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# AAPI-QLI

WELCOMES YOU TO ITS

## 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GALA DINNER AND AWARDS CEREMONY

HONORING

SHARWAN BAGLA, MD

NEIL MANDAVA, MD

DILIP PATEL, MD

BHUVANESH SINGH, MD

WISHING YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
& A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> 2019

HUNTINGTON HILTON, LONG ISLAND  
5:30 PM ONWARDS



Congratulations!!!!

Convention Chairman  
Tarun Wasil, MD

all the Honorees

and Members of AAPIQLI



Best Wishes From:

**Dr. Himanshu Pandya**  
**Dr. Dipali Pandya**  
**Aadi Pandya**





## President's Message

It is my Great Pleasure and Honor to invite you all at our 24th Annual Convention.

AAPIQLI was started in June 1995 to represent the interests of all physicians of Indian origin in Queens and Long Island area and now has grown to become the largest ethnic physician organization of approximately 850 members in National AAPI. I am grateful to my predecessors of AAPIQLI, who worked tirelessly to bring a 20-member group to a strong 850- member organization.



This year has been a very exhilarating, successful, and an adventurous ride as we have accomplished a great deal. Some of our accomplishments are outlined below:

**Monthly Meetings**-During this year, we were able to have eighteen educational seminars, including twenty CME Lectures for our Members in different fields of Medicine.

**Charitable Programs**-AAPIQLI have been actively involved in several charitable organizations. Last year we donated to several organizations from the proceeds of the convention spearheaded by Past President Dr. Jagdish Gupta to organizations like - Sankara Netralaya, Hindu center temple, Radha Gobind Dham, Cancer organization, Om foundation inc., Domestic Harmony Foundation, Operation Smile for Cleft Palate Surgery and Nivriti Trust. AAPIQLI also sponsored Hofstra Medical School summer scholarship for two medical students of Indian origin only, each year for the next four years. Therefore, I am happy to report that part of the proceeds from this year's Annual Convention will also be donated to several charitable organizations. AAPIQLI worked with MOCAAPI president Dr. Vinod Sancheti in May 2019, for Jai Ho Sukhwinder Singh live in concert in New Jersey to support National AAPI's mission – Women empowerment, Lymphoma & Leukemia research and cardiovascular diseases in South East Asians and made

a considerable profit for the cause.

**Community Outreach Programs**-AAPIQLI have been very actively involved in Community Outreach Programs and a health fair organized by Dr. Holalkere.

**Scholarly and Research Activities**-This year, AAPIQLI took the initiative to develop, enlighten, and encourage our younger generation by promoting their scholarly and research activity. I am proud to say that we had 45 abstracts that were submitted as part of the competition, and we had six winners. Thanks to Dr. Arunabh Talwar, Dr. Parag Mehta, and Dr. Ajay Lodha for being the coordinators of this event. We also had a full day of educational activity where our members got the benefit of 3.5 CME hours and received educational material by renowned speakers. Dr. Vinod Jayam single-handedly conducted the enlightening and successful annual CME session. Special thanks to Dr. Krishan Kumar, CME Chair, for organizing state of the art CME during the AAPIQLI Galapagos Islands tour. AAPIQLI members very well attend monthly CME on Sunday morning and credit goes to Dr. Davendra Shrivastava and Dr. Rajesh Kakani.

**Membership Drive**-We had a successful membership drive this year with a record number of new members. Enrolling new members is critical to the survival of our organization. We want all the physicians practicing in Queens and Long Island to become members. Thanks to Vice President and membership chair, Dr. Abhay Malhotra.

**Amendment of By-Laws**-For, the betterment of the organization, changes were made to the By-Laws with tireless efforts of Chair and President-elect Dr. Raj Bhayani.

**Women's Affairs Committee** - We had a mental health seminar, Yoga under the stars and breast cancer walk arranged by women's affairs committee under the leadership of Dr. Bhavani Srinivasan.

**Political Activities**-AAPIQLI is well recognized and well represented at the Local, State, and National levels. We are working with our legislative branch, MSSNY, and ACP to have our presence and our voice heard at the Legislative level.

**IT committee**- IT committee under the leadership of Dr. Inderpal Chhabra worked very hard to make our site user-friendly.

We are here tonight to highlight the achievements and outstanding contributions of an impressive and inspirational set of honorees and guests of honor. Our esteemed honorees – Dr. Sharwan Bagla, Dr. Neil Mandava, Dr. Dilip Patel, and Dr. Bhuvanesh Singh – have distinguished themselves in the fields of medical innovation, community service, and remarkable clinical practice. Our Guests of honor, -Thomas P. DiNapoli, NYS comptroller, and Steve Bellone, County Executive of Suffolk County- have distinguished themselves through their exemplary leadership in the community.

I cannot forget to say thanks to my treasurer Dr. Rajender Jinna for keeping all the accounts very transparent and also serving as a chairman of Diwali celebration the last month. I am also thankful to Dr. Rakesh Dua, Dr. Vajinath Chakote and Dr. Sunil Mehra for their guidance this year.

I am grateful to AAPI leadership Dr. Suresh Reddy, President, Dr. Seema Arora, Chair BOT, Dr. Ravi Kolli, Secretary and all Executive members to grace the AAPI-QLI convention.

Finally, I am deeply indebted to Dr. Madhu Korrapati, Chairman of BOT, for his advice and guidance throughout my presidency. I can never repay the help given to me by him. My best wishes to our next AAPIQLI President, Dr. Raj Bhayani, who is organized, energetic, and has exceptional leadership qualities.

I want to thank all our sponsors, contributors, advertisers, and especially all of you who are present here tonight for supporting our incredible organization.

I am very grateful to my wife Dipali, and my son Aadi for their unconditional love and support throughout this busy year.

I wish all of you a happy thanksgiving.

Sincerely,  
**Himanshu Pandya, MD CMD FACP**  
President- AAPIQLI.



