

Indian Doctors Association

May 2019 Edition

MEET IDA'S 2019-20 President

Jignesh Shah, MD

I am excited and humbled to take this upcoming role as President of the Indian Doctors Association. This leadership position has been filled by some of best physicians and philanthropists of Greater Houston. It gives me great pride to serve in this capacity.

I have been involved in this association for six years and continue to see the exponential



growth of the organization. Working with diversified а governing board, I will continue to strive to unite physicians in the greater Houston area for health care policy changes, community

outreach seminars, educational programs,

and fundraisers for the educational school systems. I am eager to bring new activities to the existing IDA members.

We already have an exciting year planned. Our Family Game Night, May 31st, is in full swing. Don't forget to register! Regional physician networking mixers in August and September will be followed by a community fundraiser to close out the 2019 year. Kicking off 2020, IDA will host mentoring/educational programs in Jan/Feb, IDA family Picnic taking place in March, and we will conclude with our 39th Annual Gala in the Spring.

We will continue to focus increasing membership and collaborating with other organizations and health care systems for community and health care initiatives. It is going to be a great year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



How to register for Family Game Night

1. CLICK ON THIS LINK:

https://idah.memberclicks.net/index.php?opt ion=com_mcform&view=ngforms&id=2017 074#/

2. LOGIN PAGE: EXISTING USER (IDA MEMBER):

enter your username and password. If you don't know, click "forgot username" and/or "forgot password." Once logged in, register for the event.

NEW USER (IDA ON-MEMBER): enter your email address and register for the event.

3. REGISTRATION PAGE: Click "Register Yourself" and complete the form. KEEP your username and password to use the website in the future.

If you have any questions, send an email to <u>idahoustontx@gmail.com</u>



Thank you from

IDA Past President

Swati Joglekar, MD



It was а honor to serve this organization as а president this part year ľm and excited to welcome our new president, Dr. Jignesh

Shah, to lead

us this year

as we aspire to achieve our goals to build awareness, inspiration, connection and expand our IDA community.

This year we welcomed 50 new members into our community this year, thanks in large part to our strengthened efforts to inspire Millennials to join the Association. Our programming and platform have helped these young physicians build relationships with fellow physicians, given them tools to continue learning about the science and business of medicine, and provided opportunities for them to give back to their community.

We are, today, 500 members strong and continue to grow in greater Houston are are incredibly proud to serve our shared community.

Don't Forget



Please Remember to Update Your Membership Profiles

As a member of IDA, you can log into the IDA website and update your information Go to

membership information. Go to idahouston.org and click on "member login" at the top of the page. You will be asked for your username and password. If you don't know it, click on "forgot my username" and enter your email. You can do the same if you don't remember your password.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that your profile is updated so you can send you all the latest information and updates from IDA.

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MEMBER'S CORNER

New Member Kriti Mohan, MD

I am truly honored to share my experience as a new member of the IDA. As a surgeon starting a private practice in Houston, I cannot think of a better way to become more connected to our community. IDA has welcomed me with open arms and has allowed me to interact with many colleagues who I otherwise would have never had the opportunity to meet. My interest in outreach and service in medicine has been long lasting. In fact, it was the opportunities to participate in service mission trips early in my undergraduate career which solidified my desire to pursue medicine. IDA now offers me the chance to continue this founding interest in service and give back to my community.

As a plastic surgeon, I feel grateful to be able to treat a large variety of patients, reconstructive from those seeking procedures after cancer and trauma as well as those seeking cosmetic surgeries. I am humbled every day by these opportunities we have as physicians. Yet, somehow as powerfully connected as we are through medicine, it sometimes seems that as physicians we also can feel significant isolation. As a female surgeon, I can say this has been particularly true for me, as I imagine it also has for many of my colleagues. Organizations such as the IDA provide opportunities for true camaraderie, which is of great value.

I cannot be more excited to be part of the IDA; to me it represents a community wherein we can simultaneously celebrate our shared Indian heritage and traditions while also fostering the principles of outreach and philanthropy.



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