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Hello

- I request your support for the position of "Representative to the Assembly" for the IMG Caucus 2022 elections.
- I am an IMG with a story of resilience and strength amidst adversities with a passion to advocate for IMGs.

Here's my story

- Born in a low-income family in Bangalore, India.
- As an 8-year-old child, I had a tragic accident that resulted in severe injury to my right arm.
- While playing cricket, a popular sport, I went to retrieve the ball from the roof of our home when I was electrocuted by a high voltage power line. I underwent 9 surgeries over the next 2 years.
- I lost my entire dominant right arm.
- This experience of being cared for by doctors and healthcare professionals inspired me to be a physician.

What I've done so far

- Served on the 13-member national advocacy committee for AACAP
- Worked with offices of senators and representatives in regard to healthcare advocacy and policy in Washington DC.
- Twice elected as the ECP rep to the council, APA Illinois District Branch
- Twice nominated as Chair of ECP committee, APA Illinois District Branch
- Featured as an upcoming young leader by IPS, ICCAP, AACAP
- Advocacy workshops and IMG Mentoring

Education

- MD, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bangalore, India
- MD, Residency in Psychiatry
– Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
- MD, Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
– Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

Work

- Attending Psychiatrist – Clarity Clinic, Chicago

If I am elected

- I will advocate for IMGs at the APA assembly, to improve IMG representation.
- I will work hard to bring together various IMG groups from across the country.
- I will build channels of communication through which any IMG can voice their opinion irrespective of age, color, disability, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex, and sexual orientation.
- I will work toward removing barriers for IMGs to enter the field of Psychiatry.
- I will work on policies to improve IMG numbers in the workforce to bring health equity to our patients. and strength of diversity in healthcare.

“ I have a motto that captures my role as a doctor: "Learn to serve; serve to learn" ”