



Shafi Ahmed–Futurist in medicine

Professor Shafi Ahmed is a multi award winning surgeon, teacher, futurist, innovator, entrepreneur and an evangelist in augmented and virtual reality. He is a 3x TEDx and an international keynote speaker and is a faculty at Singularity University, a think tank in Silicon Valley.

He is a cancer surgeon at The Royal London and St Bartholomew's Hospitals and has been awarded the accolade of the most watched surgeon in human history. As a dedicated trainer, educator, and Associate Dean of Bart's Medical School, he was awarded the Silver Scalpel award in 2015 as the best national trainer in surgery by the Association of Surgeons in Training. He is currently serving as an elected member of council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England where he is the Director of the International Surgical Training Programme. He is an honorary visiting professor at The University of Bradford where he delivered the Cantor Lecture of Technology in 2017 and the public lecture to open the Digital Health Enterprise Zone.

In 2017 he was the top British Asian star in Tech and received this award from HRH Duke of York. He was also the British Bangladeshi of the Year 2017.

His mission is to merge the world of medicine, global education, and virtual and augmented reality to democratize and scale surgical education to make it affordable and accessible to everyone using the power of connectivity to allow equitable surgical care. He cofounded Medical Realities who have just released the worlds first VR Interactive Surgical Training Module. He also a cofounder of Hearthy a healthcare blockchain company and a non executive director of Medic Bleep, a communications platform for healthcare professionals. He is an advisor for companies working in Digital Health, Artificial intelligence and Robotics.

He recently disrupted the traditional medical school curriculum by launching the Barts X Medicine Programme which has embedded future technologies and entrepreneurship into the medical school. He is also chairman and a co-founder of the Global Innovation and New Technologies conference in London and Chair of WEBIT Health, Bulgaria.