



## About MPUH

"Nadiad? Where is Nadiad?"

"In the state of Gujarat in India".

"You mean to say that you are going for 4 weeks of CPD (Continuing Professional Development) to a little known place in India?" asked my incredulous Colleague from Sheffield in the UK. Little did he know.....

I was already familiar with MPUH from the quality of presentations and publications from this institute in various international meetings and peer-reviewed journals over many Years. I had also met Dr Sabnis, now the Chairman of Urology at MPUH, In Liverpool in the late 90s when I was a Urology Registrar and Dr Sabnis, a Transplant Fellow. Dr MRDesai, of course, is an internationally well known Luminary in the Urological world. I chuckled to myself over the ignorance of my colleague.

My first impression of Nadiad when I reached here, was that of a provincial town that was centred around the Urological Hospital. Doubts started creeping into my mind but these were dispelled the moment I entered the hospital. I was warmly greeted by a very friendly staff and the boss-man himself, MRD as he is respectfully known, immediately put me at ease. I was amazed to find a state-of-the-art, modern hospital with facilities and equipment that would put most western teaching hospitals to shame! The volume, variety and complexity of urological operations and daily renal transplantations (mostly with live related donors – possible only in India and a rarity in the west), performed in 4 urology and 2 dedicated transplantation operating theatres, equipped with the latest and up to-the-minute technology, was truly amazing. Seven consultant surgeons with trainee doctors and well trained nursing and support staff run the theatre sessions efficiently. I was also able to observe procedures in different theatres simultaneously through in-built flat screen monitors in each theatre suite. I had struck a gold mine!

A separate Academic Teaching centre, with “dry” and “wet” labs, class rooms, a lecture theatre with facilities for live two-way video transmission from operating theatres and the latest computerised simulators to train doctors in invasive urological procedures, was better than most large centres in Europe that I had visited. They even have a full-time veterinary surgeon on the staff roll to look after animals used to train surgeons in real-life, “hands-on” training sessions. A vast library (open 24 hrs!), efficient and very friendly administrative staff including a travel desk and a canteen which provides delicious, nutritious food completes the picture. All this, in a charitable institution!

No wonder I was able to achieve goals of my visit within a week though I plan to stay on for 4 weeks and consolidate. When I return to UK, I intend to spread the word among my consultant and junior colleagues that MPUH is the place to go, to hone and polish their knowledge and skills, whatever their stage of training and experience may be.

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