



## A Junior Doctor's Perspective on **Neuroscience and Psychiatry**

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## **Background Info**

Graduated Medicine MBChB 2012 MANCHESTER

Foundation Years 2012 – 2014

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Neuroscience and Psychology Research Masters 2014 – 2016

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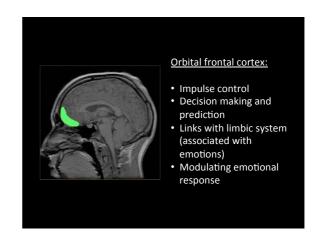
What benefits are there to doing research as a medic (local or going abroad)?

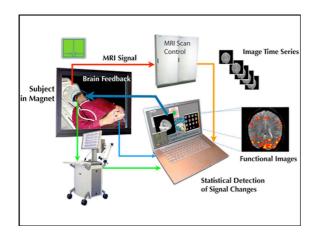


A Brief Example: How can research help us understand Obsessive Compulsive Disorder?











This technique is called neurofeedback, and is now being developed as a possible tactic for reducing the symptoms of not only OCD sufferers, but also post-traumatic stress disorder in veterans and tic disorders.

(see: Hampson, M., et al (2012) J Vis Exp; Gerin, MI et al. (2016) Front Psychiatry; Rance, M. et al (in press) Neuroimage)

## Some questions to consider

- Why research is so important in any medical career?
  - Why is it such an exciting time to be in psychiatry at the moment?

- Where does our knowledge as clinicians come from?
  - Patient case studies
    - Research!
  - Mental health is currently a rising priority
  - Modern advances in technology infrared spectroscopy, advances in MRI, hugely powerful computers
- You can be flexible and use what you've learnt to apply it to your clinical practice