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Peter Champion qualified in medicine in 1970, entering general practice in the mid 1970s, when the early work on the consultation was being published in the UK.

While a lecturer at Dundee, he became involved in communication teaching, using video and role-play with junior medical students, and began to research consultation issues, first studying aspects of 'illness behaviour' in mothers with young children, and later completing a Sociology PhD at Liverpool in Conversation Analysis entitled 'On Structures in Medical Interactions'. In Liverpool he developed a special interest in chronic fatigue syndrome, doing regular clinics in the Department of Medicine, which carried over to Hull in 1996.

At Hull he worked on the development of a new medical school, HYMS, in which communication and consultation skills were prominent in a highly integrated curriculum, while continuing to research aspects of communication. As a GP he developed special interests in addiction medicine and asylum health, in the context of the Quays medical centre for socially excluded people.

Since retirement in 2008 he continues to pursue research in asylum health, chronic fatigue, and dementia care, and to promote quality in general practice as an assessor for the RCGP.