



**Indian Doctors Association**  
**Greater Houston**  
 November 2020 Edition

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## President's Message

IDA continues the stability of giving back to our Greater Houston community through Scholarships. IDA partnered with UT Health and McGovern Medical School to create an IDA endowed scholarship, which will be a permanent fund that will be used to fund scholarships for years to come. Our goal is to help alleviate the financial burden and support our future leaders at McGovern Medical School. UT Health will manage the funds in perpetuity as this will remain a consistent permanent source of aid for South Asian medical students. With this endowed scholarship, IDA will continue making a difference far into the future.

### Physician Resources

UT Health & McGovern Medical School:  
 Website: <https://med.uth.edu/blog/2020/10/21/indian-doctors-association-of-houston-creates-new-student-scholarship/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mcgovernmed/photos/a.10150175205705420/10158713844825420/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CGn4xIMno46/>

### IDA Physician Specialty awareness videos:



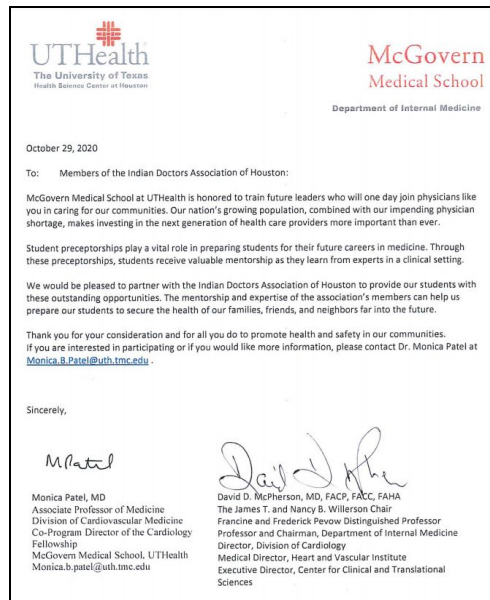
<https://www.facebook.com/idahouston15>  
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<https://www.linkedin.com/in/indian-doctor-s-association-houston-0506a21a/>

*Jignesh Shah, MD*  
*President*

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## Office of UTHealth & McGovern Medical School

### IDA Exclusive Membership Benefit



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## MEMBERS CORNER



*Annual Member*  
*Rupak Kulkarni, MD*

Greetings. Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself to all the IDA members. I am a multi organ abdominal transplant and hepatobiliary surgeon. I am an Assistant Professor of Transplant Surgery in the Department of Surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), Galveston. I currently hold the John Sealy Distinguished Chair in Transplantation Surgery and serve as the Surgical Director of Abdominal Transplant, Surgical Director of Liver Transplantation, Surgical Director of Living Donor Kidney and Liver Transplantation. I have been with UTMB since 2017.

I was born and brought up in Mumbai, a true Mumbaikar. I attended medical school at the K.J. Somaiya Medical College and Research Centre in Mumbai, India. I trained in General Surgery at Bharati Vidyapeeth University in Pune, India.

After residency, I continued my training in multi-organ transplant and hepatobiliary surgery. I completed my first fellowship in living donor liver transplant and hepatobiliary surgery at Medanta (The Medicity) Hospital in Gurgaon, India, which is one of the world's largest living donor liver transplant programs. I then went on to complete a multi-organ (liver/kidney/pancreas) abdominal transplant and hepatobiliary surgery fellowship at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida.

My area of specialty practice includes liver transplantation, kidney and pancreas transplantation, advanced hepatobiliary surgery. At the UTMB Texas Transplant Center we have created a comprehensive setup and offer patients with end stage organ disease with a full spectrum of management options. We serve patients from all over Texas and beyond. Majority of these patients come from medically underserved and socio-economically backward areas. My goal through UTMB is to have excellent outcomes and provide best possible patient care and experience.

I live on the island (Galveston) with my wife Noopur (a former model and actor). We like travelling, listening to Hindustani classical and film music, spending time with family and friends. I look forward to building long lasting personal and professional relationships through the Indian Doctors Association.

<https://www.utmb.edu/surgery/home/faculty/faculty-bios/rupak-kulkarni-md>

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## IDA's Annual Gala



Due to COVID19, this year's gala has been rescheduled to April 10th, 2021.

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### “Friends of IDA”



*“Having this partnership with IDA for nearly a decade, not only have I found new friends and family, but also a long term commitment of continuing to do good for the community!”*

Amiralli (Amir) Dodhiya, LACP  
MAP Certified Financial Professional  
Wealth Preservation And Strategies



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## IDA Speakers Bureau

Please update your membership profile on [idahouston.org](http://idahouston.org) if you would be interested in becoming a motivational speaker for IDA at our future events.



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