



## Dr Chandra Kanneganti

Dr Chandra Kanneganti, GP Partner and Chairman of BIDA, came to the UK in 2002 as a graduate. He has had a broad and varied career, working as an out of hours GP, a salaried GP and now a GP Partner who owns his own practice.

When I came to the UK I joined the Foundation Year job level for the first year to gain skills and knowledge in the NHS. I was undecided about my future career goals at that time, but I saw an advertisement for a three-year GP training job. I was not aware of general practice at that time, but I went for it, and I've never felt regret for choosing general practice as my career.

I have worked as an out of hours GP and then a Salaried GP for 1 year, before becoming a full-time GP Partner owning my own business. Now I manage four GP practices and a few other services commissioned by NHS England and the CCG. Managing your own business and having autonomy gives you confidence and skills to develop the business, and also makes you financially very stable.

I have several other roles working for the BMA as a policy lead, and with the RCGP and CQC. I am currently Chairman of the British International Doctors Association (BIDA). BIDA has the sole objective of promoting equality and fairness for all doctors and dentists working in the UK, and provides mentoring and support to the newcomers to UK.

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