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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

It is my pleasure to write in support of the application of Dr . Atul Sharma for prestigious "SUN PHARMA FOUNDATION RESEARCH AWARDS 2021". I have known Dr Sharma for almost 30 years as a colleague at IRCH, AIIMS. He joined department of Medical Oncology in 1992 as senior resident and later on went on to become first DM (medical Oncology) from AIIMS. He joined as Assistant Professor in 1999 and currently working as Professor of Medical Oncology. I would like to share my professional experiences with him, primarily related the qualities necessary for an outstanding Oncologist "knowledge, clinical skills, patient care, teaching , research and leadership.

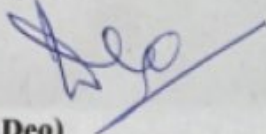
Dr. Sharma as a medical oncologist with a focus on head and neck, GI, Lymphoma/Leukemia and blood and marrow transplantation programs at our center. Dr Sharma is actively involved in developing medical oncology services at our new cancer center, National Cancer Institute (NCI), Jhajjar. NCI is the largest publicly funded cancer center in the country.

Dr Sharma is actively involved in clinical research on GI Oncology with a main focus on gallbladder cancer ,which is an India centric cancer. He conducted a clinical study and for the first time showed that gemcitabine based chemotherapy is superior to best supportive care in unresectable gallbladder cancer. This work was published in Journal of Clinical Oncology, a high impact journal in 2010. Subsequently, he has worked on new protocol developments for gallbladder and head and neck cancers and published in reputed journals. His research work , for the first time showed that weekly Cisplatin when added to radiation is better than radiation alone in advanced oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal (head and neck) cancers. This was published in Annals of Oncology (year 2010). Dr Sharma's also worked in fields of supportive care for chemotherapy induced side effects like oral mucositis and diarrhoea.

Beyond his outstanding contributions to field of Oncology Dr Sharma is a great human being , compassionate clinician , critically thinking researcher and mentored many medical oncologists and basic science researchers in India and abroad.

I strongly recommend his name for the "SUN PHARMA FOUNDATION RESEARCH AWARDS 2021" and wish him success for his future endeavors. If you need any further clarifications , please do not hesitate to contact me.

With warm regards



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