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Bio

BIO

Dr.Niranjan is a nephrologist (specialist in kidney diseases) with specific interests in the care of cancer patients with kidney disease (Onconephrology), high blood pressure (Hypertension) and the prevention of kidney disease.

A graduate of Kilpauk Medical College, India, he completed his medical residencies in the UK and at the University of Connecticut, where he served as Chief Medical Resident and a Nephrology Fellow. Since 2004, he served as an Attending Physician and Nephrologist at the St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Connecticut, and was a partner at Greater Hartford Nephrology. He was also a Medical Director at DaVita Dialysis in Bloomfield, Connecticut until December 2023.
In addition to his clinical practice, he has mentored numerous young physicians and nephrology trainees as a community-based faculty member at the UCONN School of Medicine in Farmington, Connecticut.

His passion for the prevention and early detection of kidney disease is evident in his active involvement in the National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP) in Connecticut. He has facilitated screenings at inner-city community events and minority places of worship, demonstrating his commitment to reaching diverse populations. Over the last five years, he has conducted kidney disease screening camps across Southern India (most recently in June 2024), screening over 500 patients in rural areas using the KEEP template.

At Stanford, Dr.Niranjan sees patients at multiple locations on different days of the week - at the Kidney Clinic, Hypertension Center and Onconephrology clinics catering to different patient populations - all at the 900 Blake Wilbur building location. He also has office hours twice monthly at the Stanford HealthCare Emeryville campus. He is currently faculty at Stanford University School Of Medicine and teaches medical students, residents and fellowship trainees both at bedside and in didactic settings. He is also faculty at the Stanford Center for Asian health research and Education (Stanford CARE). He is a faculty fellow at the Stanford Center for Innovation in Global Health. He holds an administrative title of Director of Community Partnerships in the Division of Nephrology at Stanford Department of Medicine.

Dr.Niranjan is fluent in conversational Tamil, one of the oldest spoken languages in the world. He loves the outdoors and fitness - specifically hiking, bicycling and yoga. He has enjoyed traveling the world with his family. He is passionate about giving back to the community, and supports the education of underprivileged children in India through a US-based non-profit.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Nephrology
- Onco-Nephrology
- Hypertension
- Cardio-kidney-metabolic health
- Preventive nephrology
- Global health

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Associate Professor, Medicine - Nephrology

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Associate Professor, Stanford University, (2025- present)
- Faculty, Stanford Center for Asian health and Research (Stanford CARE), (2025- present)
- Director of Community Partnerships, Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, (2026- present)
- Faculty Fellow, Stanford Center for Innovation in Global Health, (2026- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- NKF Medical Advisory Board Distinguished Service Award, National Kidney Foundation USA (05/16/2024)
- Lifetime Achievement Award - CAPI, Connecticut Association of Physicians of Indian origin (06/01/2024)
- The Arthur P.Pasquarella Leadership in Action National Award, National Kidney Foundation USA (03/25/2021)
- CAPI Community Service Award, Connecticut Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (6/30/2019)
- Thomas R.Preston faculty award for excellence in teaching, University of Connecticut Internal Medicine Residency Program (06/13/2008)
- Maxwell O.Phelps Award for Scholarship in Internal Medicine, University of Connecticut Internal Medicine Residency Program (06/12/2001)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, American Society of Nephrology (2002 - present)
- Chair of the Medical Advisory Board, National Kidney Foundation serving Connecticut and Western Massachusetts (2009 - 2023)
- Board of Directors, Connecticut Council for Interreligious Understanding (2017 - 2023)
- Board of Directors, All India Movement for Seva (2021 - present)
- Member, International Society of Nephrology (2024 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Residency: University of Connecticut Dept of Internal Medicine (2002) CT
- Board Certification: Nephrology, American Board of Internal Medicine (2004)
- Fellowship, University of Connecticut Nephrology Fellowship Program , Nephrology (2004)
- Board Certification, American Board of Internal. Medicine , Internal Medicine (2001)
- Board Certification, Royal College of Physicians, UK , Medicine (1998)
- Medical Education: Kilpauk Medical College (1994) India

COMMUNITY AND INTERNATIONAL WORK

- Community Partnership Program council
- Nephrology free clinic, Redwood City

LINKS

- Kidney transplant education in Tamil magazine Thendral: https://www.tamilonline.com/thendral/article.aspx?aid=8909
- Preventive Nephrology education in Tamil magazine Thendral: https://www.tamilonline.com/thendral/article.aspx?aid=7680
- Kidney stone community education in Tamil magazine Thendral: https://www.tamilonline.com/thendral/article.aspx?aid=4162

Teaching

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Global Health (Scholarly Concentration Application)
- Nephrology (Fellowship Program)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Refractory DKA as first presentation of acromegaly and a potential role for continuous venovenous hemofiltration in its successful management.** *Connecticut medicine*
  Mewawalla, P., Jaiswal, G., Moustakakis, M., Sankaranarayanan, N., Dasanu, C. A.
  2011; 75 (7): 405-7
- **Perioperative management of chronic kidney disease**
  Vergara, C., Venkatachalam, V., Sankaranarayanan, N., Wang, F.
  American College of Physicians - PIER .
  2006
- **Self-performed peritoneal dialysis in prisoners.** *Advances in peritoneal dialysis. Conference on Peritoneal Dialysis*
  Sankaranarayanan, N., Agrawal, R., Guinipero, L., Kaplan, A. A., Adams, N. D.
  2004; 20: 98-100
- **Blood pressure measurement in dialysis patients.** *Advances in chronic kidney disease*
  Sankaranarayanan, N., Santos, S. F., Peixoto, A. J.
  2004; 11 (2): 134-42
- **CYTOMEGALOVIRUS IMMUNE GLOBULIN (Ig) ALONE DOES NOT PREVENT SEROCONVERSION IN CMV MISMATCHED KIDNEY TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS RECEIVING NON-LYTIC INDUCTION THERAPY.** *Transplantation*
  Sankaranarayanan, N., Alleman, K., Charpentier, K., Brown, M., Lally, A., Lawlor, M., Cooper, B., Hull, D., Ranga, K. V.
  2004; 78 (2)

PRESENTATIONS

- Secondary Hypertension - The Tamilnadu Dr.MGR Medical University
- Self-performed Peritoneal Dialysis in Prisoners - 24th Annual Dialysis Conference, 2004
- 6. Conversion from Calcineurin inhibitors to Sirolimus: CADI scoring predicts renal prognosis in kidney transplant recipients - Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Transplant Congress 2004
- Renal Replacement Therapy in the ICU - Apollo Critical Care Nephrology Symposium
- Approach to Secondary Hypertension - Department of Medicine, Madurai Medical College, India