

Gautam G. Bodiwala, CBE, JP, DL
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Dr Gautam Bodiwala was appointed as Consultant in charge of the Accident and Emergency Department at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, England in October 1977. He was head of the Department for more than 25 years. He has been at the centre of development of the specialty of Accident and Emergency Medicine (now known as Emergency Medicine) locally, nationally and internationally.

Internationally, the idea of International conferences was jointly conceived by Dr Bodiwala (and Dr Rutherford). This transpired into having biannual international conferences in Emergency Medicine, which he has attended all and jointly organised with the local organisers. He has been the International Coordinator for the UK for Emergency Medicine since 1981. He first suggested in Australia in 1988 at the 2nd International Conference to create a 'world association' for Emergency Medicine. Later in 1990, he co founded the International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM). He is now the world president of the International federation. He was also the Chairman of Core Curriculum and Education Committee of the IFEM as well as member of the Governance and Finance Committees. Current Federation guidelines on how to organise an international conference and organisational rules are based on the original document produced by him. He is also a member of the Core Curriculum Committee of the European Society for Emergency Medicine. Dr Bodiwala has the honour of being the **First George Podgorny Lecturer**, 'an international honour bestowed upon an accident and Emergency specialist of outstanding international reputation' and is awarded the Order of the Federation, **Fellow of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine (FIFEM)**. He 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 European Countries. On behalf of the College of Emergency Medicine (UK), he has started the College's examination in India, Hong Kong and hopefully now in Singapore.

Nationally he co founded the speciality's Faculty of Accident and Emergency Medicine, which has now become the College of Emergency Medicine. He was the Board member and Officer of the British Association for Emergency Medicine and the Faculty of Accident and Emergency Medicine. He is now a member of the Board of the College of Emergency Medicine. He developed training for doctors to specialise and served as the chairman of the UK training board (Joint Committee on Higher Training in A&E) in Emergency Medicine for six years. He is a national and international examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the College of Emergency Medicine (previously Faculty of A&E Medicine) and Society of Apothecaries. He is the chairman of the national major disaster-planning group which was established after he dealt with a plane crash in Leicestershire. He is a specialist medical reviewer for the Healthcare Commission (previously Commission for Health Improvement), which has the responsibility to maintain quality of care in the UK.

Locally during the period he served as the head of the department, he established and developed Emergency Medical services in Leicestershire which became nationally recognised. He also pioneered nurse triage, mobile medical team, computerisation of medical information and education and training programmes in EM amongst many. He was the chairman of British Medical Association, Leicestershire and Rutland Branch, Chairman elect of the Hospital medical staff committee, President of Rotary Club of Oadby and Thursday Club, a club of business and professional men and founder President of Leicestershire Medico legal Society, which he established. He has served on the Court of the University of Leicester and is a Governor of De Montfort University and Leicester Grammar School.

He is a keen researcher and published more than 66 papers in peer review medical journals and written a book. He has lectured extensively worldwide and chaired many (87) national and international conferences and seminars.

Dr. Bodiwala is listed in many biographical volumes. His work has been Recognised nationally and internationally for his contribution to health care by many awards, honours and Fellowship of many colleges (like FRCS, FRCP, FCEM etc) and organisations. The Royal Society of Arts (London) awarded him Fellowship (FRSA) for his national contribution. The University of Leicester awarded him with **Honorary Doctorate (D Sc)** for his academic contribution. Her majesty the Queen Elizabeth II has honoured him with **CBE (Commander of the Order of British Empire, the highest order)** for his national contribution. He is a Deputy Lieutenant of Leicestershire representing the Queen, Justice of the Peace – a civic honour and senior Magistrate on the Leicester City Bench.

The Hospital Trust Board named the new £ 7.5 million (Rupees 60 crores) department at the Leicester Royal Infirmary as '**Gautam Bodiwala Emergency Department**' in recognition of his 25 years of 'outstanding service and local contribution'. He has been the 'Man of the Year' twice awarded by the American Biographical Society and has also received 'Mother India International Award'. The 'Videsh Samman' Award was given to him by the High Commissioner of India to the UK for 'fostering relationship between India and Britain'. The British Association for Emergency Medicine has made him Honorary Life Member.

Dr. Bodiwala is married and has two children. His wife Gita is a teacher. His son Dhaval is a surgeon and his daughter Janki is a Dentist.

Dr Gautam Bodiwala was born in Ahmedabad in 1943 and remains a proud Gujarati. After his schooling from Diwan Ballubhai Madhyamik Shala, he went to B.J.Medical College in Ahmedabad for medical training from where he qualified as a surgeon before going to England in 1970. His interests are reading, travelling and listening to classical music