

GLOBAL INDIAN PHYSICIANS IN THE NEWS



GAPIO CONGRATULATES THE INDIAN ORIGIN DOCTOR, DR. RAHUL GUPTA FOR BEING APPOINTED AS THE DIRECTOR OF US NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY BY THE US SENATE

Dr. Rahul Gupta, an Indian - American doctor was appointed as the Director of National Drug Control Policy by the US Senate. He is the first medical doctor to ever lead the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. Dr. Gupta will be working to advance high quality, data driven strategies in order to make the communities healthier and safer. Addressing addiction and the overdose epidemic was declared as an urgent priority by President Biden.

He recently served as clinical Professor in the Department of Medicine at Georgetown University School of Medicine as well as adjunct professor in the Department of Health Policy, Management and Leadership in the School of Public Health at West Virginia University and visiting faculty at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

GAPIO congratulates Dr. Gupta for this stupendous achievement.

[Source: **India Today**, 30th October 21

Link : <https://www.indiatoday.in/world/indians-abroad/story/us-senate-confirms-dr-rahul-gupta-director-national-drug-control-policy-1871282-2021-10-30> |

AN INDIAN AMERICAN DOCTOR WHO LED THE RESEARCH AND BAGGED THE PRESTIGIOUS \$11.7 MILLION SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE(SPORE) GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE.

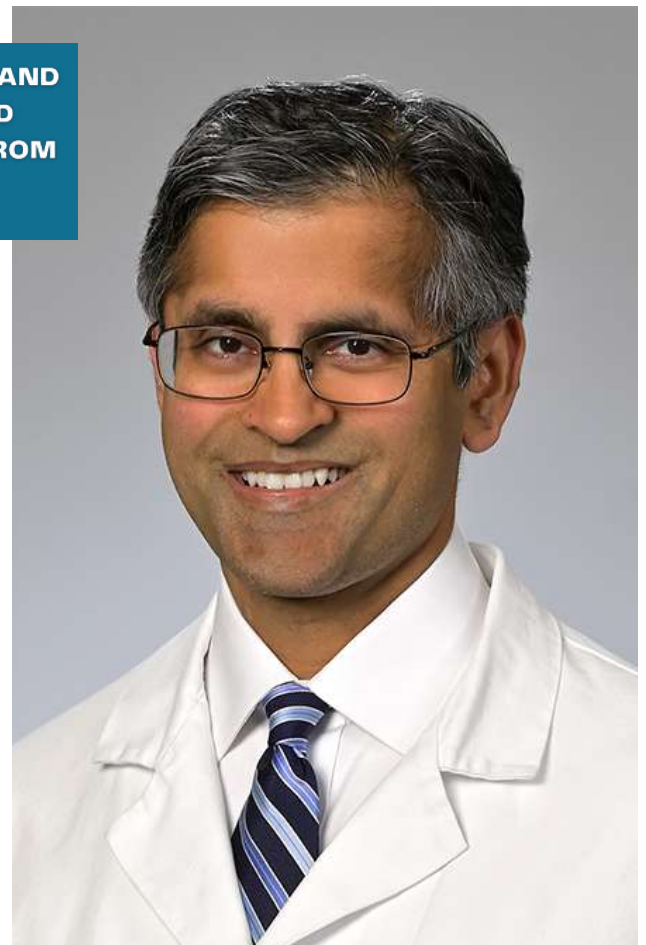
Dr. Ravi K. Amaravadi is an Indian American associate professor of Hematology-Oncology in Penn's Perelman School of Medicine and the co-leader of the Cancer Therapeutics Program in the ACC, and Meenhard Herlyn, DVM, DSc, director of Wistar's Melanoma Research Center and professor in the Molecular & Cellular Oncogenesis Program in Wistar's Cancer Center.

His team from Penn Medicine along with The Wistar Institute have been awarded a prestigious \$11.7 million Specialized Programs of Research Excellence, or SPORE, grant from the National Cancer Institute. The five-year award will fund three new melanoma research projects that translate fundamental laboratory discoveries made in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and The Wistar Institute into new therapeutics to treat skin cancers.

The grant also includes a career enhancement program focused on training and retaining underrepresented minorities in skin cancer research, and a pilot award program that will expand research into non-melanoma skin cancer.