*Congratulations to the Esteemed Honorees*

**Dr. Sharwan Bagla**

**Dr. Neil Mandava**

**Dr. Dilip Patel**

**Dr. Bhuvanesh Singh**

*for their outstanding achievement*

**&**

**Dr. Himanshu Pandya**

*President, AAPI-QLI*

*& the Convention Committee  
for your incredible dedication & hardwork!*



**Dr. Tarun, Seema,  
Akash and Neha Wasil**







## Convention Chairman's Message



Welcome everyone to our 24th annual gala. Thanks to Drs. Himanshu Pandya and Madhu Korrapati for giving the opportunity to chair this year's program. For any shortcomings, they ought to be blamed. The leadership and the whole team of American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin – Queens Long Island chapter (AAPI-QLI) works closely together in order to bring this successful event every year. I would like to thank this year's team. Such a program is not possible without the financial support from sponsors. I would like to thank Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) and St. Francis Medical Center for their educational support for our annual CME event and all the vendors who displayed their booths and placed advertisements in the journal or supported otherwise. Thanks to all the members of AAPI-QLI who brought these vendors – Drs. Madhu Korrapati, Abhay Malhotra, Vinod Jayam, Raj Bhayani, Ajay Lodha, Vijinath Chakote, Rakesh Dua, Inderpal Chhabra, Jagdish Gupta, and of course, our president, Dr. Himanshu Pandya.

Our honorees make our gala special. Thanks to them for accepting this year's invitation and honoring us with their presence. At this function, we have Dr. Sharwan Bagla (has served AAPI-QLI for 2 decades), Dr. N. Mandava (a surgeon of international acclaim), Dr Dilip Patel (Has trained ~ 50 hematologists and Oncologists over the years, helped the Indian community for more than 40 years and Dr. Bhuvnesh Singh (has been a pioneer researcher and Oncological Surgeon who has devised his own surgical techniques and discovered some molecules of therapeutic relevance in order to treat cancer patients). During Diwali celebrations, our team acknowledged three young Physicians – Drs. Kalpesh Amin, Sumit Mittle and Vijay Rasquina. Congratulations to all of them for their contributions to the field of medicine and helping the patients as well as families of these patients.

The year went by very fast and there were a number of events to remember such as monthly CMEs (organized by Drs. Rajesh Kakani and Dr. Davendra Shrivastava) lectures on topics which have relevance in day to day practice for physicians, CME organized by Dr Krishan Kumar during the Galapagos Island tour, Women's affairs seminars, including a Breast cancer walk organized by Dr. Bhavani Srinivasan, Diwali celebration chaired by Dr. Rajinder Jinna and annual CME/Research day (thanks to Drs. Vinod Jayam, Arunabh Talwar, Parag Mehta and Ajay Lodha), amongst others. Along with these educational programs, AAPI-QLI conducted monthly executive committee meetings and valuable input from the experienced team of Board of Trustees and Advisors helped us in preparing for today's event. Special thanks to Dr. Sunil Mehra for his unconditional guidance at several junctures during the year.

Also, I would like to thank Mr. Shyam Gajwani and Tony from Vahoo photo for helping at critical time points and provide the necessary materials at the right time.

Enjoy the party!!!!!!

**Tarun Wasil, MD**

Chair, AAPI-QLI Convention 2019



# JAGDISH K. GUPTA

MD, FACP, FAGG

## CANDIDATE FOR AAPI, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2020

- Currently, Regional Director, AAPI Mid Atlantic Region
- Currently, Board of Trustees of AAPI-QLI
- Currently, Director of AAPI Charitable Foundation
- Treasurer, AAPI- Annual Convention, 2017 (Atlantic City) with handsome profits to AAPI's Financial Status.
- Past President of AAPI-QLI 2018
- Past President and Chairman of BOT of AIIMS Alumni
- Chairman, CME GHS, 2016 Udaipur, India

### AWARDS:

- Award of Excellence on Doctors Recognition Day March, 2019 by the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn, (200 years old Academy)
- AAPI's President Award 2017
- "Top Doctors of New York" Castle Connolly Survey, consecutively for 15 years, 2002 - 2017
- "SUPER DOC" honor by New York Times 2008 - 2012

### SERVICES TO AAPI:

- Member of the Strategic Financial Committee, 2019-2020
- Chairman, AAPI Alumni Committee 2018-2019
- Member, Membership Committee 2018-2020
- Member, Nomination Committee 2016-2018
- CME Co- Chair, AAPI Annual Convention 2017 (Atlantic City)
- Attended Conventions 2011 and 2014 to 2018
- Governing Body Experience over 5 years from 2014 to 2018
- Graduate of AIIMS, Class of 1966,

### ORGANIZED MEDICINE:

- Delegates to MSSNY House of Delegates' Convention 2017-2019
- Secretary of Medical Society of County of Kings (MSCK)
- Member, Nomination Committee and "Comitia Minora" of MSCK 2016-2019
- Member of MSSNY and MSSNY PAC Committee and Member of Kings County Medical Society and Academy of Medicine

### COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EXPERIENCE:

- Board of Trustees: Nargis Dutt Memorial Cancer Foundation, New York: Since 2004 till present, President: 2002 and 2003. Chairman, Grants Review & Projects Review Committee, 2005 till present
- The Association of Indians in America, New York, Vice President 2017, 2018, 2019 Deepavali Gala Chair, 2017, Chairman, Fund Raising, 2016
- India Association of Long Island, President 2010, Chairman, India Fest 2017
- Board of Trustees of Hindu Center of New York, since 2005
- Board of Trustees of Continuum Health Care Partners 2002-2003
- Board of Regents of Long Island College, SUNY, Downstate 2002-2003

**I, SINCERELY AND HUMBLLY REQUEST YOUR VALUABLE VOTE AND SUPPORT.**





## Immediate Past President's Message

Dear Esteemed Colleagues of AAPI-QLI and respected friends:

Heartiest Congratulations to Dr. Himanshu Pandya, President AAPI-QLI, Dr. Madhu Korrapati, Chairman, BOT and Dr. Tarun Wasil, Chairman of the Convention and their Entire Team for hosting this fabulous 24th. Annual Gala Celebrations.



It has been really an exciting year for AAPI-QLI and its members, as Dr. Pandya's Executive Team, hit the ground running after the inauguration. The event was celebrated with AAPI-QLI philanthropic donations to various organizations including "Operational Smile" repairing cleft palate defects in India, Sankara Nethralaya & Eye Foundation, restoring eye sights in India, establishing Scholarships at Donald & Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell to encourage Medical Research or assist an Indian Medical Student

with his/her tuition for five years along with contributions to various Cultural and religious Indian Organizations. These donations were only made possible with the support from all the Past Presidents, Board of Trustees, Executive Committee Members and above all, from all of you with your support and participation.

We are here tonight to highlight the achievements and outstanding contributions of an impressive and inspirational set of Honorees, Dr. Sharwan Bagla, Dr. Neil Mandava, Dr. Dilip Patel and Dr. Bhuvnesh Singh. I congratulate them for their exemplary leadership and achievements.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of you for your unwavering support and providing me, the opportunity to serve and represent you as your "Regional Director in AAPI" and express your interests and point of view to the Executive Committee, Strategic Financial Committee, Membership Committee and Governing Body of AAPI and its leadership. AAPI-QLI is recognized as one of the largest, most vibrant and energized chapter in National AAPI because of hard work and dedication of its past presidents and all its members.

