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Thakor G. Patel, MD currently serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine at the Uniformed Services of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. Following his training in Nephrology and Internal Medicine in 1979, Dr. Patel joined the United States Navy where he served for 23 years. His assignments included Diving Medical Officer, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Head and Program Director of Nephrology and then Director, Medical Service and Medical Director at the Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia. He also was the leader of a surgical support team during the invasion of Grenada in 1983 and Director, Medical Services of a fleet hospital in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. He served as Specialty Advisor to the Navy Surgeon General for Nephrology from 1988 to 1993 and for Surface Medicine from 1993 to 1998.

Dr. Patel is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Nephrology and is a Master of the American College of Physicians. After retiring from the Navy in 1998, he joined the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC as the Program Director, Renal Diseases, Diabetes, and Oncology where he was responsible for critical policies on cancer data sharing, vascular access for hemodialysis, hemoglobin A1c standardization, and hemodialysis data transfer into Computerized Patient Record System. He retired in 2007 and is now CEO of his own consulting company.

Throughout his career, Dr. Patel received numerous military and civilian awards such as the Legion of Merit, Combat Action Ribbon, Meritorious Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Admiral Joel T. Boone Award of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin President's Award, and an Exemplary Service Award from the Department of Veterans Affairs. He has several articles to his credit. His current project includes how to improve health care in the villages of India, where he is leading an effort there to collect data and educate people with diabetes, obesity, and hypertension.