

Dr Gautam Bodiwala CBE, JP, DL

A Role model Accident and Emergency medicine



Dr Gautam Bodiwala is acknowledged as a pioneering giant in the Emergency Medicine profession.

He qualified as a doctor in Gujarat (India) before coming to the UK in the late 1960's to undertake further studies. Working with other doctors in Derbyshire he developed the concept for the modern Accident and Emergency departments in hospitals (A&E). He also pioneered nurse triage, mobile medical team, computerisation of medical information and education and training programmes in emergency medicine amongst many others.

In 1977, he was appointed Consultant (Head of Department) at one of the largest A&E Departments in Europe at the Leicester Royal Infirmary. He remained Head of that Department for more than 25 years. The University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust named the Department the "**Gautam Bodiwala Emergency Department**" in 2005 in honour of his 'outstanding service and local contribution'.

Dr Bodiwala has been at the centre of development of the specialty of Emergency Medicine both nationally and internationally.

As the International Coordinator in the UK for Emergency Medicine, he first conceived the idea to create a 'world association' for Emergency Medicine. This transpired into the development of biannual international conferences in Emergency Medicine, which he has attended and jointly organised with local organisers.

He is the first elected World President of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM), an organisation which leads the development of the highest quality of emergency medical care for all people. In 2000, the IFEM awarded Dr Bodiwala the Order of the International Federation of Emergency Medicine. In 2013 the IFEM created the Gautam Bodiwala Lifetime Leadership Achievement Award as its highest form of recognition. This is awarded annually to individuals who have demonstrated an extensive and continuous commitment to the IFEM as well as continuous commitment to the specialty of emergency medicine in their own country.

Dr Bodiwala has advised many countries on setting up accident and emergency medical services and training programmes including India, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Hong Kong, Singapore and many European Countries. On behalf of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine (UK), he started the College's examinations in India, Hong Kong and in Singapore, and is a national and international examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the College of Emergency Medicine and the Society of Apothecaries.

He has lectured extensively worldwide, many as key note speaker

or at Plenary sessions in more than 35 countries and chaired many (100+) national and international conferences and seminars.

He is a keen researcher and published more than 70 papers in peer review medical journals and written a book.

He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Leicester for his academic contribution and from the De Montfort University for his international contribution in Emergency Medicine.



In 2000, he was honoured by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, as CBE (Commander of the Order of British Empire).

Dr. Bodiwala is married with a son, daughter and three grand-children.

His wife Gita is a retired teacher. His son Dhaval is a consultant urological surgeon and daughter in law Reena is a GP. His daughter Janki is a Dental surgeon having special interest in cosmetic dentistry. His interests are reading, travelling and listening to classical music. □

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