



## Stuart Emslie

Stuart is an independent healthcare consultant working internationally and specialising in governance, risk management and patient safety. He is Visiting Fellow in Healthcare Governance and Risk at Loughborough University Business School, where he developed and currently leads a postgraduate programme on Healthcare Governance. He is also visiting lecturer at Flinders University Medical School in South Australia, and regularly teaches a Masters module on Risk Management and Clinical Governance in China and Singapore. Stuart consults, advises and lectures internationally and was recently World Health Organisation (WHO) consultant to the Malaysian Ministry of Health, working with the Ministry on improving governance, patient safety and quality in Malaysian public hospitals, including designing the Malaysian national patient safety incident reporting and learning system. He is also Quality and Risk Management Advisor to the Irish Health Service Executive and, since 2003, has held an honorary staff contract as Governance Advisor to Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust.

From 1998 to 2002 Stuart was Department of Health Head of Controls Assurance for the NHS in England. His key objective in this role was to implement a major programme of risk management across the NHS in England to meet the Turnbull Committee Guidance on Internal Control. He was also involved in establishing the National Patient Safety Agency and co-edited a book to mark its launch (Emslie et al: *Improving Patient Safety – Insights from American, Australian and British Healthcare*, available for free download at World Health Organisation).

Since leaving the Department of Health, Stuart has worked with a range of organisations in the UK and internationally, including several NHS Trusts, Foundation Trusts and Primary Care Trusts, the Nursing and Midwifery Council, the National Audit Office, the National Care Standards Commission (now part of the Healthcare Commission), the Irish Health Service Executive, Standards Australia, the Hong Kong Hospital Authority and the Malaysian Ministry of Health. He assisted the National Audit Office with major studies of clinical governance and patient safety in the NHS in England, and when SARS broke out in Hong Kong, he spent two years helping the Hong Kong Hospital Authority to develop its key quality standards and implement risk management across all public hospitals.

Stuart holds a Master of Science degree, with distinction, in Corporate Governance and Ethics from the University of London. He is a member of the Institute of Healthcare Management and a Fellow of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health.

Stuart works with **fresh Medical** on the Certificate in Practice Management course to provide training in risk management and clinical governance and managing complaints and improving customer care.