas Wilson

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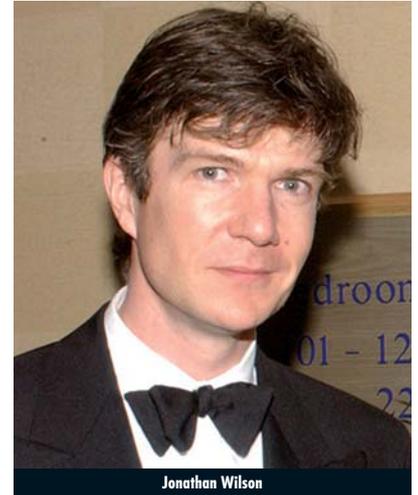
Jonathan Wilson was a specialist registrar in dermatology on the Oxford rotation. He qualified from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1994 after achieving first class honours in BMedSci, and pursued higher specialist training leading to CCST in paediatric medicine. During this time he was awarded an MRC Fellowship to study the immunogenetics of inflammation and fine mapping the chromosomal region around Interleukin 10. He travelled to Kilifi in Kenya and collaborated with Wellcome Trust Laboratories to investigate disease association with children suffering inflammatory disorders including malaria, scarring trachoma and rheumatoid arthritis, and compared this to the European population. This led to the award of DPhil from Oxford University in 2004.

Jonathan spent a year with John Harper and David Atherton at Great Ormond Street Hospital acting as registrar in paediatric dermatology, which later inspired him to pursue his second speciality in dermatology. His determination and academic

excellence topped with his charming personality won him an SpR post in dermatology in the Oxford region in 2006.

He was a breath of fresh air when he joined the dermatology department at Amersham Hospital as part of his rotation. His infectious laughter in the registrars' office soon became an addiction to the other juniors as it lightened up the day-to-day atmosphere created by busy clinics. He was distinguished for the amiability of his character, his unaffected modesty, cheerful efficiency and the rare ability to see only the good in everyone. His gentle manners and sympathetic approach made him an asset to the department and he was loved by his patients and colleagues alike.

In November 2006 while on holiday in Costa Rica, Jonathan was caught in a rip tide in the Pacific Ocean and drowned tragically. His loss as son, brother, friend and colleague affected many people's lives and the large number of mourners at his funeral reflected this.



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Jonathan's voice has been prematurely and cruelly stilled but his indelible imprint and memory of him will always remain. He survives in the affection of his family, friends and colleagues and will be sorely missed. In his memory, the paediatric section of the dermatology library at Amersham Hospital will be dedicated to his name.

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