

Meet the new Global Radiology Fellows working in the North West



Dr Raju Kalidini, Chief Executive and Medical Director at Apollo Radiology (left) with Global Fellows in Radiology - Dr Mobashir Wasil and Dr Silpa Kadiyala.

What is a Global Radiology Fellow?

In the UK a radiologist can work in NHS as a consultant, locum consultant, Specialty and Associate Specialist (SAS) or as a specialty trainee/registrar. Clinical Radiology Global Fellows work at an SAS grade for three years on general radiology duties and branching into a subspecialty of choice.

Working as a radiologist in the NHS through this scheme can be a very rewarding experience in terms of developing professional practice and specialty within clear guidance and registration.

Here, two Radiology Global Fellows from India talk to Health Education England (HEE) about their experiences of coming to work in the UK, becoming Fellows and aspirations for the future.

Dr Silpa Kadiyala is a Global Fellow in Radiology at University Hospitals of Morecombe Bay NHS Foundation Trust.

What is your role at the trust?

While I've only been here a few weeks, I am clear that my role is to deliver high-quality care for patients, while learning new skills and enjoying new experiences.

What has been your experience so far?

We have been treated very well by the trust and been shown around the region, including the beautiful Lake District.

How did you hear about the Global Fellow Radiology Scheme?

I found out about the scheme from Dr Raju Kalidini, Chief Executive and Medical Director at Apollo Radiology and then by visiting the Royal College of Radiologists website for more information.

What did you do before coming to England?

Before arriving in Lancaster, I was working in medical diagnostics in a teaching hospital and I have taken sabbatical leave to join the Fellowship programme.

What attracted you to working in the NHS?

I have always wanted to work abroad, either in the UK or the United States. I had a good contact in Dr Raju, which was useful, but when I met with Dr (Robin) Proctor, Clinical Director

here at the trust, he filled me with a great deal of confidence and influenced my decision to come to the UK.

What are your future plans?

I am determined to pursue my specialist clinical interests, learn new skills and apply them to benefit patients here and then take those new skills home to India.

Dr Mobashir Wasil is the second Global Fellow to have arrived from India to work in the Radiology team at University Hospitals of Morecombe Bay NHS Foundation Trust.

First impressions?

It's been a very good experience so far. Of course, it's very strange being so far away from home but after three weeks I am much more settled now. The trust has looked after me very well. I certainly haven't felt out of place here. In fact, everyone has made me feel very welcome.

What is your role at the trust?

Here, I will be providing general radiology as well as working towards gaining more experience in my chosen specialism. I look forward to carrying out diagnostic work that I wouldn't get the chance to do in India.

What do you do in India?

In India I work for a specialist diagnostic centre in Hyderabad which provides a range of diagnostic services.

How did you hear about the Global Fellows scheme?

I found out about it from a WhatsApp group I am linked to and became aware that there was an opportunity to work and train in England. I then attended a meeting to find out more and after some time the process progressed and now I am here.

Would you encourage other clinicians to apply to join the scheme?

Yes. It is a good opportunity to learn new things not done at the moment in India. It will give you a new experience and a new dimension to your practice.

What are your plans for the future?

I have a family back home, so I don't know how they would settle here. However, three years is a good time to be here. I will certainly improve and sharpen my skills at the trust.

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*Pictured left:
Representatives from
the trust, the Royal
College of Radiologists
and HEE meet the new
Fellows at an event in
Lancaster.*

Further information on the Global Radiology Fellowship scheme is available at [Health Education England's website](#).