



**The 1<sup>st</sup> South Asian American Health Conference**  
**“Developing an Agenda for Action to Address Health Disparities”**

**Friday, June 3, 2005**  
**Ramada Inn & Conference Center**  
**999 Route One South, North Brunswick, NJ 08902**

**AGENDA**

**7:30 am – 8:30 am Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibits**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
8:30 - 8:45	Welcoming Remarks	<b>John J. Petillo, PhD</b> President, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
8:45 - 9:30	Keynote Presentation Who are South Asian Americans, Cultural and Linguistic Diversity, Issues and Challenges, Urgency for Action Moderator: <b>Celia Dorantes Abalos, Esq.</b>	<b>S. Jay Jayasankar, MD</b> President, Boston Medical Library, Former President, American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI)  <b>Parag Khandhar, MPA</b> Board Member of the South Asian Health Project
9:30 - 10:15	Plenary Session Cardiovascular Diseases in South Asians Moderator: <b>Virender Sethi, MD</b>	<b>Rohit R. Arora, MD, FACC</b> Professor of Medicine and Professor of Pharmacology at the Chicago Medical School and Chief of Cardiology and Vice Chairman of Medicine at the North Chicago VA Medical Center
10:15 - 10:30	Break, Exhibits and Posters	<b>Coordinator: Sunit P. Jariwala, MD</b> Recent Alumnus of UMDNJ-RWJMS
10:30 - 11:15	Plenary Session Diabetes Epidemic in South Asians Moderator: <b>Sunil J Wimalawansa, MD, PhD, FRCP, FRCPath</b>	<b>Maya Raghuwanshi, MD, MPH</b> Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, Director of Diabetes Clinic, UMDNJ-NJMS
11:15 - 11:45	Q & A session including speakers from the Plenary Sessions Moderator: <b>Anita Chopra, MD, FACP, CMD</b>	<b>S. Jay Jayasankar, MD</b> <b>Parag Khandhar, MPA</b> <b>Rohit R. Arora, MD, FACC</b> <b>Maya Raghuwanshi, MD, MPH</b> <b>Virender Sethi, MD</b> <b>Sunil J Wimalawansa, MD, PhD, FRCP, FRCPath</b>
11:45 - 12:45	Lunch, Exhibits and Posters	

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12:45 - 1:30	Current Policy and Programmatic Climate Moderator: <b>Chandak Ghosh, MD, MPH</b>	<b>Assemblyman Upendra J. Chivukula</b> New Jersey Legislature General Assembly  <b>Linda J. Holmes, MPA</b> Executive Director, Office of Minority and Multicultural Health, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services  <b>Gem P. Daus, MA</b> Director of Policy, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)
1:30 - 2:30	Concurrent Sessions I	
	A. Cancer Moderator: <b>Gopala Kovvali, PhD</b>  B. Infectious Diseases Moderator: <b>Mona Mahal, MD</b>  C. Oral Health Moderator: <b>Satish C. Mullick, DMD, MSD</b>	<b>Gopala Kovvali, PhD</b> Assistant Professor of Medicine UMDNJ-RWJMS, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Carcinogenesis  <b>M. Rashid Abbasi, MD</b> Oncology & Hematology Specialists Morristown Memorial & St Claire Hospitals  <b>Jyotsna Changrani, MD, MPH</b> Assistant Director for the Center for Immigrant Health, NYU School of Medicine  <b>Rajendra Kapila, MD</b> Associate Professor, Infectious Diseases, UMDNJ-NJMS  <b>Sunanda Gaur, MD</b> Professor of Pediatrics, Medical Director AIDS Program UMDNJ-RWJMS, Division of Allergy, Immunology & Infectious Disease  <b>Michael L. Barnett, DDS</b> Interim Associate Dean for Research, UMDNJ-NJDS  <b>Arnab Mukherjea, MPH</b> Co-Chair, Board of Directors (2004-2006); South Asian Public Health Association (SAPHA)  <b>Kavita P. Ahluwalia, DDS, MPH</b> Assistant Professor, School of Dental/Oral Surgery, Columbia University

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2:30 - 2:45	Break, Exhibits and Posters	
2:45 - 3:45	Concurrent Sessions II	
	<p style="text-align: center;">D. Mental Health  Moderator: <b>Nirmala Rajakumar, MD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">E. Domestic Violence  Moderator: <b>Shazia Anam Akram, MPH</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">F. Diet/Nutrition  Moderator: <b>Julie O’Sullivan Maillet, PhD, RD, FADA</b></p>	<p><b>Agnelo B. Dias, EdD</b>  Clinic Administrator, Asian Outreach Program of Queens Child Guidance Center</p> <p><b>Sabiha R. Sadiq, MA, DMSP</b>  Consultant and Volunteer Community Worker</p> <p><b>Aruna Rao, MA</b>  Director of Education Programs, NAMI New Jersey</p> <p><b>Shamita Das Dasgupta, PhD, DVS</b>  Manavi, Inc. and NYU Law School</p> <p><b>Sujata Warriar, PhD</b>  Director, New York City Program, New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence</p> <p><b>Michelle Wien, DrPH, RD, CDE</b>  Assistant Professor, Graduate Programs in Clinical Nutrition, Dept of Primary Care, UMDNJ-SHRP</p> <p><b>Wahida Karmally, DrPH, RD, CDE</b>  Director of Nutrition, Irving Center for Clinical Research, Columbia University Medical Center</p>
3:45 - 4:00	Closing Remarks	
4:00 – 6:00	Reception and Networking	