

Dr. T.S. Ravikumar MS, FACS, FRCS(C), FRCS(Ed)
Brief Bio-Data



Current Positions:

- *President, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Mangalagiri, India.*
- *Member, WHO Global Patient Safety Curriculum Working Group*
- *Board Member, Health Technology Assessment in India (HTA In), Government of India.*
- *Chairman, Nation of Lifesavers-India program: American Heart Association*
- *AIIMS Madurai Coordination/Liaison Committee, Tamil Nadu Govt representative*
- *Trustee, Sundaram Medical Foundation, India*
- *Governing Body member, Cancer Institute(WIA), Adyar, India*

Dr. TS Ravikumar is currently engaged in global health initiatives, after serving in the U.S for over 36 years in various capacities; the overarching goals of his current work are: (i) Service in public health sector for the underserved; (ii) System design for establishing centers of excellence and emphasis on Quality & Patient Safety; and (iii) Testing models for Universal Health Care. He completed his M.S in Surgery from Madras Medical College, India and completed American Board of Surgery in addition to FRCS from Canada & Edinburgh. He is a fellow of American College of Surgeons.

His appointments in USA included: Assistant and later Associate Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School; Associate Professor and Chief of Surgical Oncology, Yale University School of Medicine; Professor of Surgery & molecular biology, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Chief of Surgery at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey; and Surgeon-in-chief, Senior VP for surgical services at Montefiore Medical Center, and later at North shore LIJ health System, New York. He held University Chair & John D. Mountain Endowed Professor of Surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Prior to embarking on global health work, he was at Geisinger Health System, Pennsylvania as Chief Quality Officer (Surgery & Interventional), Director of NCI Community Cancer Centers Program & Director of Surgical Innovation

He is recognized internationally for his work in colorectal cancer and liver surgery and patient safety. Based on his expertise in patient safety at hospitals in USA and later in India, he has been made a member of WHO Patient Safety Curriculum working group. He has over 230 peer reviewed publications, abstracts and book chapters. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors including the top doctors/best doctors listings consistently since 1995. He is a member of several surgical and oncologic societies, including Society of University Surgeons and the American Surgical Association. He is a past-president of New York Surgical Society. The New York Daily News named him "21 New Yorkers to Watch in the 21st Century" in its 2000 millennium edition.

As part of his global health work, he was appointed as the first Director & CEO of Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), Puducherry, after it was designated an Institute of National Importance in India. During his tenure since 2012, JIPMER won the acclaim as the third ranked medical school, sixth highly rated multi-specialty hospital as well as ranked fourth for research infrastructure in all of India. Under his leadership, JIPMER for the first time in its history, received award of excellence "CNBC TV 18 - ICICI Lombard - India Healthcare Awards" as 'Best hospital with Medical School - Non Metro 2014-15'. He initiated several projects at JIPMER: 400 bed Women & Children Hospital, an Academic Centre, a large student Hostel Complex, super specialty block expansion. JIPMER Quality Council and Apex trauma/emergency/ disaster management centre. At another public sector health system in India, SVIMS, he established a medical college exclusively for women. A "Centre for Advanced Research" (CfAR) was established. SVIMS profile was enhanced to rank among the top 30 Indian medical institutions. He has initiated several population health strategies such as: community CPR, 'PINK BUS' for women's bundled cancer screening, novel patient safety initiatives to improve hospital wide mortality, public reporting of quality metrics & Real Time Actionable Patient Experience of Care (R-TAPE) portal.

Since 2017, he served as advisor for the development of a new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Mangalagiri, and he was appointed President of this new AIIMS in November 2018. He is a convener of IRAPS (Implementation Research Associates for Patient Safety) which comprises of four new AIIMS and National Institute of Design (NID), India. He is a trustee of Sundaram Medical Foundation & Hospital, Chennai; and a member of Governing Body /Executive Committee of Cancer Institute (WIA) Adyar, Chennai. The Government of Tamil Nadu has nominated him as its representative to the coordination/liaison committee for another new AIIMS at Madurai.

Dr. Ravikumar has been active in establishing collaborations between health systems in USA & India during the last decade with a focus in quality/patient safety, population health and promoting Accountable Health Systems. He is also the convener of a collaborative between American Heart Association and several new AIIMS for Community CPR.