\textbf{President's Message}

IDA collaborated with the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston to host Physician Networking Mixer on May 6th 2021 at Pappasito’s Cantina. This sold out event welcomed speakers Allen Richards and Fakhruddin Sabir who discussed FS Design Build. Physicians in the Woodlands region had the opportunity to network with one another and learn about the benefits of IDA Membership.

The Indo-American Charity Foundation in partnership with IDA & Indian American Nurses Association of Houston of Greater Houston hosted the \textbf{I Walk I Care Walkathon} supporting the local Houston Indian Doctors Charity Clinic on May 8, 2021.

This year's Walkathon was conducted in person and virtually on the PACER App at the \textbf{Lost Creek Park in Sugar Land}.

IDA continues to help those affected by COVID-19. With the help of its members and donors, IDA has supported First Responders, Houston Food Bank, and Physician residents caring for Covid Patients since March 2020. Our members also had the opportunity to attend the free pandemic webinar series in collaboration with IACCGH and other organizations.

\textbf{Covid-19 Response: Supporting UTMB Residents Caring for Covid Patients}

\textbf{Covid-19 Response: Houston Food Bank}
As India continues to experience a second wave of the pandemic, the IDA Board has come together to form a Task Force designated to assist the most devastated regions of India. This Task Force continues to work day and night to support the most vulnerable regions.

“I am honored that Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital can partner with the Indian Doctors Association on such an important mission. This organization is a true embodiment of leading medicine across the world and setting an example on how organizations can work together for the betterment of all people.”

Keith D. Barber, MHA
Chief Executive Officer, Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital
Senior Vice President, Houston Methodist

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IDA’s Covid-19 Awareness Campaign
https://www.facebook.com/idahouston15
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COVID19 Relief for India

INDIA NEEDS YOU

As many of you know, India is facing an astronomical surge of COVID19 cases. We have been working to secure oxygen concentrators, cylinders, ventilators/BIPAP/CPAP, and other supplies to be shipped to various regions in India. We need your help!

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IDA’s gofundme page
IDA’s Annual Gala
July 31st, 2021

We have reached capacity and as such, ticket sales are now closed. To inquire or add your name to the waiting list, please contact Dr. Jignesh Shah at jshahmd@gmail.com

Westin COVID19 Safety Protocols

In order to maintain a safe gala, IDA requests that all attendees be vaccinated prior to this year’s gala.

Members Corner

Annual Member
Urmeel Patel, MD

I am a board-certified Medical Oncologist and Hematologist and joined Millennium Physicians in 2018. I completed my training at Penn State Cancer Institute and have an interest in treating solid tumor malignancy, lymphoma, multiple myeloma and benign blood disorders.

My research endeavors include breast cancer, metastatic bone disease, multiple myeloma and anticoagulation. Most important to me is the relationship I build with my patients and their family so that we may work as a team to improve the patients’ health and quality of life.

Covid-19 Vaccine Scheduler & Resources:
https://findvaccinenow.com/
https://vaccinefinder.org/search/
In addition to English, I am also fluent in Gujarati and Hindi. I am currently accepting new patients at our Cypress, Shenandoah, North Houston and Tomball locations and can see patients the same day.

I appreciate the opportunity to work with you all and to be a part of Indian Doctors Association of Houston.

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IDA’s COVID-19 India Task Force Update!

IDA continues to give back to our communities and advance its vision: “Connect, Inspire, and Community.” Our commitment to service strengthens the physician community of the Greater Houston area.

As many of you know, India is facing an astronomical surge of COVID19 cases. We have been working to secure oxygen concentrators, cylinders, ventilators, CPAP, nasal cannulas, humidifiers, filters, pulse oximeters, and other supplies including Personal Protective Equipment to be shipped to various regions in India.

We have created a Task Force which will tackle the procurement of oxygen equipment, assist in logistics, customs, transportation, and fundraising. Together, we hope to generate exponential returns on our efforts. We will continually update you on the progress and impact of your contribution.

