

HARMONY

THE BAPIO NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Dr Indranil Chakravorty MBE

The world is a very different place since our last newsletter. We have now completed 100 days of the new 'T' administration across the pond, and what impact the 'T-economics' is having around the world. From teetering markets, swinging fortunes of economies and multiple war fronts, to the destabilisation of the diversified social fabric of many nations. The UK is one of the most diversified populations due to the legacy of its colonial past and the influence of the Commonwealth. Unfortunately, the rhetoric from UK politicians is also mimicking the same anti-immigration sentiment, while recognising that a significant contribution to health and social care is provided by colleagues from abroad.[Read more](#)

LATEST BAPIO NEWS

BAPIO YDF National Merit Conference 2025 is a resounding success

BAPIO and the BAPIO Young Doctors Forum are proud to announce the resounding success of the National Merit Conference 2025, held in Bristol on 10 May 2025. [Read More](#)



The BAPIO Training Academy has been recognised as a key company driving trade and investment between the UK and India

BAPIO (British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin) is proud to announce that BAPIO Training Academy (BTA) has been recognised among 20 leading companies driving £400 million in trade and investment between the UK and India.

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BAPIO(Wales) held their Annual Conference at the University of Wales Hospital, Cardiff on Saturday 5th April

The day-long conference dealt with a wide range of issues, including women's empowerment, compassionate leadership, artificial intelligence, workforce race equality standards, regulatory framework, and GIRFT (get it right first time)

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BAPIO letter to Secretary of State for Health and Social Care regarding abolition of NHS England

BAPIO has written to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care regarding the abolition of NHS England, expressing members' views and offering support to ensure a smooth transition. A copy of the letter sent is enclosed.

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BAPIO 'Hot Topics in Paediatrics' session during RCPCH Annual Conference

BAPIO organised a well-attended and well-received academic session on Hot Topics in Paediatrics during the first day of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Annual Conference (26 March 2025).

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BAPIO Gala Dinner at the RCPCH Annual Conference 2025

BAPIO Paediatric Forum hosted its ever-popular gala dinner on 26 March 2025 at Firangi Restaurant in Glasgow during the annual conference of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH).

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UPDATE FROM DIVISIONS AND FORUMS

TRAI Forum

BAPIO is delighted to have launched a new forum focused on Technology, Robotics and Artificial Intelligence (TRAI), which will be chaired by Prof Prokar Dasgupta OBE, Professor of Surgery, Chair in Robotic Surgery and Urological Innovation at Kings College London.

Mr. Pankaj Chandak (RCSEng Hunterian Professor and Paediatric Transplant and Research Fellow, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Evelina London Children's Hospital; UCL Institute of Child Health Developmental Biology and Cancer Dept & Zayed Centre for Research in Rare Diseases in Children; School of Immunology and Microbial Sciences KCL) and Mr. Rajesh Sivaprakasam (Consultant Surgeon, Lead for Robotics Renal Failure Surgery, Co-Chair, Multi-Specialty Robotic Research Group at Barts Health NHS Trust) will be Co-Chairs of the Forum.

As all members will be aware, AI is rapidly evolving and diversity of data is vital to its application within the NHS and wider healthcare. BAPIO could play an important role to ensure this diversity. The vision and objectives of the TRAI forum are listed below

Vision:

To promote, educate, contribute and engage with responsible, diverse and trustworthy AI/digital technologies in health and social care

Objectives

The objectives of the forum are to:

- To engage members with special interest in AI/robotics/digital technologies under the BAPIO umbrella
- To promote the interests of members interested in this rapidly evolving field
- To promote the development of expertise within BAPIO
- Promote the speciality by education and training.

Members who are keen to join should please email admin@bapio.co.uk.

The inaugural meeting of the forum will take place on 29 May 2025 from 6:00–7:00 pm virtually. Prof Gopal Ramchurn, CEO, Responsible AI UK, has agreed to be the guest speaker for this event

Women's Forum

The BAPIO Women's Forum Conference 2025 was a resounding success. Hosted at the Leicester Marriott Hotel on 2nd May 2025, the event brought together an inspiring community of healthcare professionals under the empowering theme '*Power of Us – building bridges, breaking barriers*'. The conference featured thought-provoking discussions, collaborative workshops, and impactful keynote sessions that highlighted the strength and unity of women in medicine. With strong participation, engaging dialogue, and a shared vision for progress, the event marked a significant step forward in fostering inclusion, leadership, and change within the NHS and beyond.

