

# NARAP Research Associate Alumni

## Where Are They Now

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### Tushar Patel

- **School Attended:** Stevens Institute of Technology
- **NARAP Affiliate Hospital:** Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, NJ
- **Research Associate Years:** 2012 and 2013

#### Where is Tushar now?

After earning his Master's Degree in Chemical Biology, Tushar took a gap year working with the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network. He so thoroughly enjoyed the experience that he now has an interest in connecting patients needing transplants to organs that become available. Tushar is currently attending St. George's School of Medicine in Grenada.

#### What Tushar says about the NARAP Research Associates Program

"What I liked about the NARAP Research Associates (RA) Program was that we were always on our toes and never got the same answers from patients. I was impressed with how willing patients were to give information; I felt like I was taking a patient history! I felt the RA training was really good and I learned a new way to approach patients. I was impressed with how much I learned from the RA Program."

As a NARAP RA, Tushar worked on the Tobacco Cessation Study and then helped pilot the Breast & Cervical Cancer Studies.