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IAMA-IL Members and Supporters,

I'm deeply honored to accept the position as the President of the Indian American Medical Association of Illinois. It has been a very humbling experience to be part of this noble organization for few years.

Sincere thanks to Dr. Dasgupta for his hard work, dedication, and excellence throughout the year, to bring this organization to a very high standard. He brought international recognition by participating in the World Health Day Summit 2017 and national recognition by participating in "Hands on CPR Program" along with dynamic leadership by Dr. Vemuri Murthy.

First, I'd like to introduce the Executive Committee - 2018

- Dr. Niranjana Shah- President-Elect
- Dr. Geetha Wadhwani- Secretary
- Dr. Suneela Hasroor- Secretary-Elect
- and our dynamic treasurer Dr. Sidney Jain

My action plan for this year is to create programs that will strengthen our organization, increase membership and be recognized at the community and state level. Bring young physicians involve more actively by providing a platform to excel in the organization and create future leaders.

Our main focus is to continue active participation in the IAMA Charity Foundation and free health clinic which is an integral part of our noble organization. Will promote and encourage our physicians to volunteer in the free health clinic. Will continue monthly educational activities and am proud to introduce Dr. Paramjit Chopra as the education committee chair who is my mentor and a dynamic leader in the medical community. Will have a robust program to continue community health fairs and seminars including Hands-Only-CPR Program in collaboration with CMS under guidance by Dr. Murthy and many other community leaders. Global health committee under leadership by Dr. Vasa to continue our efforts of improved health care in India.



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As you know, our health care system is in jeopardy. Many unanswered questions facing the doctors and access to health care to the patient's everyone is concerned

- 1. What will happen with ACA
- 2. How can we expand access to quality care for those who cannot afford coverage?
- 3. How can we fix the opiate crisis, obesity epidemic?
- 4. How do we tackle domestic and international violence?

We created the ACA and Health Reform Committee under leadership by Dr. Utpal Parikh and an AMA/ISMS/CMS liaison under leadership by Dr. Raj Lal. We will educate our members on changing health regulations and bylaws in a timely manner. A special ad-hoc committee of a liaison between AAPI and IAMA is created under leadership by Dr. Suresh Reddy who will be president-elect of AAPI. We will engage active participation of dynamic young physician, resident physician and medical student committees with the hospitals and medical schools to promote research, education and clinical activities. We need to mentor and develop the next generation of doctors in the leadership.

None of what I discussed above can be possible without your Active participation. We must work together to bring the change. The change in terms of education, economic growth, access to quality healthcare and human welfare.

As we face new challenges, IAMA will remain firm on our goals, our vision, and new initiatives.

United we are stronger. Let us bring IAMA to a level every Indian physician could be proud of.

Sreenivas Reddy, MD

President-2018