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“Why and how should we value our teachers and mentors?”

Lecture by Prof. R Krishna Kumar

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Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi, Kerala**

Date: August 13 2024

Time: 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm

Venue: Online via YouTube Link:

Meeting Link https://youtube.com/live/KGXdf_-4PdY?feature=share

Our failure to value and nurture teachers and mentors may have contributed to the failure of many of our leading institutions to sustain a high level of excellence over time. This is perhaps true for a wide range of disciplines including medicine. What could be the reasons behind the collective neglect of our teachers? While we in India take a lot of pride in a tradition that greatly values our teachers, the situation is especially worrisome in many Indian institutions. What can we do to reverse the trend?



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Program Schedule

Introduction to the Lecture series: Dean, Dr.Roy Joseph

5:30 PM – 5:32 PM

Introduction to the speaker

Dr. S Harikrishnan, HOD, Department of Cardiology, SCTIMST

5.32 PM – 5.35 PM

Lecture by Prof. R Krishna Kumar

5:35 PM – 6.15 PM

Comments and QA session moderated by

Dr. Roy Joseph, Dean, SCTIMST

6:15 PM – 6:25 PM

Vote of thanks

Prof. HV Easwer/Dr.Mala Ramanathan, Professor, AMCHSS, SCTIMST

6:25 PM – 6:30 PM

Program emceed by Prof.HV Easwer, Dept of Neurosurgery, SCTIMST

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Dr. Krishna Kumar is Clinical Professor and Head, Department of Padiatric Cardiology, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi, Kerala. His medical career started with obtaining his MBBS from Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi in 1984. Subsequently, he completed his MD in Internal Medicine and DM in Cardiology at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Dehi in 1990. He completed his Fellowship in Padiatric Cardiology at the prestigious Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston. Dr. Krishna Kumar is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and also the American Heart Association.

He has been the recipient of many awards, both as a student and as a teacher. He won the gold medal for best post-graduate in Cardiology at AIIMS, New Delhi in 1990. As a teacher he has been awarded the Tri-decennial Medical Teacher of Excellence Award by the National Board of Examinations, India. Recently he was awarded the Kerala Hridya Purasakaram by the Rheumatic Heart Club, Kerala.

Under Dr. Krishna Kumar's leadership, the Padiatric Heart Program at the Amrita Hospital has acquired global reputation in quality of clinical services, research and training. The program received the BMJ award for quality improvement (2014) and status of center of excellence in research by ICMR (2023). A substantial proportion of the national work force in padiatric cardiology has been trained at Amrita Hospital. His interests relate to epidemiology of padiatric heart disease, cost effective care and population-based programs for care delivery. He has published 262 indexed original and review articles and edited four textbooks.