



# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS OF INDIAN ORIGIN

The background features the Indian national flag (Tiranga) with its saffron, white, and green horizontal stripes. Overlaid on the white stripe is the Ashoka Chakra, a black wheel with 24 spokes.

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AAPI-QLI CONVENTION 2015

**SUNDAY NOV. 15, 2015**

CME Lectures & Educational Seminar  
**DeMatteis Center**  
101 Northern Blvd., Greenvale, NY 11530

**SATURDAY NOV. 21, 2015**

Annual AAPI-QLI Convention  
**Huntington Hilton, Long Island**  
598 Broad Hollow Road, Melville, NY 11747-5002

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HONORING

DR. BHOOMI MEHROTRA  
DR. SURYA VISHNUBHAKAT MURTHY  
DR. JAGAN PAHUJA  
DR. RAMANATHAN RAJU

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21ST 2015

HUNTINGTON HILTON, LONG ISLAND  
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5:30 PM ONWARDS



*Congratulations to  
Dr. Madhu Korrapati  
for all his achievements.*

*Congratulations to all the honorees  
Dr. Ramanathan Raju  
Dr. Bhoomi Mehrotra  
Dr. Surya Vishnubhakat Murthy  
Dr. Jagan Pakuja*



*Sireesha  
Drs. Vineet and Praneet  
Smita, Malika, Krish and Riya*





## President's Message

Dear AAPIQLI friends and Colleagues,

I am humbled, honored, and privileged to have served as the president of AAPIQLI, the most popular and powerful chapter of the national AAPI, for the year of 2015. I am grateful to my predecessors of AAPIQLI who worked tirelessly to bring a 20-member group to a strong 750-member organization, which is now one of the most popular ethnic organizations in the state of New York. I welcome the entire membership to the 20th annual gala today.



I am proud to say AAPIQLI had a very eventful year – we had monthly meetings, including CME, for the general membership, as well as 3 Young Physicians (YPS) group meetings under the leadership of Dr. Ruhi Mukhi and Dr. Prachi Dua. Furthermore, the organization was able to conduct 4 free health camps in various temples in the area, where we gave free flu shots,

eye checkups, dental checkups and glucometers for our uninsured patients in need. With guidelines and help from the national AAPI organization, we conducted 3 childhood obesity awareness programs in the elementary schools of Suffolk and Nassau counties. AAPIQLI also introduced a new student/resident research award, which was meticulously organized by Dr. Arunab Talwar and team. Dr. Jyothi Jasti and Dr. Priti Jain conducted fantastic women's health seminars and the fun Mother's Day luncheon. The enlightening and successful annual CME session was single handedly conducted by Dr. Vinod Jayam. Finally, under the direction and hard work of Dr. Tarun Wasil, this magazine came to fruition.

I am deeply indebted to those above, as well as the entire executive committee and board of directors of AAPIQLI for their endless support and cooperation throughout the year. I would like to express my gratitude to the convention team for their hard work in successfully putting this fun and exciting event together. The gala would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Dr. Himanshu Pandya, Dr. Abhay Malhotra, and Shyam Gajwani. I can never repay the help given to me by Dr. Ajay Lodha throughout my presidency and would also like to thank my close friend, Dr. Sunil Mehra, who encouraged me to take an executive role in AAPIQLI. Thank you to my wonderful wife, Sireesha, and my kids, Vineet, Praneet, Smita, Malika and my grandkids Krish and Riya for their unconditional love and support throughout this busy year. Finally, I would like to thank all of you for participating in this incredible organization that is AAPIQLI. Now enjoy the party!

**Madhu Korrapati**

President



Heartiest Congratulations to Honorees

Dr. Bhoomi Mehrotra  
Dr. Surya Vishnubhakat Murthy  
Dr. Jagan Pahuja  
Dr. Ramanathan Raju

&

Dr. Madhu Korrapati

President AAPI-QLI

For your leadership & hard work throughout the year



Best Wishes From:

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**Himanshu Pandya, MD & Dipali Pandya, DMD**

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## Convener's Message

Dear friends,

It is with great pleasure I welcome you all to join 20th Annual GALA of AAPI Queens & Long Island. I would like to thank Dr Madhu Korrapati for giving me the opportunity to host this convention.



I am proud to be part of this vibrant organization which believes in pursuit of excellence and commitment to community service. I am deeply grateful to our entire team of dedicated and compassionate members and sponsors. With your participation and contribution we have achieved great successes..... including this event.

I would also like to congratulate visionary, exemplary and inspirational leaders, physicians and educators such as Dr Ramanathan Raju, Dr Bhoomi Mehrotra, Dr Surya Vishnubhakat Murthy and Dr Jagan Pahuja.

This event has been made possible by the efforts of Co-Chairs Dr Vinni Jayam and Dr Abhay Malhotra with all executive committee and board of trustee members.

I am thankful to the leaders and my mentors Dr Madhu Korrapati, Dr Tarun Wasil, Dr Ajay Lodha, Dr Krishan Kumar, Dr Shashi Shah and Dr Sunil Mehra.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife Dipali, my thoughtful and loving son Aadi and my parents for supporting and encouraging me in planning this event.

**Himanshu Pandya, MD**

Chair, AAPI-QLI convention 2015.