My best wishes for our incoming AAPI-QLI President, Dr. Raj Bhayani, he is organized, energized, innovative, resourceful and possesses exceptional leadership qualities. We are looking forward to celebrating "AAPI-QLI Silver Anniversary" under his guidance.

Above all, I would like to thank my wife, Meena for her unconditional support through the years and our children Drs. Anu Gupta, Arnab Ghatak, Srishti Gupta, Vas Narasimhan and Vishal Gupta for their encouragement and our four grandchildren, Sia, Kabir, Sai and Som for their love for us.

Finally, with utmost humbleness and gratitude, I request your continued SUPPORT in future. May God Almighty, bless our Families and AAPI-QLI.

Sincerely,

**Jagdish K. Gupta, MD**

Immediate Past President, AAPI-QLI, Regional Director, AAPI

Hearty congratulations to

**Drs. Madhu Korrapati, Himanshu Pandya and  
Tarun Wasil and to the entire EC of AAPI-QLI**  
for a successful annual gala

&

special appreciation to the honorees of  
24th AAPI-QLI Annual Gala

**Dr. Neil Mandava**

**Dr. Sharwan Bagla**

**Dr. Bhuvanesh Singh**

**Dr. Dilip Patel**

Best wishes from

**Queens Nassau Nephrology Services PLLC**

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## Chairman, Board of Trustee's Message

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all for this wonderful 24th annual gala of AAPIQLI at the Huntington Hilton. I would like to congratulate our honorees Drs. Bagla, Mandava, Patel and Singh for their accomplishments.



AAPIQLI came a long way since its inception and today AAPIQLI is the largest and the most vibrant chapter of the national AAPI. This year the organization has been very transparent under the leadership of Dr. Himanshu Pandya who worked tirelessly in consensus with the entire EC and BOT.

We had a wonderful Diwali function under the leadership of Drs. Pandya and Jinna. The annual young student/physician research program under the leadership of Dr. Arunab Talwar, was very successful and has received accolades from one and all. The most recent CME program held at the De Matteis Center was one of a kind under the able direction of our master organizer Dr. Vinni Jayam.

This fabulous event would not have been possible without the help and cooperation of the members of the AAPIQLI. It is my honor to have you all join us to make this event memorable.

I am confident that the AAPIQLI will continue to thrive and succeed under the able leadership of our incoming president Dr. Raj Bhayani. All the best to the incoming EC and BOT.

Finally, I would like to thank my beautiful wife Sireesha and our children for their support and encouragement throughout the year. Hope you will enjoy our hospitality and the dinner dance. Wishing everyone happiness, health and prosperity in the new year 2020.

**Madhu Korrapati, MD**

Chairman Board of Trustees AAPIQLI.



*Congratulations!!!*

**Dr. Sharwan Bagla**

*for a well deserved honor*



**You inspire us and we are proud  
of all your achievements.**

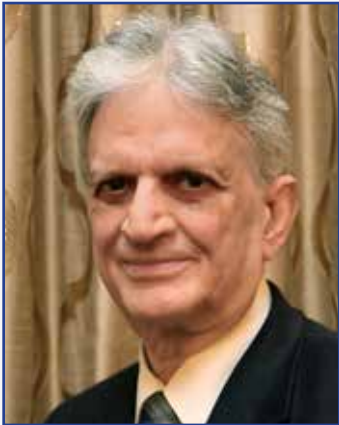
**Bagla Family**





Honoree

## Sharwan Bagla, MD



65 years ago, I left the town for college education. And what I learnt from my parents is education and imagination. I was raised in joint family with multiple siblings. There was palpable class and gender discrimination in the town.

My father's imaginary thoughts started when he established the first library in the town as resource for learning. Then opened girl's college after raising his voice against gender discrimination when he was chairperson of Sirsa Education Society. Currently it provides graduate and post graduate facilities along with dorms for the girl's students from the nearby villages

He used to tell me imagine what goes through in the mind of people who don't have facilities, cannot afford education and to deal with class discrimination. As chairman of Sirsa Development and housing society he managed to get approval to build J. J Colony which was allotted to under privileged people who did not have place to live.

His Philanthropic belief made him to donate his entire share of more than three hundred acres land. The land was distributed by Shri Vinoba Bhawe and Shri Jaya Prakash Narayan.

My brother got his eye traumatized with opening of Coca-Cola bottle and he has to travel multiple times to Delhi for treatment for corneal injury and loss of sight. Imagine how people will get the treatment without the availability of medical facility. Charitable Eye care hospital was opened for the care of everybody. After the death of my mother she donated her cornea in the same hospital to the boy who lost his eye sight as complication of small pox. Imagine what he will be imagining today.

After his death, people of town are remembering and paying homage to the statue in his honor which he would not have imagined and approved. Charitable outpatient clinic is functioning as well at the site of his statue.

After I retired from my practice I enjoy interacting with senior citizens at nursing homes, senior citizen enter to assist with their HMO health issues, drug plans affordability, and interacting with their physicians as Patient advocate.

I was told to imagine and now the grand children are teaching to innovate as well. ,

We are proud and thankful to this country for the best opportunity offered.

It is an incredible honor to accept the award from AAPIQLI family and sincerely thank each one of you. It means more to me than you will ever know. We are indebted and thankful for the prayers and wishes which were successful in speedy recovery from the serious medical condition in family.

Thank you AAPIQLI

“Congratulations to our Tata!!

**Dr. Neil Mandava**



We love you!

