

British Indian Awards 2015

Pankaj Sharma, Professor of Neurology at Royal Holloway University of London and Consultant Neurologist at Imperial College London, was named the United Kingdom's top Asian medical doctor at the British Indian Awards 2015. The annual awards celebrate the achievements of leading British Asians in the UK. Prof Sharma's work on researching into the genetic causes of stroke in Asians across the UK, Middle East and India was particularly cited, as well as his charity work in the stroke sector. Prof Sharma is a frequent media commentator on neurology and stroke related issues. The award is seen here being presented by an Asian representative of the Royal Navy.



Addenbrooke's team wins innovation voucher for new device to treat Parkinson's Disease

A team at Cambridge University Hospitals (CUH) is celebrating winning funding worth £5,000 to help progress their idea for a new device for people suffering from Parkinson's Disease. It was created by Dr Andrew Michell, Consultant in Clinical Neurophysiology, together with team



members Dr Philip Buttery, Consultant Neurologist, Dr Thomas Stone and Sonya Sireau, Medical Physics and Clinical Engineering (MPCE), all from Addenbrooke's, part of CUH. Dr Michell said: "In the work the team here at CUH Addenbrooke's and Cambridge University are doing, we hope to be able to reduce the debilitating impact that tremor can have in a Parkinson's patient's life in a simple and safe way. We are very grateful to Health Enterprise East for helping us to support this valuable work." Dr Stone added: "Our ability in Clinical Engineering to support the rapid research and development of new medical devices in this way is very exciting. Clinical scientists and engineers can work closely with medical staff and patients which really improves how quickly we can respond to unmet needs and improve the care of our patients in Addenbrooke's."

John Dystel Prize for MS Research

Alastair Compston has been awarded the 2015 John Dystel Prize for MS Research. The John Dystel Prize recognises a significant contribution to research in the understanding, treatment or prevention of multiple



sclerosis (MS). The award was presented at the American Academy of Neurology's (AAN) 67th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, in April. The Annual Meeting is the world's largest gathering of neurologists with more than 12,000 attendees and more than 2,500 scientific presentations on the latest research advancements in brain disease. Compston's research focuses on the evolution of ideas on the way multiple sclerosis develops. He said, "The advances in treatment of multiple sclerosis seen in the last 20 years have been remarkable and unmatched by therapies developed for any other neurological disease. I am conscious of the enormous contributions made by many clinicians, scientists and people with multiple sclerosis who enabled the successful outcome of this work."