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Bhavan has worked with a multi-disciplinary team to develop an innovative, self-administered OPAT clinic. Since OPAT is not available to unfunded patients, hospitals filling a safety-net role are disproportionately burdened with excess hospitalization. Her team's research has shown significant savings in terms of hospital bed days and better clinical outcomes for patients, suggesting that self-administered OPAT can be safe and effective for unfunded, medically stable patients to complete extended courses of intravenous antimicrobial therapy at home.

Bhavan also serves as faculty at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. She is an infectious diseases trained physician with a master's degree in public health and additional training in hospital epidemiology.