

Priti Pandya-Patel, a leader in the South Asian and Middlesex County community, as well as an Ordained Minister. Priti is married with 2 children. She has been in the healthcare industry for almost 30 years as clinician, administrator, healthcare provider and businesswoman and is drawn to this career by her passion and commitment to helping people lead healthier lives focusing on awareness of sleep deprivation as a root cause to many medical conditions. With a license and Associates in Physical Therapy, BA in Therapeutic Recreation Administration, an MBA in Healthcare Administration, and MS in Psychology (family/marriage counseling and professional mediator), and a post-graduate degree in Applied Behavioral Analysis, focusing on behavioral sleep medicine and Organization Behavioral Management Specialist. Currently, she is in the process of completing her PsyD in grief/trauma counseling.

She has also been very involved in the community through her efforts as a sports coach, volunteering, being a member of many non-profit organizations, such as the President of the Asian Indian Chamber of Commerce and board member for the past 7 years as well as on the Board of the FBI-Newark Alumni Citizen Academy Association. As a former Miss. India NJ, she quotes “I would like to be a role model for the Indo-American young women of this generation and give them inspiration, encouragement and confidence to be the best they can be”.

A caregiver by nature and a true believer in the power of positive thinking, she continuously striving to balance her businesses, her family and her community obligations. Her mantra: “Live life to the fullest; love unconditionally; and laugh often as you can, since, life is too short, make the best of what you have today, for tomorrow may never come..... KAL HO NA HO (you may or may not be here tomorrow)”.