[Source : **India Education Diary** , 3rd October 2021

Link : <https://indiaeducationdiary.in/penn-medicine-and-wistar-awarded-11-7-million-melanoma-research-grant/> |





DR. VIVEK MURTHY : MAKING INDIA PROUD AGAIN

Dr. Vivek Murthy has once again made the country proud by being one of the four South Asian Americans named to National Academy of Medicine.

National Academy of Medicine elects the the members who have made remarkable contributions to the advancement of medical science, healthcare and public. It is one of the highest honors in the field of health and medicine.

Dr. Murthy was recognized by the academy for his outstanding professional achievements.

He has served as the 19th and 21st surgeon general in the US department of Health and Human services.

He has played a vital role in addressing America's greatest public health challenges like Ebola and Zika virus, opioid crisis, an epidemic of stress and loneliness, and now the COVID-19 pandemic."

[Source : India West, 26th October 2021

Link :

<https://www.indiawest.com/news/global-indian/surgeon-general-vivek-murthy-one-of-four-south-asians-named-to-national-academy-of-medicine/article-8b1777ac-35c5-11ec-805f-8f4cda1c60e0.html>

DR. RHIJU DAS : AN INDIAN AMERICAN RESEARCHER WHO WILL BE THE PART OF HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE INVESTIGATORS

Dr. Das is an Associate Professor of Biochemistry at Stanford University School of Medicine. He has been selected in the cohort of investigators by Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Dr. Das has been researching on modeling the 3D structure of RNA sequence. His team has been using imaging technique of cryo-electron microscopy to find out structures of RNA and model them.

He alongwith his team also studied the 3D structures of key segments of coronavirus RNA and identified "tantalizing holes and crevices" that could be binding sites for drugs.

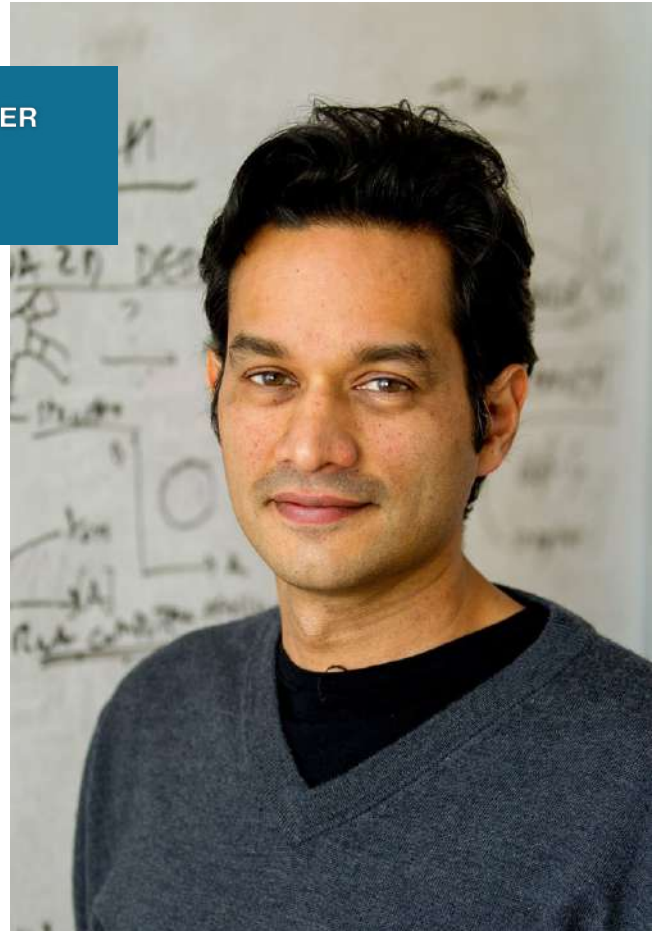
They now aim at developing anti-viral drugs based on those discoveries, as well as probing and improving COVID-19 mRNA vaccines.

HMMI believes that the investigators team will lead to scientific breakthroughs that benefit humanity

[Source : India West, 27th October 2021

Link :

<https://www.indiawest.com/news/global-indian/surgeon-general-vivek-murthy-one-of-four-south-asians-named-to-national-academy-of-medicine/article-8b1777ac-35c5-11ec-805f-8f4cda1c60e0.html>





**AN INDIAN DOCTOR WHO HAS MADE IT TO THE
POPULAR REALITY TV SHOW BACHELORETTE**

Dr. Pardeep Singh is an Indian American neuroscientist from Brooklyn. He is a research scientist at Columbia University and a Vice Co-Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee of the National Science Policy Network (NSPN).