**Congratulations to**  
**ALL THE HONOREE'S**  
**&**  
**DR. MADHU KORRAPATI**  
President AAPI-QLI  
**For a successful AAPI-QLI Convention 2015!**



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## Immediate Past President's Message

It is my Pleasure and with great Gratification and Honor to say congratulations to my successor Dr Madhu Korrapati and his whole Executive committee for their successful and wonderful year taking AAPIQLI to its Zenith and producing a great



gala tonite full of fun , sumptuous culinary and great entertainment along with cutting edge CME and research poster session a Week ago.

My sincere thanks to BOT chairman Dr Krishan Kumar and all the BOT 's for their philanthropy and unduring advice all year along.

Congratulations to all the esteemed world renowned Honorees who are here today to bestow the glory of AAPIQLI.

A man is known by the company he keeps and a function's success is known by the Honorees they Honor.

AAPIQLI has gone a long way and I am proud to say that this is the most powerful and well attended chapter of National AAPI .

All the credit goes to our all the past Presidents and the past leaders who worked very hard to make AAPIQLI today to achieve this goal .

I am fully confident that under the leadership of the incoming president Dr Vaijinath Chakote and his team this organization will be touching new heights surpassing all .I wish all the good luck to them .

In the end I want to say with full pride and Honor to be part of this great organization .

Sincerely,

**Ajay K. Lodha, MD**

Immediate Past President  
AAPI-Queens Long Island



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**Steven Bellone**  
SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE



November 2015

Dear Friends:

Congratulations on your 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin of Queens and Long Island. I am proud to join you as you celebrate this momentous occasion of your organization

I applaud your organization for your philanthropic commitment to this region and for ensuring quality care for those you serve. Through your programs and initiatives, your organization is making a difference in the lives of our residents.

I offer congratulations to tonight's honorees for their exemplary service: Bhoomi Mehrotra, MD, Ramanathan Raju, Jagan Pahuja, MD, honoree and Surya M. Vishnubhakat, MD. The care and commitment you exemplify on a daily basis is to be commended and replicated by others.

Enjoy tonight's festivities and I wish you continued success in all endeavors.

Sincerely,

Steven Bellone  
Suffolk County Executive



Office of the County Executive  
1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York 11501



*November 21, 2015*

*Dear Friends and Honored Guests,*

*Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather to celebrate the Association of Physicians of Indian Origin of Queens and Long Island on the occasion of its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Gala at the Hilton Hotel in Huntington. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the fine work of this organization and the 2015 Award Recipients.*

*The American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin of Queens and Long Island has earned the admiration and respect of those in their community, working diligently to provide vital programs and services that contribute to the quality of life in Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties.*

*This wonderful organization is deserving and worthy of the esteem of Nassau County for its selfless service to the community, which has made a permanent and positive impact on us all.*

*Furthermore, I would like to extend my best wishes and hearty congratulations to this evening's honored guests, Dr. Ramanathan Raju, Dr. Bhoomi Mehrotra, Dr. Surya Vishnubhakat Murthy and Dr. Jagan Pahuja, for their outstanding leadership and dedicated community service, and to all who have worked toward forwarding the goals of this fine organization throughout the year.*

*Best wishes for continued success in all your endeavors.*

*Sincerely,*

*Edward P. Mangano  
County Executive*





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November 21, 2015

Madhu Korrapati, MD, President  
AAPIQLI  
7 Oakridge Lane  
Roslyn, New York 11576

Dear Friends,

Please accept my best wishes to the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin of Queens and Long Island (AAPIQLI) on the occasion of its 20<sup>th</sup> annual convention and gala dinner.

The members of AAPIQLI work tirelessly day after day providing top quality health care to the residents of our community. Whether it's healing those who are sick or injured, easing suffering, or delivering children safely into the world, you have made a difference in countless people's lives. The numerous charitable endeavors that AAPIQLI members support further enhance this legacy of service.

Congratulations to the honorees, **Ramanathan Raju, MD, Bhoomi Mehrotra, MD, Jagan Pahuja, MD, and Surya Vishnubhakat Murthy, MD.**

Each of your talents and devotion to helping those have truly made our community a better place. That is something for which you should be very proud and for which we remain very grateful.

Again, best wishes for a successful event, and thank you once again for the invaluable work and services you provide.

Sincerely,

JACK M. MARTINS  
Senator



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Dear Dr. Korrapati:

On behalf of Winthrop-University Hospital, I wish to express my sincere congratulations to the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin of Queens and Long Island, Inc. (AAPI-QLI) on its milestone 20th Annual Convention Dinner and Gala. I am proud to join you this evening and am humbled by the very special recognition that has been bestowed upon me on behalf of such an outstanding group of physicians.

Winthrop applauds the efforts of the AAPI-QLI to be a forum that facilitates and enables Indian American Physicians to excel in patient care, teaching and research and to pursue their aspirations in both professional and community affairs. I have witnessed the Association's great work and know that its members are, and will continue to be, an integral part of the New York State healthcare system and its research programs.

Tonight, as you honor several distinguished physicians for their service and academic achievements, we too salute the honorees for their outstanding contributions to healthcare and for having a positive impact on countless lives in our community.

With a common goal in mind, Winthrop-University Hospital looks forward to its rewarding relationship with the AAPI-QLI as we both raise the bar for the future of healthcare in our region.

