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# JAAUK Annual CME



# International Medical Graduates in the UK- Challenges and Opportunities

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**Saturday, 27.08.2022, Chatsworth House, Bakewell  
Hybrid Event**

## **Seminar Overview**

International Medical Graduates (IMG) coming to the UK face unique challenges as well as opportunities. They come from diverse cultures around the globe, bringing along a wealth of experience to share and learn together, working in the NHS. Many progress into high achieving careers, with rewarding lives and careers on personal as well as social fronts. They face unique challenges and have specific needs for support both from peers as well as regulatory bodies such as the GMC. This seminar aims to explore the many aspects, raise questions, promote interaction and provide knowledge regarding sources available for support.

## Who should attend?

- International Medical Graduates
- Educational Supervisors or Appraisers for IMGs
- Consultants and Doctors in the NHS working with IMGs
- Doctors in Training working alongside IMGs
- Aspiring IMGs from abroad - as virtual attendees
- Experienced Clinicians post-retirement for valued interaction

## Seminar Organisers

Dr Suman Biswas

Dr Manu Mathew

Dr Chandu Prasannan

Dr Swayam Iyer

Dr Prabha Sivaraman

## Programme **Time- 1300 -1530 (UK Time)**

Chair : **Dr Shiv Kumar Singh & Dr Manu Mathew** (co-chair)

**Dr Nithya Padmanapan:** My experience as a new IMG in the UK

**Mr Buddhdev Pandya MBE:** Life in the UK as an IMG - the many facets

**Dr Shashikumar Chandrashekaraiyah :** Coaching and Career guidance for IMGs

**Ms Janet Gray:** The GMC for International Medical Graduates- PLAB, WTUKP and Standardised Induction (NHSEI)

## **Prof Mathew Krishnan Memorial Lecture** Time- 1445-1530

Prof M Mathew Krishnan led the Department of Ophthalmology in Jipmer between the years of 1984 and 1989. She carried on the torch from Prof Lamba and contributed significantly to the development of the Department during her tenure in Pondicherry. We are privileged to be able to host this lecture instituted in her memory.

**Prof. Harminder Singh Dua:** From Studentship to Leadership- A pathfinding journey

**Questions & Panel discussion:** 20 min approximately - can be continued over coffee

## **Speakers**

### **Dr Nithya Padmanapan**

An international medical graduate from Malaysia, with love for all things medical and a deep plane interest in anaesthesiology. In her free time, she is an artist and avid runner.

As a recent PLAB passed candidate, job hunting experience and other aspects of introduction to UK life, with many questions to raise and set the tone for the afternoon.

### **Mr Buddhdev Pandya MBE**

Buddhdev is the founder and managing editor of Swasthya, a medical journal for clinicians. He has served as Director of the British International Doctors Association and as Director of the British Indian Psychiatrists Association. Currently, he is closely associated with the British Association of Cardiologists of Indian Origin (BACIO). He holds professional membership in the New York Academy of Science. He is a member of the Indian Journalists Association. Equipped with knowledge and experience in advanced electronic and race equality law, he was confirmed an award of the Fellowship of the Institute of International Organisational Psychological Medicine. He was one of the key core founding members of the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin and served as its Corporate and Policy Director for nearly a quarter of the century. (Founded in Bedford in 1996). He was one of the key members of the legal Action Team which led two major Judicial reviews, one of which was successful in the Supreme Court (House of Lords) in England. Also instrumental in establishing and managing the infrastructure and the casework process of Medical

Défense Shield and later served as Deputy Chief executive. Buddhdev has served as a member of the Health Authority, Family Practitioner Committee, Community Health Council, Probation Committee, Police Consultation Committee and Equality Commit of local authorities. He was actively involved in community consultative meetings on criminal justice issues and training of police trainers and judges so community matters. Head of Policy, and Capacity Building Units of Confederation of Indian Organisations (UK). He headed a special Mental Health project related to ethnic minorities in London. He was also awarded 'The Embrace Award' in 2016 by the National Black Health and Social Care Network in recognition of lifetime achievement.

