

Alumni profiles - Showrob Patwary

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What are your career experiences since graduating from the University of Birmingham?

Following the house officer year in GoodHope and Queen Elizabeth, I did A&E and neurosurgery. Since then its been all eyes! First at Worcester, then Cardiff, then on the West Midlands rotation at Wolverhampton, Burton, Dudley, Midlands Eye centre.

What is the best thing about what you are doing now?

I love the face to face contact with patients and their friends or relatives and the operating is very rewarding, and I suppose best of all that I'm still learning - expanding my knowledge and surgical ability every day.

What was the best thing about your time as a student here?

The Que Club.

In what way did living and studying in Birmingham live up to your expectations?

In truth I didn't know what to expect before coming Birmingham, but I love it. Its coming up to 14 years since I started University, and I'm still here! Convenient, friendly, unpretentious - Birmingham's a little gem.

What advice would you give to current students studying on your degree programme?

Don't follow the crowd, make good friends, and don't work too hard. You'll soon realise that its a marathon and not a sprint.

How did you grow as a person by coming to University? Did it change your life in any way?

The whole experience of living out of 'Home' and studying medicine was life changing.