Sincerely,

John F. Collins

President and Chief Executive Officer





## **Your generosity has brought the light of Vision and Joy back to the visually impaired**

Sankara Nethralaya has been lauded as the 'Temple of the eye' as a tribute to its quality cost free eye care and in-depth research initiatives by late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, as the 'Best Managed Charitable Institution' in India by Late Shri Nani Palkhivala, the Sir Ratan Tata Trust has commended Sankara Nethralaya as a High Performing Knowledge Institution – mission driven, a proven track record, acknowledged nationally and internationally for its expertise and excellence in Ophthalmic care with almost all eye sub-specialties, good management systems, a vibrant set of human resources and a participative system of decision-making.

Sankara Nethralaya adopts a holistic approach to eye care delivery and prevention and treatment of blindness. The institution has adhered with remarkable dedication to its founding principles of world class eye care without disparity to both paying patients and patients treated cost free, dissemination of knowledge for the common good through high quality teaching and training, focussed and sustained India centric research to find solution to prevailing and emerging eye care challenges. It has also come under high praise for its unique self supporting financial model which enables it to take care of its operational costs including salaries through revenue accruing from paying patients and meeting the cost of its research and cost free community care services through external donations and grants from philanthropic individuals, associations and corporate bodies.

Sankara Nethralaya is most touched by the concern and involvement of Indians settled in the USA in its blindness eradication initiatives, especially among the weaker sections of society and the generous monetary support and encouragement received from them. Such support has helped us in giving back the light of vision and putting the smile back on the face of the poor visually impaired living in the most remote regions of the country with no access or affordability to healthcare. It has helped these men and women see their dear and near ones and the big beautiful world again and made them independent by helping them productive again, such financial aid has helped children to revive their education rudely interrupted by visual impairment.

We take great pleasure in sharing a few photographs of beneficiaries who got back their eyesight thanks to the generous support extended by the AAPI. We solicit your continued support in our crusade against blindness.

## Complicated Major Surgeries

Date of Surgery: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015

THIRUNAVUKARASU V  
(MRD NO. 2079579 )  
NO 188, 8TH STREET  
SARMA NAGAR  
CHENNAI – 600 011



Date of Surgery: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015

SAMIR S  
(MRD NO. 3463334 )  
GOPINATHPUR  
GOBINPUR  
SARIKELA  
KHURSEMA – 828 109



Date of Surgery: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015

LAKSHMI R  
(MRD NO. 3473934 )  
23-L-A BHARADHIDASAN COLONY  
NAGAR  
CHENNAI – 600 078



Date of Surgery: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015

DHANABAKKIYAM M  
(MRD NO. 3404254 )  
NO 7 3RD STREET  
BURMA COLONY  
EKKADUTHANGAL  
CHENNAI – 600 032





# Nepal Earthquake Relief

The colossal 7.8 magnitude earthquake that hit Nepal killed over 8,000 people and left more than 2.8 Million people displaced and homeless. The calamity left a



path of destruction affecting thousands of people in physical, financial and emotional ruins. Physicians from all around the World responded to alleviate the pains and sufferings of this human tragedy.

AAPIQLI also contributed to this noble and humane philanthropic effort in raising funds for Nepal Disaster Relief. The contributions, by all the physicians, was a great example of giving from the heart.

AAPIQLI was very proud to donate \$10,000.00 collected for "Earthquake Victims" in Nepal. The check was presented to Mr. Prabin Bhattarai, Vice Consul of Nepal, in our monthly meeting in Akbar Restaurant, in the presence of Honorable Dr. Manoj K. Mohapatra, Deputy Consul (India) in NY. Heartiest Congratulations to all the AAPI QLI members, who participated in this noble deed.

**Jagdish K Gupta, MD**

(Secretary AAPIQLI 2015-16)

# AAPI RECOGNIZES AUA AS THE LEADER IN INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL EDUCATION

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**The American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI)**, after conducting a comprehensive site visit, awarded **American University of Antigua (AUA) College of Medicine**, a division of Manipal Global Education Services, with this distinction. Based on their observations, AUA's numerous state approvals, the strength of its curriculum, resources, and faculty, and its graduate success, AUA has become the only medical school to receive this "preferred" status and recognition.



**AAPI and AUA offer a scholarship for students of Indian descent, which has given many distinguished students the opportunity to become physicians.**

To learn more, please contact Par Prem Kumar at [pkumar@auamed.org](mailto:pkumar@auamed.org) or (646) 834-9194.





*Bhoomi Mehrotra, MD*

*Heartiest Congratulations  
On your well deserved honor!*

*Your dedication, leadership and humanity are exemplary and inspiring.*

*Most importantly, you are the best Dad in the whole world*

*We are so proud of you and we love you so very much*



*Devi and Arjun*

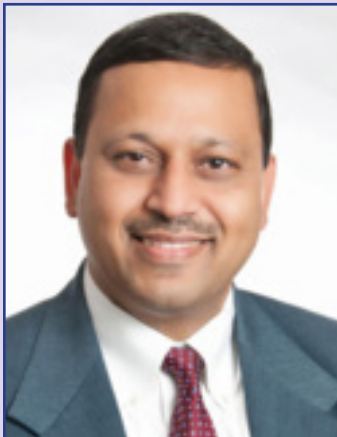
If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place



Honoree

## Dr. Bhoomi Mehrotra

Bhoomi Mehrotra, MD was born in a military family in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh, India. After studying in thirteen schools as his parents were transferred across the country, he graduated high school from Delhi Public School, Mathura Road, New Delhi. As a National Merit Scholar, he graduated from Maulana Azad Medical College, University of



Delhi in 1984. He was a post doctoral fellow at the Brain Tumor Research Center and Radiation Oncology Research Laboratory at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) prior to entering his Residency training in Internal Medicine at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center, NY. He returned to UCSF to complete his fellowship training in Hematology, Medical Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation.

