

Welcome to the new PCDS Chair and Secretary

The PCDS committee is delighted to welcome our new Chair, Naresh Kanumilli. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Clare Hambling, who has chaired the Society through the last 6 years and now passes on the torch. We also thank Lesley Hamilton for all her hard work and welcome Rahul Mohan, who replaces her as Secretary of the society.



Professor Naresh Kanumilli
GP with a Special Interest in Diabetes and
Cardiology, Manchester

Naresh Kanumilli has been a GP in south Manchester for the past 20 years and he has a specialist interest in Cardio-Kidney-Metabolic disease.

He is a Diabetes UK Clinical Champion, a community consultant in diabetes at Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust and Chair of the Diabetes Board for Greater Manchester. He has a very keen focus on management of chronic conditions in the community and hence has been actively involved in setting up and running community-based clinics both in cardiology and diabetes. He is actively involved with the current integration agenda to provide patients with seamless care between primary and secondary sectors. He is also keen to ensure that patients are seen at the right time, in the right place and by the right person.

Naresh is the Clinical Network Lead for Diabetes across Greater Manchester and East Cheshire. He has developed the diabetes strategy for Greater Manchester and is actively involved in the development of pathways and strategies for long-term conditions within the new ICS structure. He is the honorary primary care research lead for diabetes at the Greater Manchester Clinical Research Network. The focus of this role is to get primary care involved in research and help the development of real-world studies. He has presented at numerous conferences both on clinical and non-clinical topics, and is actively involved in GP training and the training of nurses.

In addition to chairing the PCDS, he is also on the board of trustees for the South Asian Health Foundation and a director in the charity Vision Beyond Autism.



Rahul Mohan
GP, Nottingham

Rahul Mohan is a GP in Rushcliffe, Nottingham, working as a GP Lead for the community diabetes service, along with Diabetes Specialist

Nurses, to provide diabetes care closer to home. He has been a GP educator and trainer for the past 17 years, helping GPs, DSNs, pharmacists and practice nurses to gain further confidence and skills in delivering improved diabetes and cardio-renal-metabolic care.

Rahul regularly provides ICB training sessions on diabetes courses locally and speaks at national conferences and congresses. He has been instrumental in delivering guidelines for managing chronic kidney disease in primary care for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB. He is currently involved in developing obesity management pathways in primary care.

Rahul is the chair of the Diabetes and Technology Task and Finish group for glucose monitoring in his ICB, where he is focused on reducing postcode variation whilst lobbying for measures that would improve access for hard-to-reach populations. He has always worked by the principle that multiple long-term conditions care is best delivered by an integrated team and that supporting each other is the way forward in this challenging climate. He has been on the PCDS Committee for the last 2 years and is looking forward to the opportunity to work as PCDS Secretary.



Thank you Clare!

In her 6 years as Chair of the society, Clare Hambling has been the driving force of a changing PCDS. Under her careful stewardship, the society has negotiated some of its greatest challenges yet, including the COVID-19 pandemic, and has emerged as a leading voice of diabetes care in the NHS, and with closer ties to our partner organisations supporting the care of people with diabetes, obesity and associated long-term conditions.

We are grateful for her tireless work, which most recently has been recognised by her appointment to the role of NHS England's National Clinical Director for Diabetes and Obesity, and we wish her the best of luck in this post. Clare will remain on the PCDS Committee. ■