Your grand daughters,

**Sonya and Aliya Mandava**





Honoree

## Neil Mandava, MD

Dr. Nageswara (Neil) Mandava was born in India and is a medical graduate of Rangaraya Medical College, Andhra Pradesh, India. He completed General Surgery Residency at Catholic Medical Centers of Brooklyn & Queens in 1986. He then went on to pursue a Surgical Oncology Fellowship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY from 1986-1989. There he received the American Cancer Society Research award for the two years, 1988 and 1989. He has numerous publications in peer review Journals and has academic rank of Professor of Surgery. He has academic appointments with New York Medical College, NYIT, St. George's University and American University of Caribbean

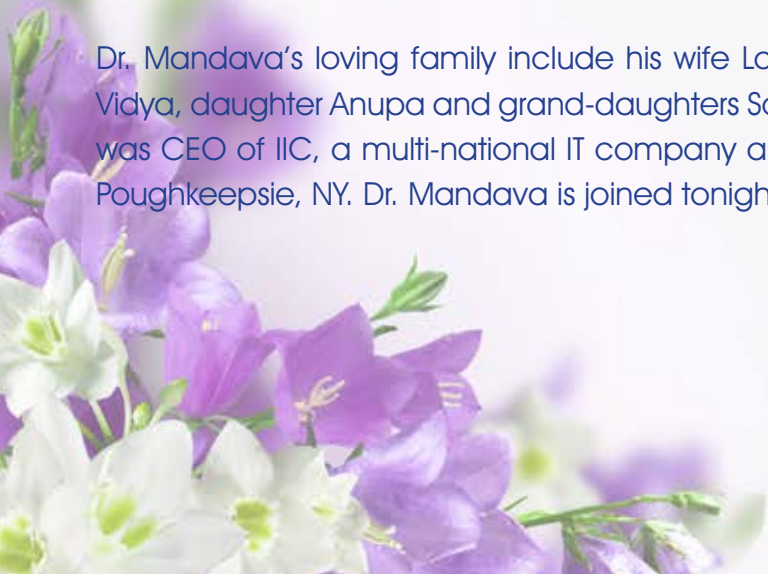


Currently Dr. Mandava is Chairman of Surgery, General Surgery Residency Program Director and Director of Medical Education at Flushing Hospital Medical Center. In the past he served similar roles in Catholic Medical Center and has been a Chairman and Program Director since 1997. He is a member in several surgical societies including American Board of Surgery and American

College of surgeons. Dr. Mandava received the "Courage to teach" award in 2001 by ACGME, St. Luke's Medal of honor in 2003, given by Catholic Medical Center to a physician that embodies the spirit of guardian Saint of physicians, St. Luke, Nargis Dutt "Distinguished Humanitarian" award in 2005. He has been recognized with various awards by the Medical Boards and Medical Staff of the hospital that he has worked in over the years.

Dr. Mandava has been involved in several local and national community organizations including TLCA, NATS and TANA. He has been a philanthropic supporter to several non-profit organizations including Indo-American Cancer Hospital, Heal Foundation, Hyderabad and Sankara Eye foundation, which has a number of Eye hospitals in India. Dr. Mandava has taken a leadership role over the years, in the success of these world class health Care facilities that provide quality care for the poor and indigent.

Dr. Mandava's loving family include his wife Lakshmi, son Ashok, daughter-in-law Ujala, daughter Sri Vidya, daughter Anupa and grand-daughters Sonya and Aliya. His father, late Mr. Babu Rao Mandava, was CEO of IIC, a multi-national IT company and a prominent member of the Indian Community in Poughkeepsie, NY. Dr. Mandava is joined tonight by his loving mother Smt. Vidyadhari Mandava.



With great pride, we congratulate

**Dilip Patel, MD**

Director, Malignant Hematology  
The Cancer Institute at St. Francis Hospital

On tonight's honor.  
With special thanks to

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## Honoree Dilip Patel, MD

Dr. Dilip Patel was born in Nairobi, Kenya in 1954. He received his primary and part of his high school education in Kampala, Uganda. Due to the unrest and social injustices towards the Asians in Uganda, he was sent to India at the age of 16 while his parents eventually migrated to England. He graduated from St. Xavier's High School in Ahmedabad in 1971. He ranked amongst the top 10 in the Senior Secondary School Examination Board in The State of Gujarat and received National Merit Scholarship. Entered Medical School, attaining 4th rank amongst 1,500 applicants for Medical Entrance Examination 1973.



He graduated from Medical College Baroda achieving third rank in his graduating class and was a registrar in Internal Medicine at SSG Hospital in Baroda, prior to moving to USA. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at Lincoln Hospital in Bronx, New York. He completed his Fellowship training in Hematology Oncology at University of Connecticut in Farmington.

In 1988, he joined as an attending physician at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New Hyde Park, New York under the leadership of Dr. Kanti Rai. During his 25 years of career at the institution he had many different responsibilities. He was the Fellowship Program Director in the division of Hematology Oncology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and has mentored more than 50 fellows in 18 years. He was the Chief of Hematology in the Department of Pathology which included overseeing the operation of Clinical Hematology Laboratory. He was the Medical Director for Long Island Jewish Medical Center Homecare for 22 years. Dr. Patel was Associate Prof. of Medicine at Albert Einstein Medical School and Hofstra Medical School in 2013 prior to his departure to St. Francis Hospital.

Currently, Dr. Patel is Vice Chair of Hematology and Malignant Hematology Services at St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn, New York. He is a member of several academic societies including the American Society of Hematology (ASH) and American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). He has authored several abstracts, papers and book chapters which have been presented at major conferences nationally and internationally. His primary interest is Hematological Malignancies, Benign Hematology and in particular coagulation disorders and to this end has remained an active investigator for institutional and multi-center clinical trials for over 30 years. Currently he heads Clinical Research in Division of Hematology Oncology at St. Francis Hospital under the auspices of Catholic Health Systems of Long Island.

He credits his current achievement to his patients, who have taught him tremendously and inspired him to be a better human being. He is indebted to Dr. Kanti Rai for his mentorship and constant guidance. He is greatly thankful to Dr. Bhoomi Mehrotra who continues to work tirelessly and has in a very short time put together a highly reputable Oncology Program with the unrelenting support of the Catholic Health Systems of Long Island (CHSLI) administration. He would like to strongly acknowledge and thank the administration at CHSLI for their support. He is blessed to have wonderful colleagues at St. Francis Hospital, who have always supported him. He thanks and acknowledges the constant inspiration and support of his wife Dr. Urveshi Patel who has been his companion for 40 years. He is blessed with son Dr. Abhishek Patel, daughter-in-law, Dr. Anglina Katania and the latest addition to the family grandson Ayaan, who are his pride and joy.

Dr. Patel is humbled and privileged to be in the company of his fellow honorees and wishes them and the organization 'AAPI-QLI' continued success in their pursuit of excellence and community service.

*Congratulations*  
**Dr. Bhuvanesh**

*You have always kept  
“Your eyes on the Stars and your Feet on the Ground”!!*



*Your willingness to go out of your way to help others,  
even outside of the hospital, is extraordinary.  
We are so proud of your contributions to science  
and the difference you have made in so many lives.*

With much love  
Manish, Devan, Neel and Mitu





Honoree

## Bhuvanesh Singh, MD

Bhuvanesh Singh MD, PhD has been on the faculty at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center for over 20 years. He is a clinician and scientist that continually strives not only to perfect his clinical abilities but also to advance clinical and basic science research efforts for head and neck cancers. He has developed innovative approaches to surgery, instituted measures that improve psychosocial outcomes, and developed novel anticancer agents that are currently being optimized for use in clinical trials.



