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After qualifying as a podiatrist in the UK in 1987 Catherine worked in the NHS as a clinical academic. Catherine completed her PhD on the developments of musculoskeletal ultrasound imaging techniques applied to the foot and ankle in 2009. She was the first to identify ultrasound imaging as an additional skill that could be used reliably by podiatrists, particularly those working in musculoskeletal health. Since then, has pioneered and driven the clinical uptake of ultrasound imaging now used worldwide to expand expertise in foot and ankle musculoskeletal services.

In recognition of her work, Catherine received a National Institute for Health career development research fellowship award (2015-2019), a prestigious meritorious award from the UK College of Podiatry (2014) and became the first podiatrist to receive a Chartered Scientist Award (2014). Catherine has been elected to a number of prestigious positions including as a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy; a Fellow of the College of Podiatry and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. In 2019, Catherine was appointed as Editor in Chief to the Journal of Foot and Health Research and Chair of the OARSI Foot and Ankle OA consortium/discussion group.

Catherine was appointed to Chair in Podiatry in 2016 at the University of Southampton. She has amassed extensive experience in leading strategic multi-professional and interdisciplinary research teams with a core focus on investigation of musculoskeletal foot and ankle pathology to produce clinically useful optimal models for management of foot health needs. In 2020 Catherine was appointed Adjunct Professor within the School of Clinical Sciences, Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand and Adjunct Professor within the Faculty of Health at the Queensland University of Technology, Australia to further develop the global reach and significance of the collaborative work.

Academic career development of others has been central to Catherine's professional life for nearly thirty years. She has championed the growth of new graduate allied health and nurse clinicians to develop research capacity and clinical academic careers, most notably through conceptualisation, implementation and leadership of the UK wide nurse and allied health internship scheme Versus Arthritis. Catherine also currently leads the academic career development strategy for applied health researchers in the NIHR ARC Wessex.

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