

## Dr. N. Rao Chandolu: The “Five Bills Doctor” Making Healthcare Accessible in Jamaica

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**Dr. Nagamaleswara Rao Chandolu inside his Global Healthcare Jamaica 24-hour Clinic in Half-Way Tree, Kingston. (Photo: Tasheka Lou)**

**KINGSTON, Jamaica** - Dr. Nagamaleswara Rao Chandolu, affectionately known as the “Five Bills Doctor,” has been transforming healthcare in Jamaica since 2009.

From his Global Healthcare Jamaica 24-hour Clinic in Half-Way-Tree, Eastwood Park Road, across from the Jamaica Urban Transport Centre, he provides affordable, high-quality medical care to patients traveling from across the island. Inside the bustling clinic, Dr. Chandolu moves confidently between patients, offering guidance and ensuring everyone receives attentive, compassionate care. His presence sets the pace for a team dedicated to providing healthcare that is both accessible and personal.

### **A journey from India to Jamaica**

Originally from India, Dr. Chandolu arrived in Jamaica in 2005. He initially worked at Kingston Public Hospital (KPH) before passing the local practitioner exam. By 2009, he had launched his own practice, establishing a multi-specialty healthcare facility alongside his wife, Dr. Saranya Munnangi, a dental surgeon, and colleagues including internal medicine doctors, gynecologists, psychiatrists, orthopedic specialists, and physiotherapists. For nearly two decades, the clinic has become a beacon of accessible, affordable care.

### **Serving the Community with Affordable Care**

Since opening the clinic, Dr. Chandolu has charged just \$500 per consultation - lowest fee in private healthcare in Jamaica. His dedication earned him the Order of Distinction in the rank of Officer for his contributions to community health through medical camps and health fairs.

“People from Montego Bay or St. Elizabeth can travel here and still access quality care without financial strain,” he explained. “It is my responsibility as a private healthcare provider to ensure service is available for all, without relying on government intervention.”



**Dr. Chandolu shares a light moment with one of his clinic staff members at the customer service desk. His approachable nature keeps the clinics atmosphere warm and welcoming. (Photo: Tasheka Lou)**

## **Health Challenges and Community Impact**

Dr. Chandolu has noticed recurring health issues among Jamaicans, ranging from hypertension and diabetes in older adults to STDs and PCOS in young adults, and anemia and vitamin deficiencies in Children.

His clinic's outreach programs, such as medical camps and health fairs, extend beyond immediate treatment, focusing on education and prevention to empower patients to take control of their own health.

He recalls his experience after Hurricane Melissa, visiting shelters in Westmoreland where he treated between 125 and 150 patients, many without basic medication for hypertension or diabetes. "It was a miracle to catch them in time and provide the necessary care," he said, emphasizing the importance of proactive healthcare in the community.



**Dr. Chandolu gestures while consulting with a patient at the Global Healthcare Jamaica Clinic, demonstrating his active, hands-on approach to care. (Photo by Tasheka Lou)**

## **Stories That Inspire**

Many patient encounters have shaped Dr. Chandolu's practice. One of his first patients in Jamaica, a businessman, was diagnosed with early-stage liver cancer, allowing life-saving intervention. In another instance, he rushed a stroke patient from his office to the hospital, saving the man's life.

“These experiences remind me why I became a doctor - to serve, to educate, and to protect lives,” he said. “Each life touched is a reminder that healthcare is not just a profession, but a calling.”

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### **Innovation and Vision for the Future**

Looking ahead, Dr. Chandolu plans to integrate AI into his clinic, aiming to improve diagnostic speed and accuracy while supporting - not replacing - doctors. He wants to provide instant blood tests, x-rays, CT scans, MRIs, and affordable medications for all patients.

His long-term vision includes establishing a 100- bed hospital Jamaica equipped with world-class technology, in collaboration with partners from India, the United States, and Dubai.

“Building health in individuals builds families and ultimately a strong nation,” reflects his dedication to community development through healthcare.

### **Advice for Aspiring Healthcare Professionals**

Dr. Chandolu encourages young people to enter the medical field. “This is a noble profession where you gain personal, social, and spiritual satisfaction,” he said. “When you help others, you also learn about your own health and build good character. Health individuals build strong families build a strong nation.”

He stresses that healthcare is not just about treatment - it’s about education, prevention, and empowering communities. “Every patient interaction teaches you something about life, empathy, and responsibility,” he added.

### **Commitment to Jamaica**

Though an Indian citizen, Dr. Chandolu considers himself a part of Jamaica. He emphasizes personal responsibility over government dependency, aiming to uplift the health sector through mobile clinics, rural outreach, and affordable, quality care across the island.

“My goal is to make healthcare accessible to everyone to everyone. Whether a patient comes from Montego Bay, St. Elizabeth, or nearby, they should receive world-class service without financial hardship,” he said.

Through his dedication to accessibility, innovation, and education, Dr. Chandolu’s work continues to touch lives across Jamaica, building healthier families and stronger nation beyond his clinic walls.