



"Sometimes you become more than their doctor. Sometimes you become their family member."

— Aravind Kumar, M.D.

GETTING TO KNOW:

DR. ARAVIND KUMAR

BIMDA's president-elect



Aravind Kumar, a primary care physician with Brevard Internal Medicine, will serve as the BIMDA's organization's next president, beginning January 1, 2016. He was recognized as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (ACP) last year for his service to patients and a member of ACP. ACP is the largest physician organization of the U.S.

Dr. Aravind Kumar likens obtaining a medical education in India to trekking Mt. Everest. He finished the competitive exams, received his degree from the University of Mysore, and completed a specialization in orthopedic surgery.

Even after completing this specialization, he wanted to learn more which led to his move to the United States. He was selected to become an intern in internal medicine at Brookdale University Hospital & Medical Center, in Brooklyn, New York, one of the busiest city hospitals.

"My compassionate and caring work with my patients and knowledge there had been noticed as I earned the confidence of my teachers, superiors and my program director," he said. "I was chosen to become the 'chief resident' during my final year of residency."

After completing his final year of residency, Dr. Kumar knew he wanted to practice internal medicine.

"As a primary care physician, it is essential that we understand the patient as a whole, take care of all their medical problems, and sometimes advise them regarding their social problems and their physical capabilities," Dr. Kumar said.

His orthopedic residency in India came in handy while he was a second year resident at Brookdale Hospital. He was able to help the orthopedic residents in the ER with the victims of 9/11.

After growing tired of the New York winters during his residency, Dr. Kumar moved to Melbourne in 2007. He became involved with BIMDA as soon as he moved.

Dr. Aravind Kumar and his wife Rajasri Krishnamurthy. She is also a medical doctor in internal medicine and practices at Palm Bay Hospital. They have two daughters, Subhiksha who is in her final year of medical school and their younger daughter, Nivetha, who is going to be a sophomore at Viera High School.

"BIMDA is an excellent organization which fits in my philosophy to serve. As a group of likeminded physicians, not only do we assist the needy in the community, we bring the recent advances of medicine under one umbrella, in the form of CME, i.e continuing medical education."

— Dr. Aravind Kumar

With a physician membership close to 200, Dr. Kumar hopes to bring even more members into the organization. More coordination between physicians and more coordination with hospitals and physicians will bring in ease of care and the successful outcomes for our patients," he said. "I am going to work hard to bring in a more pleasant rhythm in the medical community to benefit our citizens."

Brevard Indo-American Medical and Dental Association's objectives are to bring together physicians, dentists and other medical scientists of Indian heritage residing in Brevard County and Central Florida. The association is organized exclusively for scientific, educational, cultural, and charitable purposes. For more information, visit BIMDA.com