### **Dr Shashikumar Chandrashekaraiiah**

Dr Chandrashekaraiiah qualified from Mysore University in India in 2001 and moved to the UK in 2003 with a keen interest to pursue a career in Intensive Care Medicine. He has been working as a Consultant in Anaesthesia and ICM at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHTR) since 2015 after completing his training in the Northwest. He has been the Trusts' Workforce Lead and rota master for critical care since 2017 and started the Medical Training Initiative (MTI) and CESR programme. Appointed as the Associate Director for postgraduate medical education in 2022 to support all the locally employed doctors at LTHTR.

Awarded the most inspirational person of the year award at LTHTR people award 2018. He has been the Faculty's Medical Training Initiative (MTI) lead since 2019 and is a member of the Royal College of Anaesthetists MTI leadership group.

He has developed "New to the NHS", the RCoA's national simulation programme on communication skills and human factors aimed at doctors new to the NHS which was shortlisted for the education award at the ICS awards 2020.

He has been a member of FICM's Careers, Recruitment and Workforce Committee since 2019, produced the International Medical Graduates (IMG) section of the FICM website and has been working on various aspects of IMG recruitment and support.

Invited speaker at various FICM, RCOA and regional events on topics related to IMG support and guidance, and written articles on the same in RCOA bulletin and critical eye.

He is also the FICM's representative on the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges' foundation programme committee.

He is part of the equivalence committee of both the RCOA and FICM, that review doctors' Certificate of Eligibility for Registration (CESR) applications with the General Medical Council.

## **Janet Gray Head of GMC North of England**

Janet trained as a nurse in Liverpool and qualified as an RGN in 1986. She chose law as a second career, qualifying as a solicitor in 2001. Janet joined the GMC in September 2003 as an in-house lawyer and to date has held positions in various teams advising on fitness to practise, registration issues as well as supporting the office of the Chair and the Chief Executive.

In her current role Janet leads a team of advisers across the North of England who support employers and doctors in their work to make working environments better. Doctors being able to practice in inclusive and fair environments has benefits for them, other professionals, and patients, which is why we prioritise this in our work with those at the front end of medical care. We also gather their insights to inform our work so that GMC policies and guidance are supportive and focused on helping doctors make the right decisions in often challenging circumstances.

## **Professor Harminder Singh Dua**

Professor Harminder Singh Dua CBE CBE FRCS is the chair and professor of ophthalmology at University of Nottingham and is the head of the Division of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. Prior, he was associate professor at the Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA when he was invited to chair in Nottingham in April 1994. He earlier did his Graduation in Medicine from Government Medical College and Hospital, Nagpur. Dua is also the co-editor in chief with Arun Singh of the British Journal of Ophthalmology. He was president of EuCornea, the European society of Cornea and Ocular surface disease specialists. He is also president of the EVERf (European Association for Vision and Eye Research Foundation) and past president of the association itself. He was elected to the chair of Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis and invited to join as member of the American Ophthalmological Society by thesis. In March 2011 he was elected president of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, UK commencing his duties on 25 May 2011. He has over 200 research publications, 20 published letters, and 14 book chapters to his credit. Dua was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the 2019 Birthday Honours for services to eye healthcare, health education and ophthalmology. In March 2021 he was appointed to the ceremonial post of Sheriff of Nottingham for 2021-22.

## CPD Points

This is an accredited CPD event and you will be able to claim points according to your Specialist Society regulations. Typically most Royal Colleges allow 1 point per hour of learning and this event is expected to give three hours of learning including reflective learning.

## Registration and Fees

Live Online attendance - Book your free place via [jaauk.org](http://jaauk.org)

On-site (Includes lunch and limited to 60 people)- Please email [contact@jaauk.org](mailto:contact@jaauk.org) to book your place

Non-members - £65

Jipmer Alumni (Not members of JAAUK)- £25

JAAUK Members- By invite along with AGB attendance