Dr. Singh has performed over 6000 major surgical procedures in his career. The insight gained from this experience allowed him to develop and optimize a novel fascial plane-based approach to performing head and neck surgery. This approach was developed in the cadaver laboratory and has become the cornerstone of how he performs a wide range of surgical procedures. The fundamental principles of the fascial plane-based surgical approach allows maintenance of optimal oncological outcomes while dramatically reducing recovery time and improving functional and cosmetic outcomes. What is especially important is that the technique is highly reproducible. This makes it easier for others to duplicate the observed results once they assimilate the basic surgical skills. Thus, training residents and fellows becomes easier as well as more efficient.

Dr Singh is a NIH funded researcher that is focused on developing a new compound of a novel oncogene that he discovered during his PhD training. Work from his laboratory formed the basis of the drug-discovery project, having defined the biochemical, cellular, and oncological basis of the gene he discovered. This first-in-class lead compound is highly effective in the treatment of a broad range of cancers in mice. Dr. Singh's team is now working toward optimizing this compound, before taking the steps necessary to initiate clinical trials. He is hopeful that, in the next two years, he will complete the work required to initiate clinical trials. This has been a first of its kind bench-to-bedside process in that he identified the genetic abnormality in cancer cells, cloned the gene driving selection for the genetic abnormality, identified its biological and cancer-related functions, and developed agents that target its activity.

Dr. Singh has also been involved in the training of medical students, residents, and fellows. His trainees have gone on to lead surgical and research programs in the topmost institutions around the world. Dr. Singh's success reflects a novel educational approach he developed that combining the strengths of traditional and modern surgical education models. This combined model for surgical education, or CoMSE, applies structure to the opportunistic learning model by optimizing educational interactions, monitoring experiences, and providing critical and timely feedback to educators and trainees.

Dr. Singh has published over 200 peer reviewed research articles, 30 book chapters, and is the co-editor of the major textbook in head and neck surgery. He serves as the co-Director of the Advanced Skin Cancer Management and prevention Program and runs a research program that is at the verge of major discovery. He is a recognized leader in his field and a sought after speaker worldwide. Even with these achievements, he values nothing more than the opportunity to affect a person's life during what is often their darkest hour.

It is truly humbling for me to be selected as a honoree by the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin of Queens and Long Island. I am honored to be included amongst a list of current and past honorees that represent true leaders in modern medicine not only in the Indian community but also worldwide. It is even more meaningful to be selected by the leadership and members of this society, people who I consider role models and heroes in our community. The innumerable sacrifices and contribution by the AAPI-QLI membership are the building blocks for my career and a major basis for my achievements. In accepting this award, I thank the members of AAPI-QLI for making it possible.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of my family and friends. Their support and motivation drive all of the work I do. If I have achieved, it is because of the sacrifices of my family. To this end, I would like to recognize my wife, an exceptional wife, mother and pediatrician, my parents and in laws, especially my mother whose unconditional love drives my aspirations, my brother an exceptional ophthalmologist and lifelong friend, and my three sons- Manish, Devan and Neel- who mean more to me than anything in the world.



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November 8, 2019

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 24<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin of Queens & Long Island (AAPIQLI).

AAPIQLI has an integral role within the New York State Healthcare System and its research programs. Many of your members are leaders in their fields, working with and teaching the healthcare professionals of tomorrow. It is because of your strong membership, AAPIQLI has become a well-respected and forceful organization.

This conference highlights the importance of camaraderie and collaborative work. The impact AAPIQLI has made within the NYS Healthcare system is immeasurable.

On behalf of the 1.5 million residents of Suffolk County, I want to thank this prestigious organization and its membership for its commitment to service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Bellone". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Steven Bellone  
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Dr. Himanshu Pandya, President  
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Dear Friends:

Greetings to all those gathered this evening for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Gala hosted by the Queens and Long Island chapter of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin. Since 1995, AAPI-QLI has worked to support the advancement of doctors with Indian ancestry, to uphold the highest standards of excellence in the medical profession, and to strengthen the community through civic and charitable activities.

Special congratulations are due to **AAPI Queens-Long Island's 2019 honorees**. Their outstanding leadership, service and accomplishments are truly worthy of your recognition.

Comprising some 850 patron members along with hundreds of medical students, residents and fellows, the Queens-Long Island chapter is one of the largest and most active within the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, and has a rich history of advancing the mission of the national organization. The chapter's Continuing Medical Education events and monthly meetings help members stay apprised of the latest developments and issues in a wide variety of medical fields, contributing to improvements in patient care, research, teaching and healthcare administration. In addition, AAPI-QLI supports worthy charities, sponsors scholarships for deserving students and offers free Health Camps and Health Fairs in conjunction with community groups. The dedicated officers, board and members of AAPI Queens Long Island are honoring cherished traditions and making New York a happier, healthier place to live.

Best wishes for a joyful celebration and continued success.

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Dear Friends:

Congratulations to the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin of Queens and Long Island (AAPI-QLI) on another year of service in support of physicians, residents, and fellows of Indian descent who practice in New York. We appreciate your organization's work as a cultural bridge between medical professionals in India and those practicing in the region, with the shared goal of improving public health for all.

New York State's roughly 70,000 physicians are dedicated healers, and the New York State Department of Health is proud of the excellence and compassion of our physician workforce. I thank members of AAPI-QLI for their daily contributions to this community of care and wish you the best of luck with what I am sure will be a well-attended convention.

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November 15, 2019

My Dear Esteemed Members of AAPI QLI:

It's with immense pleasure that we bring greetings to you from the leadership of American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin. AAPI over the years has matured into one of the most powerful and largest ethnic Organizations in the US, the credit for which goes to the past leaders and the membership.

We are excited to state today that AAPI is very proud of AAPIQLI for its achievements and the many contributions to the national AAPI. It's amazing to note that AAPIQLI has been in the forefront in enabling its leaders to become leaders at the national level as well.

AAPIQLI representing more than 6,000 physicians practicing in New York and surrounding area, has contributed many leaders of AAPI the national level such as our veteran leaders, Dr. Satish Anand, Dr. Shashi Shah, Dr. Ajay Lodha, Dr. Krishan Kumar, Dr. Jagdish Gupta, Dr. Bhavani Srinivasan, Dr. Himanshu Pandya, Dr. Raj Bhayani and many others have served and are currently serving national AAPI in various leadership positions.