He studies microglia immune activation in Alzheimer's disease and neurodegeneration.

He hosts the Deep Thoughts podcast in his spare time.

He was only the second person of Indian origin to make it on the show of Bachelorette. The 30 year old neuroscientist is described by Bachelorette as "the perfect combo of looks and intelligence!"

[Source: News India Times, 4th October 2021

Link : <https://www.newsindiatimes.com/brooklynite-pardeep-singh-a-neuroscientist-is-going-to-be-on-bachelorette/>

**DR. SATYA VERMA, AN INDIA AMERICAN PROFESSOR
INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL OPTOMETRY HALL OF FAME**

Dr. Satya Verma, is an Indian American professor at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. He is currently an associate professor and director, Externship Program, at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University.

The St. Louis, Missouri-based Optometry Cares-The AOA Foundation announced the five inductees to the Hall of Fame that includes Dr. Verma. The recipient of numerous accolades and awards, Dr. Verma was selected as a Delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging and for a Primary Care Health Policy Fellowship at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - one of only four optometrists ever selected for the honor.

[Source : Invision Mag , 5th July 2021

L:ink : <https://invisionmag.com/salus-university-president-professor-enshrined-in-national-optometry-hall-of-fame/>



AN INDIAN DOCTOR FROM HYDERABAD :THE FIRST ONE TO RECEIVE ASGBI HONOUR

Dr. Raghu Ram, a hyderabad based doctor who is the founder director of KIMS - Ushalakshmi Centre for Breast Diseases is the first Indian to be conferred with the honorary fellowship of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (ASGBI).

Honorary fellowship is the highest honour and recognition conferred by ASGBI to select surgeons from the world over who have made significant contributions to the realm of surgery and surgical care.

Dr. Ram dedicated this honor to the entire Indian surgical fraternity all over the world for promoting the art and science of surgery

[Source: Wio News, 21st July 2021

Link : <https://www.wionews.com/india-news/hyderabad-doctor-raghu-ram-is-first-indian-to-receive-asgbi-honour-399411> /



INDIAN DOCTOR , DR. B. K. MISRA TO CHAIR THE WORLD FEDERATION OF NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETIES (WFNS) FOUNDATION



Dr. B.K. Misra, Head of the Department of Neurosurgery & Gamma Knife Radiosurgery and Chief of Surgery, P D Hinduja Hospital & MRC, has been elected as the Chairman of World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS) Foundation. He is the first neurosurgeon ever from a country other than Europe or America to be bestowed with this position, regarded as the most prestigious one in neurosurgery across the world. Dr. Misra has a long list of “firsts” to his name. P. D. Hinduja Hospital & MRC is the first South Asian hospital to receive a Gamma Knife Radiosurgery Facility under his leadership. He was the first to execute Image-Guided Aneurysm Microsurgery globally and the first in South Asia to perform Gamma Knife Radiosurgery. In India, he was the first neurosurgeon to do Awake Craniotomy for brain tumors. He is a recipient of the Dr. B C Roy National Award as Eminent Person of the Year and also the only Indian to have received the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) International Lifetime Recognition Award in 2020. Dr. Misra is currently the Honorary President of Asian Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons (AASNS), and the President of the World Federation of Skull Base Surgery Societies.

[Source: Express Healthcare, 3rd December 2021

Link : <https://www.expresshealthcare.in/news/dr-b-k-misra-to-chair-the-world-federation-of-neurosurgical-societies-wfns-foundation/432399/> /

DR HARISH PILLAI APPOINTED AS CEO OF PHILIPPINES-BASED METRO PACIFIC HOSPITAL HOLDINGS

Dr Harish Pillai- An Indian doctor has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Metro Pacific Hospital Holdings (MPHHI), which manages the largest private hospital network in the Philippines with 19 hospitals and 3750 beds, two allied healthcare colleges, a growing primary care network, oncology centres and a central laboratory.