Further details on the conference events will be shared in due course.

The Health & Wellbeing Forum

The Health & Wellbeing Forum holds weekly Yoga classes, including Chakra meditation, every Sunday morning. Please contact BAPIO office if you would like to attend.



BAPIO HONOURS LIST



Dr Anil Dhawan

Professor of Paediatric Hepatology, Kings College London

- Awarded GG2 Award for Outstanding Achievement in Medicine

Dr Arvind Shah

Consultant Paediatrician, North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust

- Recognised by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health for his work in India, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka in his role as Strategic Lead, South Asia (RCPCH)

Dr. Aseem Malhotra

Consultant Cardiologist

- Appointed as Chief Medical Adviser to the Make America Healthy Again campaign

Prof Hasmukh Shah

GP, CWM Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

- Elected as a Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales



BAPIO HONOURS LIST



Dr Mukesh Chugh

Consultant Anaesthetist, Altnagelvin hospital, Northern Ireland

- Invited to be in a judging panel for North West Migrants Forum's annual Advancing Race Equality Awards

Dr Pankaj Chandak

RCSEd Hunterian Professor and Paediatric Transplant and Research Fellow, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Evelina London Children's Hospital; UCL Institute of Child Health Developmental Biology and Cancer Dept & Zayed Centre for Research in Rare Diseases in Children; School of Immunology and Microbial Sciences KCL

- Publication
 - Chandak et al. Real-time organ perfusion monitoring of human kidney transplants using ex vivo normothermic perfusion and reflectance spectroscopy *R. Soc. Open Sci.* **12**242008

Dr Prokar Dasgupta

Foundation Professor of Surgery at King's Health Partners, Chairman of the King's-Vattikuti Institute of Robotic Surgery

- Received Fellowship of the Institute of Engineering and Technology
- Publication
 - Khanna et al. At the cutting edge: the potential of autonomous surgery and challenges faced: *BMJ Surgery, Interventions, & Health Technologies* 2025;7:e000338

Dr Prosenjit Giri

Consultant OH Physician, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

- Conferred with Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians



BAPIO HONOURS LIST



Dr Sachin Shenoy

Obstetrics & Gynaecology Specialist, The University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, USA

- Publication
 - Robinson A, Khan S, Shenoy S Inadequate perinatal asthma control resulting in status asthmaticus requiring ECMO *BMJ Case Reports CP* 2025;18:e263122.

Prof Sunil Bhandari

Consultant in Nephrology and Honorary Professor at Hull York Medical School (HYMS) and Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust; Vice President (England & Wales), Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

- Publications
 - Spencer S, Hunter S, Bhandari S. Prescript-PD: Patterns of Iron Prescribing in Peritoneal Dialysis *Peritoneal Dialysis International*, 2025 press
 - Spencer S, Bhandari S. Optimising RAAS inhibition in advanced chronic kidney disease: Balancing Benefits and Risks. *Current Opinion in Nephrology and Hypertension*; 2025 press
 - Short et al. International Consortium to Classify Ageing-Related Pathologies (ICCARP) Senescence Definitions: Achieving International Consensus *GeroScience* 2025, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11357-025-01509-9>.
 - Briggs et al. Does a novel digital physical activity intervention delivered via the Kidney BEAM platform improve health-related quality of life in people living with polycystic kidney disease? A mixed methods randomised controlled trial. *Clinical Kidney Journal* 2025; sfaf041, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ckj/sfaf041>
 - Alsunaid A et al.. Intravenous Iron in Chronic Kidney Disease without Anaemia but Iron Deficiency: A Scoping Review *World Journal of Nephrology* 2025, 14 (1).
 - Lightfoot et al. Iron management and exercise training in individuals with chronic kidney disease: lived experiences. *Clinical Kidney Journal* 2025, 8 (1), sfaf43
 - Spencer S. Bhandari S. On the Cusp – A Questionnaire Based Assessment of Implementing PIVOTAL into UK Practice *Seminars in Dialysis*, 2025 SDI13250, DOI: 10.1111/sdi.13250
- Presented a poster at the World Congress of Nephrology 2025 in New Delhi, India in February 2025 on 'Utility of 2-year Kidney Failure Risk Equation for advanced chronic kidney disease: analysis from the STOP ACEi Trial'.
- Presented a session on Managing Hyperkalaemia at the 7th joint meeting of ABCD and UKKA in Birmingham, UK
- Invited to give a lecture to students at the Sri Madhausudan Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research in Bangalore, India

