

**CARISCIENCE - Science and Technology Research in Trinidad and Tobago**  
**Public Lecture Series**

**'DIABETIC FOOT - A NATIONAL DISASTER'**

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**2015 CARICOM SCIENCE AWARDEE**

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Over the past 30 years, the amputation rate has doubled in Trinidad and Tobago. Now, more than one amputation is done every day. About 33% of these patients die within a year. The cost to the nation of Diabetic foot disease exceeds \$ 500,000 per year and could be about 1 billion dollars if private care and rehabilitation costs are added. Much of this is preventable and needs special attention. Professor Vijay Naraynsingh, the 2015 CARICOM Science awardee speaks about this topic in this informative lecture.

Following graduation in 1974 with medals of distinctions, Professor Naraynsingh has had a distinguished career, attaining Fellowships at several International Colleges. He has served as President of the Caribbean College of Surgeons and was the Scientific Secretary of the Caribbean Health Research Council. He is an educator, community leader, mentor, scholar, adviser, author and surgeon. His skill and dexterity as a surgeon are legendary and his charisma and ability to excite and stimulate his students are widely known.

Professor Naraynsingh is the recipient of awards from forty organisations locally, regionally and internationally for his contributions to medicine, community service and humanitarian work. He is one of the youngest recipients of the Chaconia Medal Gold and the 1<sup>st</sup> and only Caribbean Surgeon to be granted the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS, UK) without examination and also made an examiner. In 1991 he was chosen by Medicine Sans Frontieres (Nobel Laureate) to sit on an international panel of 5 surgeons. He has been a pioneer in the design of new operations, never performed in the world before; all of which has been recorded in international surgeon literature.

He is one of the university's most published academics; having co-authored 6 book chapters on vascular surgery by international publishers, authored over 250 indexed articles in peer-reviewed high impact factor journals, written in every major English speaking surgical journal and delivered presentations in 124 scientific platforms worldwide and continues to publish at a phenomenal rate.

Professor Naraynsingh has a distinguished record of public service; having led outreach activities and founded the Avatar Medical Auxiliary which provides access for the underprivileged to medical and surgical care. To further this goal, he provided 108 patients with free surgical treatment. He was also the Trinidad and Tobago consultant surgeon for the Kids First program for underprivileged children in Guyana.

**Come listen and engage in this informative session**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 5.00pm**  
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