Dr Harish has helped in strategising and managing large-scale healthcare organisations that have helped deliver consistent results in clinical, service and business excellence in countries like India, Egypt and the UAE. He was previously the CEO of Aster India a unit of Aster DM Healthcare and was responsible for the network of 14 hospitals across five states, stand-alone laboratory chains, retail pharmacy and home care.

[Source: Biospectrum India, 1st December 2021

Link:

<https://www.biospectrumindia.com/news/66/20094/philippines-based-metro-pacific-hospital-holdings-appoints-dr-harish-pillai-as-ceo.html>



INDIAN AMERICAN, DR. RAJ BHAYANI AWARDED WITH 'EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD 2021 BY GWAPI

Dr Raj Bhayani, an accomplished neurosurgeon, social activist, entrepreneur, leader, and the first ENT surgeon in India, who completed training in Neurosurgery and had a Fellowship in Facial Plastic & Micro vascular Surgery in India, currently practicing in New York, has come a long way since he began his professional practice in New York decades ago.

He was honored with Excellence in community service award 2021' during the diwali MASK-ERADE celebrations organised by Greater Washington Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GWAPI).

Dr. Bhayani who has partnered with 15 charitable foundations in USA and India is credited with sending nearly oxygen concentrators to India during the COVID pandemic. He was recognized at GWAPI for his instrumental help in procuring 400 concentrators for the Washington DC Chapter, helping them reach some of the remote regions in India.

[Source : Universal News Network, 1st December 2021

Link : <https://theunn.com/category/profile/>



AN INDIAN DOCTOR WHO HELPED RECOVER PAKISTANI CRICKETER FOR THE SEMI FINALS



Dr. Saheer Sainalabdeen is an Indian origin pulmonologist at Dubai's Medeor Hospital. Two days before the t@- World Cup SemiFinal against Australia, the Pakistani wicketkeeper opener Mohammad Rizwan suffered from sever chest pain and was in the ICU unit of Medeor Hospital near Burjuman in Dubai. The attending pulmonologist, Dr Saheer Sainalabdeen helped in speedy recovery of the player on time for the game.

[Source: The Indian Express, 14th November 2021

Link : <https://indianexpress.com/article/sports/cricket/mohammad-rizwan-indian-doctor-t20-world-cup-semi-final-recovery-help-7621567/>



INDIAN ORIGIN DOCTOR, DR. VEMURI MURTHY RECEIVES GLOBAL CHAMPION OF RESUSCITATION AWARD.

Dr. Vemuri S. Murthy is a distinguished Chicago Physician. An alumnus of Guntur Medical College and All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi (M.S., General Surgery), he practiced Anesthesiology for more than three decades and served as Chairman of Anesthesiology Department at West Suburban Medical Center in Greater Chicago. He is currently an Adjunct Faculty, Emergency Medicine, University of Illinois College Medicine, Chicago, Illinois. Hailed as a "Pioneer of Resuscitation Medicine in India", Dr. Murthy is a Resuscitation Educator and Researcher, Advisor to Resuscitation Training Centers, Champion of Community CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), and Leader of US Organized Medicine. His Mission is "Saving Lives" in Sudden Cardiac Arrests. He had been President of the Chicago Medical Society (2018) and Indian American Medical Association, Illinois (1998). Dr. Vemuri Murthy's contributions in Global Health, Resuscitation Medicine and Community Service were recognized by a Medal of US Congress as a "Global Champion of Resuscitation" from US Congressmen, "Lifetime Achievement Award" and "Distinguished Physician Award" from the Indian American Medical Association, Illinois; "Henrietta Herbolzheimer Public Service Award" and "Leadership Award" from the Chicago Medical Society, "Pioneer of Resuscitation Medicine in India", "Recognition for outstanding contributions to Resuscitation Medicine in the USA and India" and "Most Distinguished Service" Awards from the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, "Global Champion of Health Award" from the Global Health Consortium, USA, and "Paul Harris International Service Award" of the Rotary Club, "Global Humanitarian Award" of The Institute of Medicine of Chicago "for providing voluntary, longstanding, and International Humanitarian Health Services".

Source : NRI news 24x7, 7th September 2021

Link : <https://nrinews24x7.com/dr-vemuri-s-murthy-a-global-champion-of-resuscitation-medicine/>

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