**TIMELINE:**

**May 1:** COVID19 Task Force formed
**May 1:** Gofundme Page went live
**May 4:** Procured 100 sterilized auto CPAP machines
**May 5:** Procured 40 - 10L oxygen concentrators
**May 6:** Procured 50 - 5L oxygen concentrators
**May 7:** Procured 7 FDA Approved ventilators
**May 13:** Procured 32,000 pounds of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Ventilators valued at 1.1 million dollars. Isolation gowns, KN95 Masks, Face Shields, Coveralls, Shoe Coverings will continue to provide protection to health care providers in more than 15 high-risk regions in India.
**May 27:** Educational Videos and Telemedicine to India’s First Responders and Physicians
**May 8 – 31:** Distribution of Concentrators, Ventilators, and PPE to at high risk regions in South, North, East, and West India.

*IDA Board Preparing PPE Pallets*
2 FedEx trucks en route with lifesaving PPE and Ventilators

**Houston Methodist Hospital sends medical supplies to India to help fight COVID**

[Click here to view the official news report]

Houston Based Non-Profits Support IDA COVID India Task Force

Oxygen Concentrators, CPAP pallets, and supplies ready for shipment

Oxygen Concentrator Distribution: Local Non-Profit & Government Hospitals

Oxygen Concentrator Distribution: Manasa, Madhya Pradesh

Oxygen Concentrator Distribution: Gujarat
Oxygen Concentrators undergoing biomedical testing and clearance in India

Oxygen Concentrator Distribution: Government Medical College and Hospital in the Aurangabad city

Oxygen Concentrator Distribution: Vaishampayan Memorial Government Medical College, medical college located in Solapur, Maharashtra

Ventilators undergoing testing

Ventilators arrived in Gujarat and ready for local transport

Local PPE Distribution to more than 15 high risk regions. Allocated to Hospitals, Clinics, First Responders, Doctors, & Nurses
PORTABLE VENTILATOR SETUP IDA

https://youtu.be/DbdsBo8THy4
IDA Educational Videos: Courtesy of Dr Niral Patel, Dr Paresh Patel, and Pixels Multimedia

This would not be possible without the support of the Houston Methodist System, Global Medical Services, Fed-Ex, local donors, partnering non-profit charities, and associations / societies. We will have more updates soon, but until then, please continue to share IDA’s gofundme page to help send more supplies! All monetary contributions will be strictly used India Covid Disaster Relief. We will continually update you on the progress and impact of your contribution.

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Donate to IDA’s gofundme page. All monetary contributions will be used to secure oxygen equipment and supplies which will be shipped directly to India. https://gofund.me/5d0e8c5a

If you would like to mail a check made out to IDA, please send it to IDA Houston, ATTN Jignesh Shah, 444 FM 1959, Houston, TX 77034.
Dr. Arusha Bavare’s Blog

A VOICE OF A MOTHER FROM INDIA TO IDA

My mother, who has been teaching all her life, is still actively practicing ObGyn at the age of 77 and contributing her services for OB COVID patients. She was troubled by India’s O2 shortage and worried there was a loss of Sewa Bhavana in our generation. She was thrilled to know that she was wrong and seds loads of blessings to the IDA Doctors and contributors on this Akshaya Tritiya day (a very auspicious day)
India Ministry of Culture: Achabal

The former pleasure retreat of Mughal empress Nur Jahan, the springs at Achabal, gushing out of the Sonsanwar Hill, are a virtual treat for the eyes. The pristine springs are surrounded by splendid Mughal Gardens laid out in a unique Persian style. Majestic chinar trees line the garden, which is situated at the foot of a hill, around 58 km away from Srinagar. The water from the springs flows through the garden in three channels and several fountains add to the site’s charm.

It is believed that the source of the springs is the Brengi Nallah that disappears in fissures of limestone at Dewalgam, a small village nearby. Other attractions of Achabal are its stepped terraces, conventional elegance and ornamental shrubs.

For more information, click here.

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IDA Speakers Bureau
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