He is currently the founding Director of the Cancer Institute and Director of Medical Oncology at St. Francis Hospital, The Heart Center, Roslyn, and the Co-Chairman of Oncology Services for the Catholic Health Services of Long Island. He is a member of several academic societies including the American Society of

Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and the American Society of Hematology. He serves on the Editorial Board of ASCO University and is actively engaged in the Maintenance of Certification educational modules for his professional society. He has authored over eighty abstracts, papers, book chapters and reviews which have been presented at major conferences nationally and internationally. He routinely gives educational sessions at professional society conferences and also serves on the Executive Council of the NY Head and Neck Society. His primary interest is in the multi-disciplinary management of solid tumors and to this end has remained an active investigator for institutional and multi-center clinical trials for over twenty years. He has been named consistently as a 'Best Doctor' and 'Top Doctor' by numerous publications including Castle Connolly, New Yorker magazine and Newsday for several years.

Dr. Mehrotra credits his professional achievements to his long time colleagues including Dr. Dilip Patel and Dr. Rajasree Roy and pays special tribute to his lifelong mentor, Dr. Kanti R. Rai, a former honoree of this organization. He credits his ability to function at any and every level to his wife, Dr. Deepti Mehrotra, a Pediatrician, and acknowledges his children, Devi and Arjun, for their unconditional love, inspiration and support. He thanks his parents Shanker and Krishna and his parents' in-law Satish and Santosh Ahuja for their blessings and constant guidance in becoming a better human being.

Dr. Mehrotra is humbled and privileged to be in the company of his fellow honorees and wishes them and the organization 'AAPI-QLI' continued success.



*Congratulations!!!*

*Dr. Surya Vishnubhakat Murthy*  
*for a well deserved honor.*



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

*The Murthy Family*



Honoree

## Dr. Surya Vishnubhakat Murthy



Dr. Murthy was born in India in the small and scenic town of Kanker. He enjoyed a wonderful childhood there with his parents and six siblings, many of whom are also physicians. Following completion of his college education in the city of Indore, he entered medical school in 1962 and successfully completed his MBBS. After he finished his thesis titled "Genetic Variation of Isoniazid Metabolism in the Indian Population and Outcome of Tuberculosis," he earned his Doctor of Medicine (MD) and migrated to the United States in 1972. He completed his internship in Internal Medicine and then trained in Neurology at Cornell University Hospital under the tutelage of Doctors Fred Plum, Jerome Posner, and Richard Beresford. He joined North Shore University Hospital and has remained with the institution to date. He also trained with Dr. Peter Tsairis in clinical neurophysiology at the Hospital for Special Surgery.

Dr. Murthy established his first electromyography lab at North Shore University Hospital in 1976 and the first evoked potential lab in 1979. He was the first to establish the neuro-oncology program in 1976 through 1986 for the treatment of malignant glioma under the NIH sponsored BTSG protocols headed by Dr. William R. Shapiro. He however remained dedicated to clinical neurophysiology and started neuromuscular and EMG fellowship training programs followed by clinical neurophysiology fellowship training. To date, he continues to direct the clinical neurophysiology fellowship training program.

Dr. Murthy is currently Vice Chair of the Department of Neurology for the North Shore LIJ Medical Group, the Associate Professor at the Hofstra Medical School, Director of Clinical Neurophysiology and Senior Attending Neurologist at North Shore University Hospital. Dr. Murthy takes pride not only in being a neurologist and neurophysiologist, but also in being a devoted teacher, husband and father. He has been blessed with a dedicated wife, three loving children, and two beautiful grandchildren. He enjoys music, traditional Indian literature, history and most of all, the company of his friends. He finds that there is nothing more wonderful in life than to have good friends, a loving family and the ability to teach and to continuously learn. Learning is a lifelong business.

### Message

Among the trials and tribulations that life presents, the ultimate truth that I have realized is the importance of love and the duty to society and family. In our profession, that love and dedication is expressed by caring and healing the body and mind.





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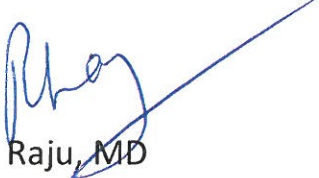
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I am delighted to take this opportunity to congratulate the American Association of Physicians of Indian and Origin of Queens and Long Island on the event of its 20th anniversary gala.

It's with humility and deep appreciation that I thank the organization for including my name along with such a distinguished group of honorees, Dr. Jagan Pahuja, Dr. Surya Vishnubhakat Murthy and Dr. Bhoomi Mehrotra, this year.

The charitable and educational activities with which AAPI-QLI are engaged inspires all of us to spread the gift of medical altruism here at home and abroad.

Congratulations to you all, and warmest regards,



Ram Raju, MD



Honoree

## Dr. Ramanathan Raju, MD, MBA, FACS, FACHE

Ramanathan (Ram) Raju, MD, MBA, FACS, FACHE is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), the largest municipal healthcare system in the nation. Dr. Raju was appointed by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio in January 2014 to lead the 37,000 employees of this \$7 billion corporation, which includes 11 acute care hospitals, five nursing homes, six large diagnostic and treatment centers, more than 70 community-based health centers, a large home care agency, and one of the New York area's largest providers of government-sponsored health insurance, MetroPlus Health Plan, the plan of choice for nearly half a million New Yorkers. Last year, HHC facilities served 1.4 million New Yorkers -- including more than 475,000 uninsured.