Many of the physicians who represent AAPIQLI have excelled in different specialties and subspecialties and occupy high positions as faculty members of medical schools, heads of departments, and executives of hospital staff. We all are immensely proud of all your accomplishments and contributions to US health care system.

We commend and laud the efforts and hard work of all the organizing committee members. Please enjoy the Anniversary Gala Banquet which AAPIQLI President Dr. Himanshu Pandya, BOT Chair Dr. Madhu Korrapati, Convention Chair Dr. Tarun Wasil, AAPIQLI Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and Convention Committee worked hard to put together. I congratulate Dr. Jagdish Gupta, AAPI Regional Director for his hard work and being a liaison between both AAPIQLI and National AAPI.

Wishing you all the very best and a very successful convention in New York.

Sincerely,

Suresh Reddy, MD  
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President, AAPIQLI 1999

Dr Arvind Shah was a past president of AAPIQLI. He was also the president of Gujrati Samaj and chairman of Vaishnav Temple of New York and the community center since 1987.

He passed away on September 15th, 2019.

He was a dedicated physician who devoted his life to his profession. He Graduated from M.S. University in Vadodara and continued his education in internal medicine, hematology, and oncology from the University of Columbia.

The memories Dr. Shah has left us with is that of someone who smiled through all the ups and downs of life. He had a gentle yet resolute spirit. He was committed to the wellbeing of not only his patients but everyone he came in touch with during the course of his life.

Along with his profession, he was fully immersed in helping others by providing life-changing advice to numerous colleagues, friends, and family members. There are very few people who have crossed paths with Dr. Shah, who has not been touched by his respectful involvement and dedication in the practical affairs of life. Simple or complicated, medical or professional, without any fear of being judged or criticized, he was always firm in his convictions to the very end of his life.

He was admired for his honesty, determination, and loyalty. He was trustworthy, respectful, reliable, and committed towards all of his responsibilities.

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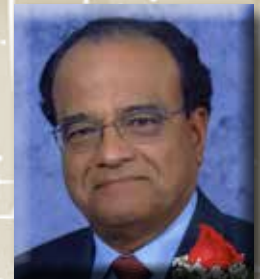
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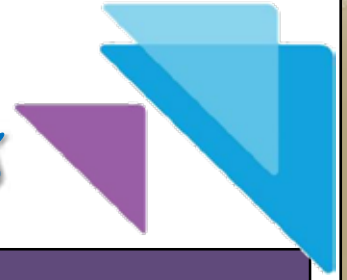
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2012	Sunil Mehra, MD	<p><b>Kanti R. Rai, MD</b> <i>Chief, CLL Research &amp; Treatment Program</i> North Shore / LIJ Health System</p> <p><b>Dattatreya N. Nori, MD</b> <i>Chairman, Radiation Oncology</i> New York Presbyterian Hospital</p>
2013	Tarun Wasil, MD	<p><b>Dr. Manjit S. Bains</b> <i>Thoracic Surgeon at MSKCC,</i> <i>Professor of Clinical Thoracic Surgery</i> Weill Cornell Medical College</p> <p><b>Dr. Pravin C. Singhal</b> <i>Professor of Medicine</i> Hofstra - North Shore LIJ <i>School of Medicine Investigator</i> The Feinstein Institute of Medical Research</p> <p><b>Dr. Rajiv Jauhar</b> <i>Chief of Cardiology &amp; Director of Cath.</i> Lab, LIJMC <i>Associate Professor of Medicine</i> Hofstra School of Medicine</p>





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2014	Ajay K. Lodha, MD	<p><b>Dr. Ganesh Bhat</b> <i>Co-Founder</i> Atlantic Dialysis <i>Director</i> Kidney Care Council, Wasington DC</p> <p><b>Dr. Uma Mysorekar</b> <i>Gynecologist &amp; Oncologist</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Ashok Shaha</b> <i>Attending Surgeon, Head &amp; Neck</i> Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center</p> <p><b>Dr. Samin Sharma</b> <i>President</i> Mount Sinai Heart Network</p>
2015	Madhu Korrapati, MD	<p><b>Dr. Bhoomi Mehrotra</b> <i>Dir. of Cancer Institute, Dir. of Medical Oncology,</i> St. Francis Hospital, The Heart Center Roslyn <i>Co-Chairman of Oncology Services,</i> Catholic Health Services of Long Island</p> <p><b>Dr. Surya Vishnubhakat Murthy</b> <i>Vice Chair, Dept. of Neurology</i> North Shore LIJ <i>Associate Professor</i> Hofstra Medical School <i>Dir. Clinical Neurophysiology, Sr. Attending Neurologist</i> North Shore University Hospital</p> <p><b>Dr. Ramanathan Raju</b> <i>President &amp; CEO</i> New York City HCC</p> <p><b>Dr. Jagan Pahuja</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics</i> Stony Brook Health Science Center</p>



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2017	Rakesh Dua, MD	<p><b>Dr. Mohinder P. Gupta, MD, FACC, FACP</b> <i>Staff Cardiologist, Long Island Jewish Medical Center Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, Albert Einstein Medical Center &amp; School of Medicine Attending Physician, Flushing Hospital Medical Center</i></p> <p><b>Professor Davendra Mehta</b> <i>Professor of Medicine Icahn School of Medicine, Mt. Sinai Dir. of Arrhythmia Section &amp; Al-Sabah Arrhythmia Institute at Mt. Sinai, St. Luke's Hospital</i></p> <p><b>Dr. P. Patrick Basu</b> <i>Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine Columbia University, NY Division Chief of Gastroenterology &amp; GI Endoscopy North Shore University Hospital, Forest Hills Dir. of Liver Disease &amp; Hepatology Fellowship Kings County Medical Center</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Usha Krishnan</b> <i>Associate Professor of Pediatrics &amp; Associate Medical Dir. of Pulmonary Hypertension Center Columbia University</i></p>





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# *Mental Health, Breast Cancer & Yoga*

## **Events conducted by AAPIQLI Womens' Affairs 2019**

### **1. Mental health Seminar.**

AAPIQLI has been conducting FREE Mental Health seminars in different locations for the last 4 years on different topics to benefit the Community and is well attended. This year we had experts talk on different types of Addictions. 1) Opioid Addictions 2) What makes for an Addictive personality? 3) Eating Disorders. This was followed by a lively Round Table discussion on the above topics as well as ADHD, Teenage Suicide, and Depression in the elderly.

