

Mr Ashraf Patel awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List

Mr Ashraf Patel, ABS member and Associate Specialist in breast surgery at Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust has been awarded an MBE.

Ashraf has been recognised for services to funding and research for breast cancer in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

This is a wonderful, well-deserved accolade, recognising his outstanding work to support our patients with breast cancer over many years.

At the Breast Unit, with the support of his patients, their families and friends and partner charities, he has helped to raise more than £4.5million for our charity. This has funded fantastic improvements including breast cancer clinical trials, specialist equipment and health and wellbeing programmes, benefiting patients with breast cancer.

Ashraf has worked for PAHT, at St Margaret's Hospital and The Princess Alexandra Hospital, since 1993. Prior to this, he completed his medical education at Grant Medical College and surgical training at Tata Memorial Hospital, both in Mumbai.

Ashraf said: "I am delighted and humbled to be awarded an MBE. This award is also a recognition of the immense work put in by our charity, research, clinical, administrative and management teams at PAHT.



"I am lucky to be surrounded by hard working team members trying at all times to do their best for our patients.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family and friends, my colleagues at work, the advisory board members and my patients. Special thanks go to the executives and PAHT trust board for their support of research and letting it flourish and the trustees of all the charities that support our work in the Breast Unit; The Princess Alexandra Hospital's Charity, Quest Cancer Research, Together in West Essex, The Maria Falco Memorial Trust and The Kerrie Fitzjohn Memorial Trust."

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