Prior to accepting the role of President and CEO at HHC, Dr. Raju was the Chief Executive Officer for the Cook County Health & Hospitals System (CCHHS) in Chicago, Illinois. CCHHS is the third largest public health system in the country, overseeing a comprehensive, integrated system of healthcare, comprised of two hospitals; a regional outpatient center; a correctional healthcare facility; an outpatient infectious disease center specializing in the treatment of HIV/AIDS; 16 community clinics and a nationally accredited public health department. During his tenure there, Dr. Raju obtained federal approval for a Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver permitting CCHHS to "early enroll" under the ACA Medicaid expansion, reduced the structural deficit by more than \$200M, and gained meaningful designation throughout the health system.

Dr. Raju began his medical career in the United States at Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn and went on to serve as the COO and Medical Director at HHC's Coney Island Hospital. Then in 2006, he became the HHC Chief Medical Officer, Corporate Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President. While he served there, HHC continued to climb and reach great heights in quality, patient safety and healthcare data transparency. He was also an integral part of the team that embarked, in 2010, on the HHC restructuring and cost containment plan.

Dr. Raju attended Madras Medical College to earn his medical diploma and his Master of Surgery degree. He underwent further training in England and was elected as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. Dr. Raju is also a physician executive, having obtained an MBA from the University of Tennessee and CPE from the American College of Physician Executives.

Dr. Raju is the recipient of numerous national recognitions, including being named to lists of the 100 Most Influential Healthcare Leaders in 2014, the 50 most influential Physician Executives in Healthcare in 2013, 2014, and 2015. Top 25 Minority Executives in Health care for 2012 and 2014, all by Modern Healthcare, and Becker's top 25 Health care executives to follow in Twitter.

He serves on Boards of Directors, including the American Hospital Association, America's Essential Hospitals (formerly the National Association of Public Hospitals), the Greater New York Hospital Association, and the Healthcare Association of New York State.

A longtime resident of Staten Island, Dr. Raju and his wife, a physician, and have two children.



*Heartiest congratulations to*

***Dr. Jagan Pahuja***

*on being honored*



***Asha, Shalini, Sameer, Namrata  
Karishma & Karan Pahuja***



Honoree

## Dr. Jagan Pahuja

Dr. Jagan Pahuja is a dedicated and highly regarded physician who was recently recognized by the Medical Society of the State of New York for his 50 years of devoted service to the public in the practice of medicine.



From his humble beginnings as one of 10 siblings, born in Multan, India, (a region that is now Pakistan), his career spans 3 continents, 5 decades and a penchant for service not only in medicine but also in professional, social and community organizations – many of which also support medical and/or charitable endeavors.

He graduated from Medical College Amritsar, Punjab, India and was then able to indulge his passion for travel by working as a physician in the Indian Railways. Then, when the opportunity presented itself for higher studies (and further travel) outside of India, Dr. Pahuja moved, with his wife and young daughter, to England, working in Bristol, Dartford, and Aylesbury. Then, in 1970, when the opportunity to further explore the world came his way, he immigrated to the US and made New York his home.

Dr. Pahuja is Board Certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Endocrinology. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and also a member of several other professional societies and organizations. In addition, he is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at SUNY Stony Brook Health Sciences Center in Stony Brook, NY. His literary accomplishments include articles in peer reviewed journals, as well as contributions published in a pediatric endocrinology case studies book.

In addition to the practice of Medicine, Dr. Pahuja has been actively involved in many professional, charitable and community organizations including both regional chapters and national AAPI (American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin), IALI (India Association of Long Island), AMDAANA (Amritsar Medical and Dental Alumni Association of North America), the Nargis Dutt Memorial Foundation, AIA (Association of Indians in America, New York Chapter), and IPS (International Punjabi Society, New York Chapter).

He has been associated with the IALI since its inception in 1979 and had the honor to serve as its President for 2 terms in 1987 and 1988. He has also been the President of AMDAANA and has been serving as the Chairperson of its socio-cultural committee for the last 36 years. In recognition of his outstanding services, achievements and contributions, he was honored with 'Hind Rattan Award' in 2002 by the International Congress of NRIs in New Delhi, India.

Dr. Pahuja has a long history with AAPI and has served on the Board of Trustees of the National AAPI Charitable Foundation and in many committees of the National AAPI in various capacities over the last 28 years. He has also served as the Regional Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region of National AAPI and as the President of the Federation of AAPI of Greater NY/NJ/PA. In particular, he has been associated with AAPI of Queens and Long Island (QLI) since its inception in 1995 and had the honor to serve as its President in 2000 and as Chair of the Board of Trustees of AAPI of QLI. Dr. Pahuja continues his commitment to the AAPI of QLI organization as a member of Board of Trustees.

In his free time, Dr. Pahuja enjoys traveling, gardening, catching up on cricket, learning to navigate the internet and spending quality time with his lovely wife Asha, daughter Shalini, son Sameer, daughter-in-law Namrata, and grandchildren Karishma and Karan.



