

Dr. Gopika Gangupantula Honored with CMA's 2024 Frederick K.M. Plessner Memorial Award for Transforming Rural Healthcare

Dr. Gopika Gangupantula awarded CMA's 2024 Plessner Award for her transformative impact on rural healthcare and dedication to underserved communities

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affectionately known as Dr. G, has been awarded the prestigious Frederick K.M. Plessner Memorial Award by the California Medical Association (CMA). This recognition, considered one of CMA's highest honors, celebrates Dr. Gangupantula's transformative contributions to rural healthcare and her unwavering dedication to serving medically underserved communities in California's Central Valley.

The Frederick K.M. Plessner Memorial Award, named after a pioneer in rural healthcare ethics, recognizes physicians who exemplify the highest ideals of rural medical practice.

Each year, it honors a California physician who demonstrates exceptional dedication to providing compassionate, patient-centered care in underserved areas, reflecting a profound commitment to health equity and service.

Dr. Gangupantula's groundbreaking work in diabetes and obesity care embodies the values the award seeks to highlight, offering hope and healing to patients facing chronic health challenges.

For more than two decades, Dr. Gangupantula has been a tireless advocate for equitable healthcare. Her journey began as a primary care physician at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), where she developed innovative services for patients with diabetes. Inspired by her father's battle with the disease and the challenges faced by her community, she pursued advanced fellowship training, ultimately becoming one of fewer than 30 board-certified diabetologists in the nation.

In 2017, Dr. Gangupantula and her husband, Sachin Gangupantula, FACHE, founded Valley Diabetes & Obesity, a medical practice focused on addressing the unique healthcare needs of rural communities.

Dr. Gangupantula's impact extends far beyond her practice. She has led specialty diabetes clinics for uninsured and Medicaid recipients, collaborated with local organizations, and mentored healthcare providers and residents to advance health equity. Her work with Project ECHO Diabetes, in partnership with Stanford Medicine, has empowered healthcare providers across rural areas, expanding access to advanced diabetes care and bridging critical gaps for underserved populations.

"Dr. G's innovative spirit and passion exemplify resilience and dedication. We celebrate her not only for her exceptional contributions to medicine but also for her enduring compassion and commitment to uplifting her community," said CMA President Dr. Tanya W. Spirtos.

During her acceptance speech at the CMA House of Delegates meeting, Dr. Gangupantula reflected, "Practicing in rural areas presents unique challenges, but within those challenges lies our purpose. As physicians, we step into our roles as advocates, educators, and, at times, the last ray of hope for our patients." She expressed heartfelt gratitude for her family's unwavering support, particularly acknowledging her husband Sachin, who transitioned from a successful software career to support her mission.

This recognition by CMA underscores Dr. Gangupantula's enduring compassion, medical expertise, and transformative contributions to rural healthcare. Her journey is a testament to what is possible when passion meets purpose, and her legacy continues to inspire her peers and uplift the communities she serves.

Organizations or individuals interested in learning from Dr. Gangupantula's approach or exploring collaborative opportunities are encouraged to reach out.

For media inquiries or more information about Dr. Gangupantula's work and Valley Diabetes & Obesity, please contact Sachin Gangupantula at sachin@drgdiabetes.com or visit <http://www.DrGDiabetes.com>.

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