### **2. Yoga under the Stars. FREE**

This is a very popular event, and is held in an outdoors Rose Garden in one of the Botanical Parks. A yoga instructor leads our Community attendees through an energizing yoga session.

3. Breast Cancer Awareness event. This has been carried out for the last 4 years, and is conducted differently from the usual Breast Cancer Walks. For one we have it in the afternoon. We have a stage and give survivors a chance to express themselves and to share with us their emotional/tough sojourn. There is education by an oncologist, and light entertainment. One of our community members is an Opera singer and her rendering of our National Anthem as well as "Ave Maria" is a treat.

This year we had a mammogram van and folks could have a free mammogram right then and there.







# Mental Health, Breast Cancer & Yoga





***Congratulations!!***

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***The Entire EC & All The Honorees***



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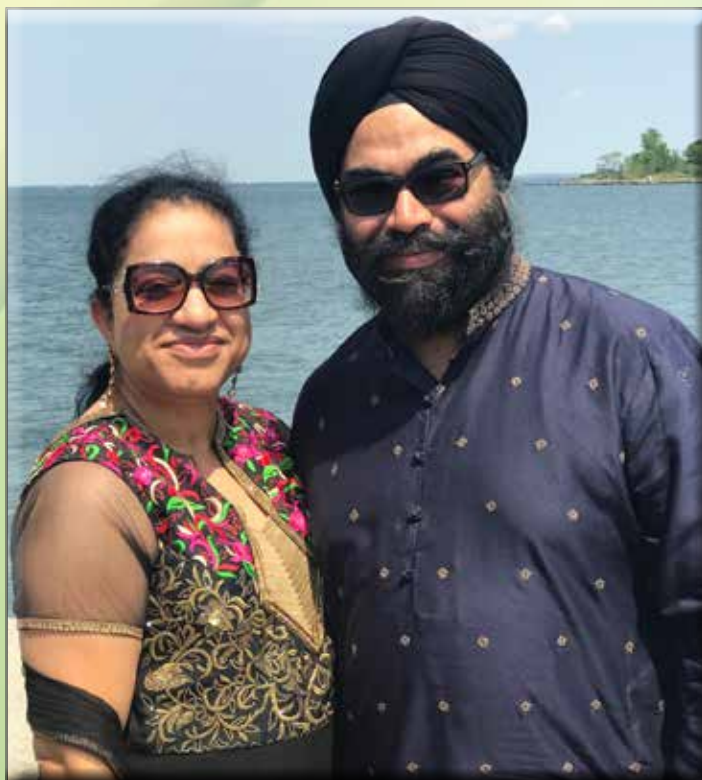
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### American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin of Queens and Long Island (AAPI-QLI) Scholarship



Maria Vincent – Class of 2022

Nickname: *Maria*

Undergraduate Institution and Major: *Cornell University, Chemical Engineering*

I'm From: *Plainsboro, NJ*

Medical Areas I'm Interested In: *I am still exploring, but most likely one of the Internal Medicine subspecialties.*

Career Goals: *To be a good doctor! I hope to develop strong relationships with my patients and colleagues, be a helpful mentor to younger doctors, and work on providing high quality care.*

Favorite Experience at the Zucker School of Medicine: *My Initial Clinical Experiences (ICE) with Family Medicine were my first practical exposure in medical school. I loved learning from my preceptor and honing the skills we learned in class.*

Extracurricular Activities: *I am one of the co-founders of the South Asian Medical Students Association (SAMoSA), and involved in the Diversity Night Planning Committee. I also never miss an Art Club event!*

Accomplishment I'm Proud of: *Over the summer, I worked on a chapter of a book on ocular surface diseases with my mentor that has recently been accepted for publication.*

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### American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin of Queens and Long Island (AAPI-QLI) Research Stipend



Srilakshmi Garikapati – Class of 2022

**Nickname:** *Srilu*

**Undergraduate Institution and Major:** *Hofstra University-Biology*

**I'm From:** *Queens, NY*

**Medical Areas I'm Interested In:** *I am still exploring the various fields of medicine.*

**How Did Your Summer Research Impact Your Medical Education:**

*I have always been very interested in research. Thus far, I was only involved in basic science research. This year, I had a chance to get experience conducting clinical research. I was able to learn how to look through patient charts, analyze data and use statistical tools to present the data in a concise fashion. It's been a very valuable experience for my medical education and I hope to continue staying involved and participating in research.*

**Favorite Experience at the Zucker School of Medicine:** *My favorite experience at the ZSOM so far has been our White Coat Ceremony. It was a very surreal experience to receive that sacred coat and the immense responsibilities implicated by it. It was also a very gratifying experience to be surrounded by friends and family and being reminded of the incredible support that's brought us to this point*

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**The Effect of A1F1 Post-translational Modifications (PTMS) on its Known Function**

**2nd Place**

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**The effect of Ultraviolet Light on Stem Cell Proliferation Rates through Experimentation with Planarian Regeneration**

### **RESIDENT/ FELLOW**

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**Akshaya Gopalakrishnan MD,**

**Temporal Trends and Association of Type 1 VS Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus with in Hospital Outcomes in Patients with Acute Myocardial Infarction**

**2nd Place**

**Ashish Gupta MD,**

**Excellence in ACGME Core Competencies: Strengthening the Mentor-Mentee Relationship,**

**Neil V. Shah, MD,**

**First Application of the Dubousset Functional Test in Patients with Spinal Pathologies: The Future of Objective Clinical Outcomes is Now or Is Aspirin Effective at Preventing Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) in Obese (Class 1 and 2) and Severely Obese (Class 3) Patients Undergoing Primary Total Joint Arthroplasty (TJA)?**