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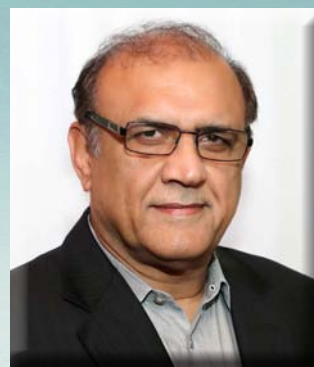
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2011	Krishan Kumar, MD	<p><b>Rajiv V. Datta, MD</b> <i>Chief, Dept. of Surgery / Surgical Oncology</i> South Nassau Communities Hospital</p> <p><b>Jagat Narula, MD</b> <i>Director of Cardiovascular Imaging</i> Mount Sinai Hospital, Manhattan, NY</p> <p><b>Nyapati R. Rao, MD</b> <i>Chair, Dept. of Psychiatry</i> Nassau University Medical Center</p>
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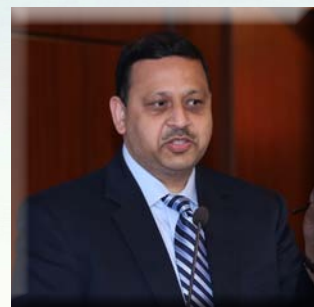
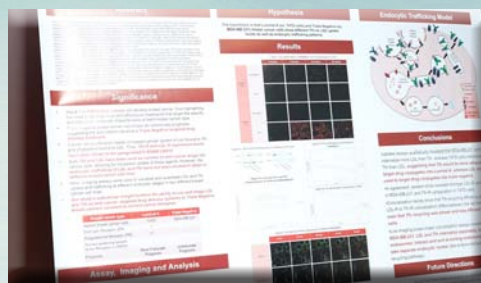
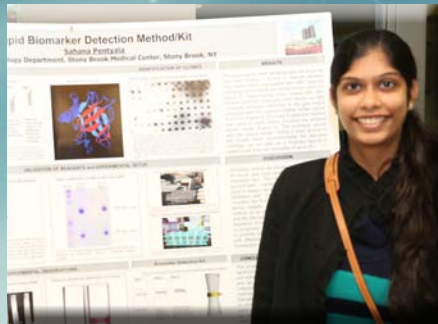


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# *CME Activities on November 15, 2015*







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### **CME/EDUCATIONAL LECTURE SCHEDULE**

#### **Scientific Research Competition**

#### **PROGRAM ITINERARY:**

**Co-ordinators: Vinod Jayam, MD & Arunabh Talwar, MD**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
8:00 am - 8:45 am	Registration, Breakfast & Exhibits
8:45 am - 9:00 am	Opening Remarks Dr. Vinod Jayam Dr. Madhu Korrapati
9:00 am - 9:45 am	Complete Revascularization in treatment of CAD Dr. Jeff Moses
9:45 am - 10:30 am	Novel Therapies in Oncology 2015 Dr. Bhoomi Mehrotra
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Tea Break
10:45 am - 11:30 am	TAVR - Where we are and where we are going Dr. George Petrossian
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Ablation as therapy for arrhythmias Dr. Vinni Jayam
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	LUNCH*, Exhibition & Presentation





## List of Abstract Submissions

Submission	Title
1	Clinical Relevance of the Incidentaloma: A Clinician's Viewpoint - <b>Reeju Thomas MD</b>
2	A Case of Pulmonary Embolism on Dabigatran - <b>Pragati Tandon MD</b>
3	Caenorhabditis elegans Model for Studying Effects of Green Tea Extract on Alzheimer's Disease - <b>Varun reddy</b>
4	Sarcoidosis of the Head and Neck - <b>Arvind Badhey MD</b>
5	Rapid Biomarker Detection Method/Kits - <b>Sahana Pentyala</b>
6	Evaluating the Capacity to Generate and Preserve Nitric Oxide Bioactivity in Highly Purified Earthworm Erythrocrurin - <b>Abhinav Talwar</b>
7	Post Splenectomy Related Pulmonary Hypertension - <b>Atul palkar , MD</b>
8	CD73 inhibitor decreases osteogenesis and RUNX2 expression during osteoblast formation - <b>Harshal patel</b>
9	Fatal Non-Hepatic Hyperammonemia in ICU setting- A Rare but Serious Complication Following Bariatric Surgery - <b>Gyanendra Acharya, MD</b>
10	An in vitro assessment of Nitric Oxide-Releasing Nanoparticles as a Potential Drug Delivery Vehicle for Treating Hypoxia-Induced Pulmonary Vascular Inflammation <b>Ankoor Talwar</b>
11	A 42-Year-Old Man Presenting With Progressive Shortness of Breath and Severe Hypoxemia - <b>Sameer Khanijo, MD</b>
12	The Effect of Substrate Manipulation and Magnetic Field Stimulation on the Production of Myotubes from Carassius auratus Skeletal Muscle Tissue in Vitro <b>Arihant Jain</b>
13	HIV Induces EMT Through the Up-regulation of SNAIL: Implications for HIV Associated Nephropathy - <b>Uma Kanth</b>
14	Dyspnea, Depression and Health Related Quality of Life in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Patients - <b>Sameer Verma, MD</b>
15	Spontaneous Pneumomediastinum: Time for Consensus - <b>Sonu Sahni, MD</b>
16	Nearly Asymptomatic Long Standing Thoracic Aortic Dissection - <b>Arjun Kumar</b>
17	Analysis of the RNA Exosome complex using a S.cerevisiae model to understand the pathogenesis of Pontocerebellar Hypoplasia Type 1 - <b>Sahil Parikh</b>
18	Low Density Lipoprotein and Transferrin Endocytic Trafficking in Different Breast Cancer Cells - <b>Aditi Malhotra , BS</b>
19	Central Venous Recanalization In Patients With Intestinal Failure Referred for Transplantation - <b>Akshay Gupta</b>
20	Saving lives: Prevent DVT and PE by providing prophylaxis - <b>Arpi Patel , MD</b>
21	Skeletal developmental patterns in the acromial process and distal clavicle as observed by MRI - <b>Pratik Kothary</b>
22	A rat model for folate receptor antibody-mediated behavioral deficits: Implications of folate receptor autoantibodies in autism - <b>Ankuri Desai</b>
23	Comparative Studies of Biodegradable Drug Eluting Stents vs. Conventional Bare Metal Stents - <b>Riya Gilja</b>
24	A Novel Investigation into the Functional Importance of a Positively-Charged Domain of Rec8 that Promotes Interaction with Zip1 in vivo - <b>Elizabeth Varghese</b>
25	Bilateral Lymphadenopathy, Splenomegaly, and Hypercalcemia - <b>Amrinder Rana</b>



