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Balaji Sadasivan graduated from the University of Singapore in 1979. In addition, he holds an external law degree from the University of London.

He started training in neurosurgery at Tan Tock Seng Hospital in 1981 before becoming a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1984. From 1985 to 1989, Balaji Sadasivan received advanced training in neurosurgery in Michigan, U.S.A., and obtained his board certification in neurosurgery. He was appointed a fellow at Harvard University in 1990. The following year, he was named consultant neurosurgeon at Tan Tock Seng Hospital, where he was involved in the re-organisation of stroke management and in the planning of the National Neuroscience Institute. Balaji Sadasivan started to practice at Gleneagles Hospital in 1994 and has since 1997 served as a consultant neurosurgeon to the KK Women's and Children's Hospital. He was named Minister of State for Health and the Environment after the General Election in 2001.

Balaji Sadasivan has been to Myanmar twice to teach neurosurgery. He has taught in the World Federation of Neurosurgery courses in Asia and has been involved in seminars and workshops in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Vietnam. Furthermore, he is President of the Asian-Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons.

Balaji Sadasivan has published a variety of books and articles.