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is a pediatric nephrologist with Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital. Having been born and brought up in the United States, she moved to India at the impressionable age of ten and eventually secured admission into one of India's top five medical colleges. She returned to the USA to complete pediatric residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago where she declined an invitation to be chief resident to pursue a pediatric nephrology fellowship and a subsequent transplant fellowship at the University of Washington while simultaneously earning a degree in the Master of Public Health in Epidemiology. She moved to Minnesota in July 2009 where she served over a decade as a nephrologist, a medical director for pediatric kidney transplant, and the president of the hospital clinical service unit board.

She moved to Chicago and started as Division Head of the Pediatric Nephrology Division at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Since her arrival, she has navigated the challenges of the pandemic and revamped the division to reduce patient wait times, create a unique service model to meet the needs of the patients, increase the division's research profile and formalize the educational curriculum of the nephrology training program for medical students, residents and fellows.