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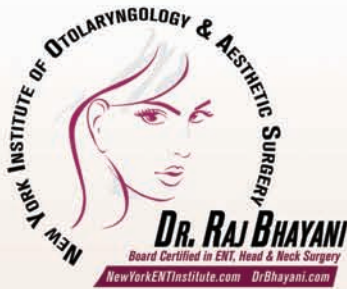




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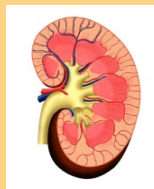
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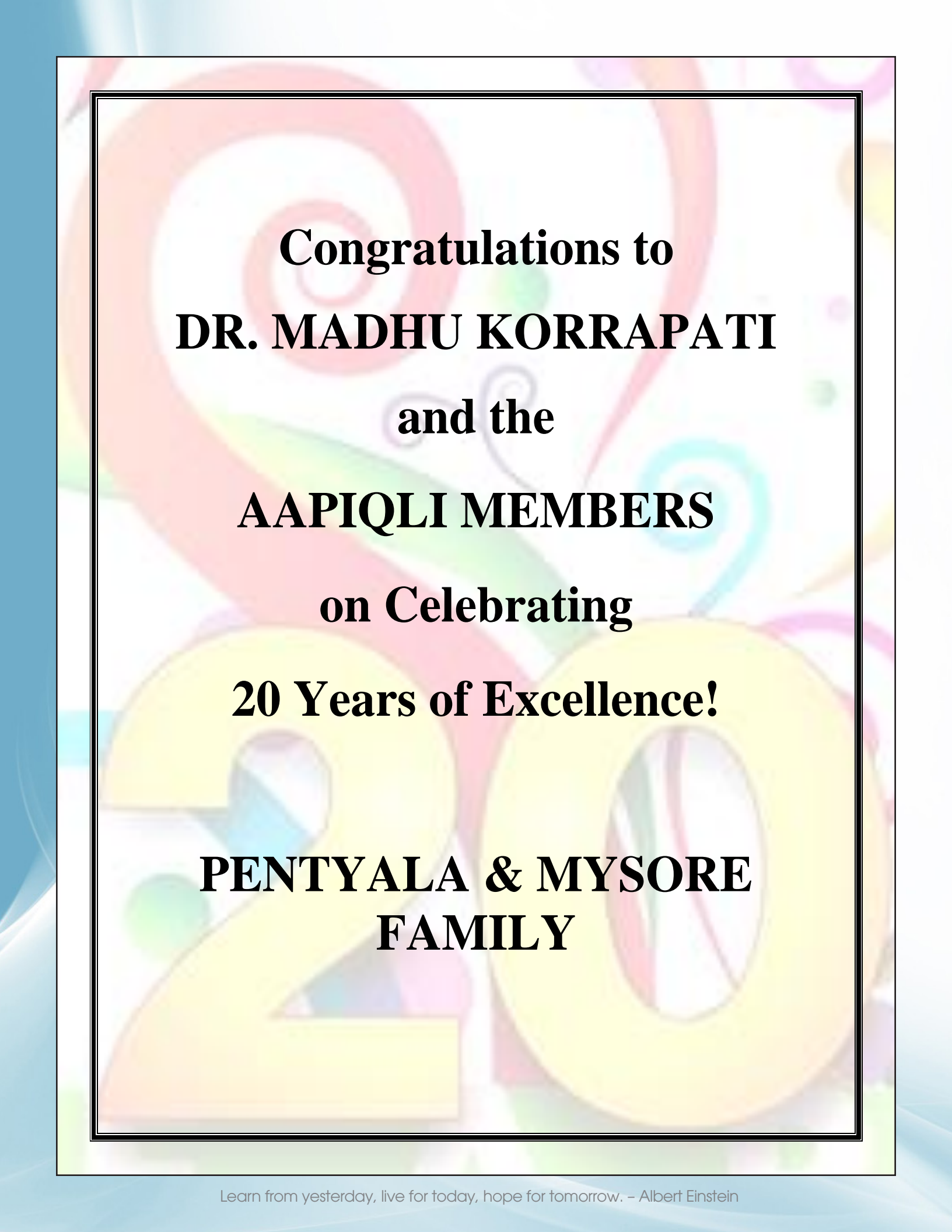
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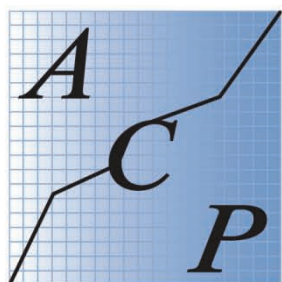
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In the initial meeting, Kamboh and her team begin by exploring the client's current financial position, defining goals, and outlining preliminary steps to reach them. She emphasizes that decisions made today affect choices available tomorrow. Then she wraps up by summarizing the initial action plan the client should consider and also quotes the financial planning fee (that is annually renewable) should the client choose to have this relationship, which also holds her to higher fiduciary standards. Most clients are professionals and business owners who understand and see the value in fee-based advice. "By investing in our expertise they will be doing things in a more cost-efficient manner and therefore will save hard-earned dollars over time, whether from a tax standpoint or savings and budgeting standpoint, or through appropriate investment strategies," Kamboh says. The data-gathering process is comprehensive. This is undertaken after the client has signed a fee agreement and has committed to the discipline required to reach their stipulated goals.

