



Professor Sir Nilesh Samani DL

Nilesh Samani is Professor of Cardiology at the University of Leicester and Honorary Consultant Cardiologist at the Cardiac Centre, Glenfield Hospital, Leicester. Until 2016 he was also Head of the Department of Cardiovascular Sciences at the University and Director of the National Institute for Health Research Leicester Cardiovascular Biomedical Research Unit.

Professor Samani was born in Kenya and moved to the UK in 1971. He graduated from the University of Leicester Medical School in 1981.

Since 2016, Professor Samani has also served as Medical Director of the British Heart Foundation. The BHF is a leading research charity which funds over £100 million of new research into heart and circulatory diseases each year and spends over £20 million on providing support and information to patients with these diseases. The Medical Director is responsible for overseeing the BHF's research funding and medical activities.

Professor Samani has received a Platinum Clinical Excellence Award from the NHS. He became a Deputy Lieutenant in 2010 and was knighted for his services to Medicine and Medical Research in the 2015 New Years' Honours.

Professor Samani is married with two sons and lives in Leicester.

