

Rakesh Patel
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Rakesh C. Patel, M.D., a native of Houston, graduated from TAMS in 1992. He completed his undergraduate degree in only two years at The University of Texas at Austin, earning his M.D. degree in 1998 from The University of Texas Medical Branch, just six years after graduating from TAMS. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Urology.

Dr. Patel completed residencies in both general surgery and urology before opening his urology practice in Orlando, Florida. He is an assistant clinical professor of surgery (urology) at The University of Florida, a clinical assistant professor at Florida State University – Orlando Branch, and a urology consultant at the Gainesville, Florida Veteran’s Administration Hospital. In addition to his busy practice and teaching responsibilities, Dr. Patel is involved heavily in clinical research.

While still a medical resident, Dr. Patel created the Patel Biological Research Award, which is given to an outstanding TAMS senior who has conducted research in Biology. He credits his decision to become a physician to research he conducted while at TAMS, and he is grateful for the financial support he received as an academy student.

Because of Dr. Patel’s continued support of TAMS, Dr. Sinclair has stated that he has “set a standard for other TAMS alumni.” We, and the students who benefit from his generosity and encouragement, are grateful for his dedication to our shared work in educating the mathematically and scientifically gifted young students of the State of Texas.