Then comes in-depth analysis. "We listen, and we get to know their situation as well as they know it," says Kamboh. This step delves into six areas: the client's financial position and net worth; insurance exposures or risk management; tax planning (exposure to income tax, capital gains tax, gift tax, estate tax, generation-skipping transfer tax); full-scale investment planning; retirement planning; and estate planning for the greatest control over assets and their distribution to future generations. A preliminary plan is put together for the client's review to ensure that there are no material changes, which then leads to evaluating



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solutions and options that the client can adopt, addressing all six areas. "We present recommendations based on their needs and abilities. Any time we discuss options, the pros and cons of each are also reviewed."

Once the written financial plan is presented to the client, she can then help the client implement\* and monitor its progress through the year. This cycle is repeated each year the client chooses to renew the planning relationship.

Kamboh encourages clients to have a good team of advisors – a CPA and an estate-planning attorney – in addition to her expertise.

"They're paying me to deal with the overload of technical information in the market, and our goal is to help them navigate through this complexity by educating them about various financial concepts so that they can make informed decisions. For example, this is what this vehicle does, here are some things that would benefit you from using this vehicle, and here are some of the drawbacks," Kamboh says. "It's a very deliberate process, which holds clients accountable for their actions and increases the success rate of accomplishing their short- and long-term financial goals as they aspire toward financial independence." Additionally, as a special needs planner, Kamboh works with MetLife Center for Special Needs Planning to advocate for the special needs community. (For details visit [www.metlife.com/specialneeds](http://www.metlife.com/specialneeds).) Kamboh also hosts seminars which provide CE credits to CPAs by talking on topics like business succession planning and executive bonus planning, to name a few.

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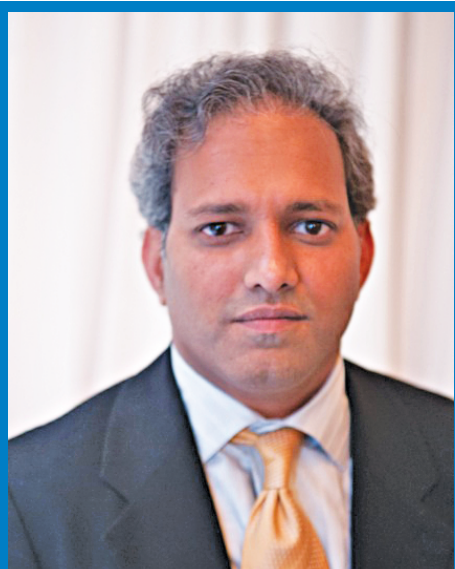
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**Dr. Madhu Korrapati**

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and the AAPI-QLI team for a job well done!



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## Editor's Message

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 20th annual gala of the Queens Long Island Chapter of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI-QLI). Just as every year, our current president, Dr. Madhu Korrapati has brought us pride with his hard work and devotion. Thanks to his leadership, we were able to achieve new heights.



Our honorees are very special and outstanding physicians. This year, AAPI-QLI salutes Dr. Jagan Pahuja, Dr. Surya Vishnubhakat Murthy, Dr. Bhoomi Mehrotra, and Dr. Ramana-than Raju for their achievements in the field of Medicine and Community services. Many of us know their work and these great physicians personally.

I am thankful to Dr. Ajay Lodha for his help with this year's journal. He did an outstanding job last year, which is reflected in the photographs from last year's events. Also, thanks to my Co-chairs Drs. Rashmikanth Baxi and Jagdish Gupta for their helpful suggestions.

I also want to thank the chairperson for the annual event, Dr. Himanshu Pandya, for his vision, time, and effort that have made this year's gala possible. Thanks also to his co-chairs, Drs. Vinni Jayam and Abhay Malhotra for helping him at crucial moments. Dr. Vinni Jayam devoted an enormous amount of time to the CME event that was held on November 15, 2015. The speakers were excellent, and research posters encouraged several younger students to participate in the event by describing their work in the field of medicine. The winners' posters are included in the journal. Thanks to Dr. Arunabh Talwar for his laborious work in making the research competition a big success.

We would not be able to hold such big events without the help of our sponsors. Thanks to all the sponsors who participated, including those who displayed medical materials at the booths and those who placed their advertisements in the journal.

Mr. Zamher Chalisa and Icon Imaging, Inc. have been helping us for last few years, thanks for their input, as always.

I hope you enjoy this evening's program and best wishes for the the year ahead.

Sincerely,

**Tarun Wasil, MD**

Chair, Journal Committee AAPI-QLI



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