### **OTHERS**

**1st place**

**Sahana Pentyala**

**Anti-nausea pull and burst ( PnB) strips**

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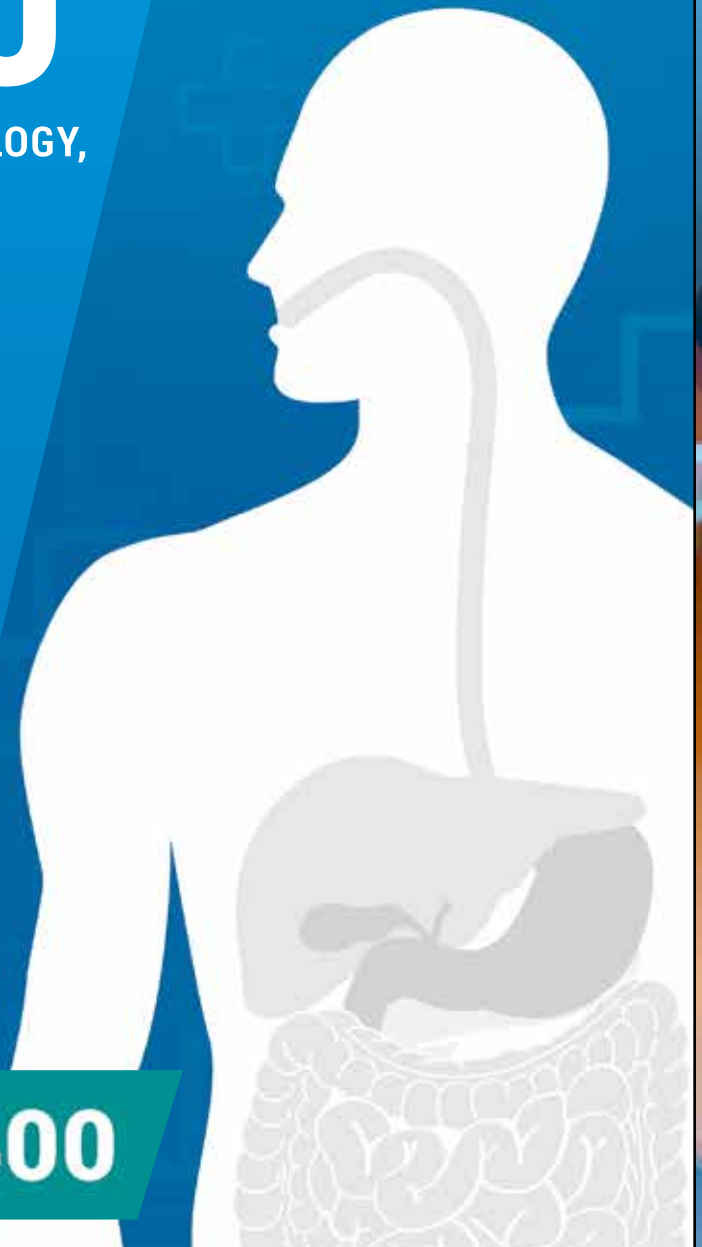
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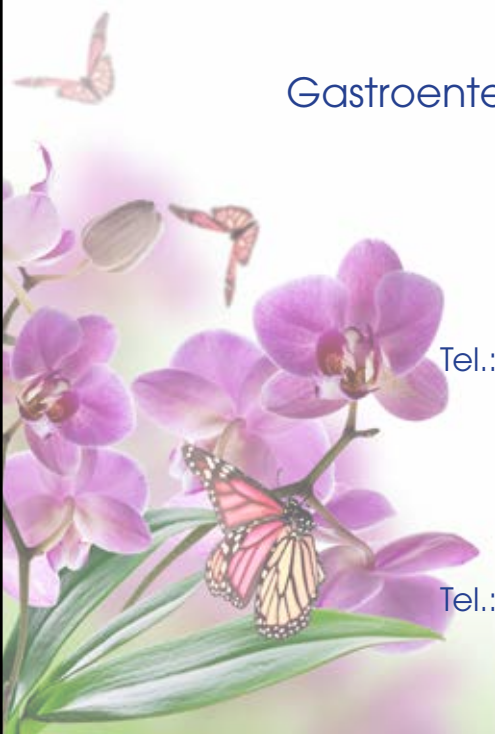
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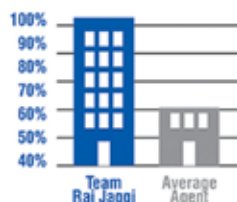


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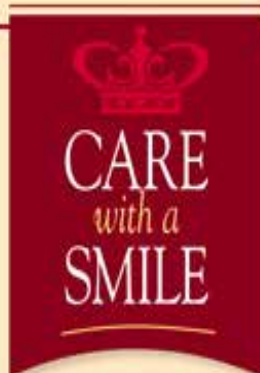
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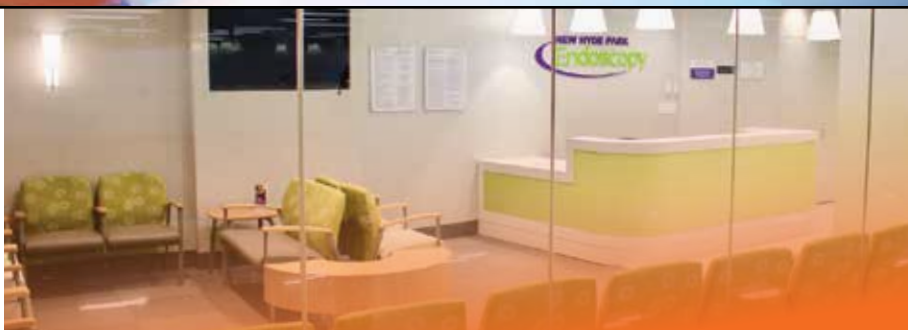
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## Editor's Message



On behalf of American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin – Queens Long Island chapter (AAPI-QLI), I welcome all the attendees to the 24th annual gala, under the leadership of Dr. Himanshu Pandya. Congratulations to him and his team for a successful year full of activities such as continuing medical educational (CME) seminars, lectures on changing landscape of medical field, legal issues and entertainment programs to relieve stress and decrease the burn-out amongst physicians.

Dr. Himanshu Pandya, Dipali Pandya and Adi Pandya deserve credit for working extremely hard in order to ensure the successful execution of all these programs. Team effort plays a key role along with a good leader. His team members worked side by side and we are seeing the fruit of all that cohesiveness today. Congratulations to the whole group.

The journal has included photographs from last year's annual gala, several of the events that took place this year such as CME events, monthly meetings, Galapagos Island tour, breast cancer day, Diwali celebrations, Research day amongst others. Congratulations to Dr. Rajinder Jinna for an extremely successful Diwali program. All the AAPI-QLI members that attended the program enjoyed it very much. I would like to make a special mention of November 3rd CME and research competition day which has become the highlight of every year's proceedings for AAPI-QLI. It was well conducted and attended. Congratulations to Drs. Vinni Jayam, Arunabh Talwar, Parag Mehta, Ajay Lodha, all the participants in the research program, the winners for their outstanding abstracts and the attendees. Of course, it would not have been possible without the honorable and knowledgeable speakers. Special thanks to all the judges (Drs Raj Naryan, Dattatreya Nori, Pravin Singhal, Sudheer Chauhan & Ram Gumpeni) who were able to find time from their busy schedules and give useful comments to the research students.

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