



**Geeta Vekaria**  
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### **Current Position**

Geeta is currently working as Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) Clinical Research Nurse and Respiratory Clinical Nurse Specialist with ILD rotation at University College London Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, since 2013.

### **Clinical Work**

Her role is split 40/60 ILD Clinical Research Nurse and Clinical Nurse Specialist. As a Clinical Research Nurse she supports studies commenced at UCLH. The Clinical Nurse Specialist role involves rotation of ILD and Airways disease. The service runs 2 ILD and 2 general Respiratory clinics. Geeta is a non-medical prescriber who maintains antifibrotic and symptom management treatments. The team provide supportive care throughout the patients' disease, managing palliative care needs and advising on end of life care. She also manages Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Asthma and Oxygen patients.

She has extensive respiratory background conducting COPD reviews for GP practices across London, followed by working with a Home Oxygen Service provider, as a Clinic Nurse Advisor. As a Community Respiratory Nurse in Waltham Forest Respiratory Service; she managed COPD, Asthma and Oxygen patients in clinics.

### **Teaching**

Geeta graduated at University of Hertfordshire with BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing in 2000. She is currently undertaking an empirical study for her dissertation in IPF, for MSc in Advance Practice pathway at Kings College London University; due to complete early September 2019. Geeta has been involved in a project called OPAL providing Interstitial Lung Disease education to her colleagues.

### **Public Service**

Geeta has been on the Interstitial Lung Disease Interdisciplinary Network (ILD-IN) committee for 6 months and is looking forward to working with the committee over the next 18 months.