

Professor Parveen Kumar

Professor Parveen Kumar qualified in medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, University of London. She has spent most of her life working in the NHS in North and East End of London at Bart's, the Homerton and the Royal London Hospitals. She still practises clinically as a physician and gastroenterologist, and teaches at Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary, University of London. Following qualifying, she trained under Sir Antony Dawson and Dr Michael Clark as a gastroenterologist. Her major research interests and publications have been in small bowel disorders, particularly coeliac disease. She is a senior examiner for the MRCP, and also examines for the MBBS and other post-graduate degrees both at home and abroad. She started the first MSc course in gastroenterology in this country.

She was the academic sub-dean and later Director of Post-graduate medical education for Barts and the London and also the Homerton for many years.

She changed the face of medical publishing when she co-authored Kumar and Clark's 'Clinical Medicine' in 1989 (7TH ed 2009); this is now used worldwide. She also co-authors a series of other books.

In the past she has been the President of the British Medical Association. She has held several offices at the Royal College of Physicians, including those of Vice- President (Academic) and senior censor, and Director of Continuing Professional Development. She was a founding Non-executive Director on the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) board and Chairman of the Medicines Commission UK. She has also been a non-executive director for an acute NHS trust. She has served on the academic sub-committee of Modernising Medical careers and was on the London Modernisation board. She has served on many other committees including the Northern Ireland Distinction and Meritorious Awards committee as the representative for England. She is currently a trustee of several charities including the Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET), the British Society of Gastroenterology, and a Governor of the BUPA Foundation. She served as a trustee of CancerBackup and the Medical College of St Bartholomew's Hospital's Trust until recently.

Professor Kumar was awarded CBE for Services to Medicine in 2000, was the first Asian Woman of the Year (Professional) in 1999 and received the Gold medal from the BMA for services to medicine and education in 2008.