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CPRD SENIOR RESEARCHER
MEDICINES AND HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS REGULATORY AGENCY

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EDUCATION

University of Oxford

2013 - 2017

● **DPhil in Psychiatry**
Thesis: "Violence in severe mental illness: Risk factors, risk assessment, and prevention"

University of York

2010 - 2011

● **MSc in Applied Health Research**
Project: "Predictive factors of individual changes in problem drinking in brief interventions"

2007 - 2010

● **BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics**
Focus on Health Economics and Quantitative Research Methods

WORK EXPERIENCE

Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, London

May 2018 - Current

● **CPRD Senior Researcher**
Senior Researcher at the Observational Research Team at the Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD), the NHS observational data and interventional research service.

St Andrew's Healthcare & University of Oxford

Sep 2017 - Apr 2018

● **Senior Research Fellow & Honorary Research Associate**
Research collaboration between St Andrew's Healthcare and the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Oxford into translational research in mental health.

Department of Psychiatry University of Oxford

Feb-Oct 2017

● **Consultant**
Statistical analysis and prediction modelling for NIHR-funded project on self-harm in prison, led by Prof Keith Hawton and Prof Seena Fazel.

Department of Psychiatry University of Oxford

2012 - 2017

● **Research Assistant**
Wellcome Trust funded project investigating associations between severe mental illness and violent crime using Swedish national population registers.

FEMME study University of Oxford

Oct-Dec 2011

● **Intern and Coordinator**
Trial coordinator for the Oxford site of the multi-centre FEMME study (uterine artery embolisation vs. myomectomy for uterine fibroids).

Department of Health Sciences University of York

April 2011

● **Research Assistant**
Co-wrote an internal methodological paper on cluster-RCT analysis with Dr Mona Kanaan.

Social Policy and Social Work University of York

April 2009

● **Research Assistant**
Worked with Prof Jonathan Bradshaw to conduct data analyses on repeat abortions in the UK. Wrote a critical appraisal of the Save the Children 'Child Development Index'.

L&R Social Research Vienna

August 2008

● **Research Intern**
Project on Austrian apprentices and their career prospects. Performed qualitative interviews with former apprentices.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Wolf A, Fanshawe TR, (...) Fazel S • **Prediction of violent crime on discharge from secure psychiatric hospitals: A clinical prediction rule (FoVOx)** *European Psychiatry* (2017)
- Fazel S, Wolf A, (...) Fanshawe TR • **Identification of low risk of violent crime in severe mental illness with a clinical prediction tool (OxMIV)** *Lancet Psychiatry* (2017)
- Wolf A, Whiting D, Fazel S • **Violence prevention in psychiatry: an umbrella review of interventions in general and forensic psychiatry** *Journal of Forensic Psychiatry & Psychology* (2017)
- Fazel S, Wolf A, Fimińska Z, Larsson H • **Mortality, Rehospitalisation and Violent Crime in Forensic Psychiatric Patients Discharged from Hospital: Rates and Risk Factors** *PLOS ONE* (2016)
- Fazel S, Wolf A • **A Systematic Review of Criminal Recidivism Rates Worldwide: Current Difficulties and Recommendations for Best Practice** *PLOS ONE* (2015)
- Fazel S, Wolf A, (...) Lichtenstein P • **Depression and violence: a Swedish population study** *Lancet Psychiatry* (2015)
- Fazel S, Wolf A, Palm C, Lichtenstein P • **Violent crime, suicide, and premature mortality in patients with schizophrenia and related disorders** *Lancet Psychiatry* (2014)
- Wolf A, Gray R, Fazel S • **Violence as a public health problem: an ecological study of 169 countries** *Social Science & Medicine* (2014)
- Fazel S, Wolf A, (...) Långström N • **Suicide, fatal injuries, and other causes of premature mortality in patients with traumatic brain injury** *JAMA Psychiatry* (2014)
- Fazel S, Wolf A, (...) Lichtenstein P • **Premature mortality in epilepsy and the role of psychiatric comorbidity: a total population study** *Lancet* (2013)
- Fazel S, Wolf A, Geddes JR • **Suicide in prisoners with bipolar disorder and other psychiatric disorders: a systematic review** *Bipolar Disorders* (2013)
- Lv Y, Wolf A, Wang X • **Experienced stigma and self-stigma in Chinese patients with schizophrenia** *General Hospital Psychiatry* (2012)
- Beijer U, Wolf A, Fazel S • **Prevalence of TB, hepatitis C virus, and HIV in homeless people: A systematic review and meta-analysis** *Lancet Infectious Diseases* (2012)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Fazel S, Wolf A
● **Selecting a risk assessment tool to use in practice: a 10-point guide**
Evidence-Based Mental Health (2017)
 - Fazel S, Wolf A
● **Suicide risk assessment tools do not perform worse than clinical judgement**
British Journal of Psychiatry, Correspondence (2017)
 - Fazel S, Wolf A
● **Perspective: What is the impact of a research publication?**
Evidence-Based Mental Health (2017)
 - Wolf A, Fazel S
● **Overstating the lack of evidence on suicide risk assessment**
British Journal of Psychiatry, Correspondence (2016)
 - Wolf A
● **Facebook and mental wellbeing: a crossover randomised controlled study**
F1000 Research (2016)
 - Wolf A, Fazel S
● **Infection in people with severe mental illness**
Lancet Psychiatry, Correspondence (2016)
 - Wolf A, Fazel S
● **Epilepsy and early deaths: the real risks (feature)**
Epilepsy Professional (2013)
 - Wolf A
● **Note on the Save the Children 'Child Development Index' (CDI)**
Cited in UNDP report (2009)
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PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry
Conference
● **Brief approaches for violence risk assessment: can they be accurate?**
Madrid (2017)
 - Research in Forensic Mental Health
Services Conference
● **OxMIV - prediction of violent crime in severe mental illness**
King's College London (2016)
 - International Association of Forensic
Mental Health Services Conference
● **Adverse outcomes in schizophrenia: rates, trends, and risk factors**
Manchester (2015)
 - Science Media Centre Presentation
● **Presentation to international media on the link between depression and violence**
Wellcome Trust (2015)
 - Cherwell Newspaper
● **Depression and Violence: Oxford study finds depression linked to violence**
Oxford (2015)
 - International Association of Forensic
Mental Health Services Conference
● **Primary and secondary violence prevention strategies**
Suicide in prisoners with bipolar disorder and other psychiatric disorders
Distal risk factors for violent crime in individuals with schizophrenia
Maastricht (2013)
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LANGUAGES

German 
French 
English 
Spanish 

WEB DESIGN

OxRisk.com
Platform for freely available
web-based risk calculators in
psychiatry.

Oxford-FB.com
Information and recruitment
for research study into social
media and mental wellbeing

FPRS.org
Website for the Forensic
Psychiatry Research Society
website