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Bapio Training Academy latest news letter Newsletter

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March 2025

BTA, TMTC and Marengo Asia Hospitals announce Global Partnership for Medical Value Travel

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Protecting your career with MDS

Medical Defence Shield (MDS) is an independently run medical defence organisation established by BAPIO in 2010. We have been a partner for the healthcare community for over 15 years, offering dedicated clinical defence and employment support to our members.

Beyond individual support, MDS is committed to empowering the entire healthcare community with valuable knowledge. Our recently published case studies, based on real-life scenarios where we've assisted our members, can help you navigate potential pitfalls, understand your rights, and be better prepared for unexpected professional challenges. Explore topics ranging from ARCP outcomes and documentation best practices to academic appeals and CQC report understanding. Our free guides further expand on essential areas such as mental health support, revalidation, and understanding GMC investigations. Follow us on social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, X and Insta) to stay up to date with our new resources.

But when being prepared is not enough, MDS can be there to help you. Our commitment to offering professional support without compromise remains strong 15 years on, and we deeply value our BAPIO connection. As a testament to this, we offer a special membership offer for all BAPIO members, providing a significant 10% discount on your first year with MDS and 5% off your second. We also extend a warm welcome to BINA members with an introductory 25% discount for their first membership.

But we don't stop there. We understand the unique challenges faced by International Medical Graduates starting their NHS journey, and so we provide three months of free membership to IMGs upon joining their first NHS post.

Are you already benefiting from MDS protection? Don't forget our member referral scheme! Recommend a new member to join our growing community, and as a thank you, you'll receive a £20 Amazon voucher.

MDS supporting BAPIO conferences

We are always keen to connect with both long-standing and new members, and are dedicated to supporting activities that build a community spirit among healthcare professionals, further connections and foster learning and professional development.

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POEM BY DR. ANANTA DAVE

AN INESCAPABLE RIGHTNESS OF BEING

The drumbeat of the motherland seeps into the bones;
Heightening senses and feeling,
The harsh tenor of the daily grind
Softened by the lilt of old melodies and new tongues.

The heart syncs to the rhythm of ageless sounds,
The cawing of crows;
The revving of auto-rickshaws,
The warning hiss before the whistle of the pressure cooker.

There is another identity; the colour of migration,
That I cannot now unknow,
That sometimes contrasts with my base foundation,
And makes me stare at my two-toned self in the mirror.

When I land; a brief misstep, then a remembered gait takes over
Retracing memory maps with the compass of belonging,
My voice does not falter while making itself heard,
Its timbre amplified by matching cadences.

My head feels lighter, au naturel,
It has shed the invisible cloak of foreignness,
My body does not apologise for taking up space,
Its presence has an inescapable rightness of being.

-Ananta Dave

Dr Ananta Dave is the Chief Medical Officer of the Black Country Integrated Care Board, part of the Black Country Integrated Care System. She is a Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist by background and closely involved in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education.

*She published her first book of poetry, *An Agony of Hope*, in 2024 which can be found online at [Amazon Link](#)*

BAPIO MENTORSHIP SCHEME

BAPIO is delighted to announce that it has launched the BAPIO Mentorship Scheme, which aims to provide senior-led (Consultant / GP Partner / Senior Registrar) guidance and advice to resident/LED doctors who are part of BAPIO's Young Doctors Forum.

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If you would be interested in participating in the BAPIO Mentorship Scheme as a BAPIO Mentor or as a BAPIO Mentee, please fill out the appropriate form link(s) below.

For Mentors <https://forms.gle/aFcRC6UXmrAHyA479>

For Mentees <https://forms.gle/qPXWfc4nrNx6QaZ67>

UPCOMING EVENTS



May BAPIO NW CPD
23 May 2025 7.30pm
Virtual



BAPIO TRAI Forum
29 May 2025 6.00pm
Virtual



GAPIO Mid Year Conference
18 July 2025 9.00am
Kenya



BAPIO Annual Conference
28-30 November 2025 9.00am
London

BAPIO FAMILY AND PUBLICATIONS

