

Destined to Be President

Vascular and interventional radiologist heads up two medical associations

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Dr. Sreenivas Reddy not only actively sees patients at his Chicago Legs clinic in Hinsdale, but he also holds top leadership positions at two specialty medical associations.

SREENIVAS REDDY, MD, was destined to be president—of medical associations, that is. A board-certified diagnostic radiologist who specializes in vascular and interventional radiology,

Dr. Reddy took over Chicago Legs in Hinsdale in January of this year where he treats vein and vascular diseases. But outside of office hours, he also acts as president of the Indian American Medical Association of Illinois (IAMA-IL) and the president-elect of the American Association of Radiologists of Indian Origin (AARI).

Dr. Reddy rose to the presidency of IAMA-IL after being a rank and file member for only six years, a rapid rise that he attributes to his vision for the organization. “Not only do we want to grow membership,” he says, “but we want to come up with new ideas and new plans for the future. I really want to focus on issues facing Chicago such as the drug problem, violence and mental health issues in schools.”

Still, his favorite thing to do is help his patients. Prior to taking over Chicago Legs, he spent the past 10 years at Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital. During his time with the Northwestern system, Dr. Reddy was also director for Fox Valley Advanced Vein and Laser Center in Geneva. “A lot of my patients have chronic diseases such as blockages of the arteries,” he says. “When I can help someone who has had issues for a long time, it makes me very happy.”


One of Dr. Reddy's most vivid memories of making a huge difference for a patient came when Chicago was experiencing a major storm that shut down nearly all transportation. But when a patient who was bleeding internally from a stab wound came to the hospital, Dr. Reddy made it to a hotel across from the hospital where an ambulance came to pick him up. “If I hadn't been there on time to help him,” he says, “the outcome would have been bleak.”

Dr. Reddy's empathy for his patients comes to



him naturally. One of his uncles is a radiologist in Michigan. “Growing up I spent a lot of time with him,” says Dr. Reddy. “I would go visit him when he was working in the hospital. In fact, I started out doing a residency in internal medicine for a year but it was my experience with my uncle that ultimately motivated me to switch to radiology.”

His dedication to his patients hasn't gone unnoticed either. In 2017, he received the Outstanding Physician award from Northwestern Medicine-Delnor Hospital. “I was very honored to have received the award,” he says. “It was voted on by other physicians at the hospital.”

When it comes to his overall outlook on medicine, Dr. Reddy worries that the quality of patient care may decline if more physicians become employees of hospitals because they will have less autonomy when it comes to making patient care decisions. But, on the brighter side, he is optimistic about advancements in modern medicine through research, new treatments and advancing technology. “I look forward to seeing better and better options for helping patients,” he says cheerfully. 

Dr. Reddy's Career Highlights

DR. REDDY received his MD from the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine in St. Maarten in 1993. He then did an internal medicine residency at John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County before switching to a diagnostic radiology residency. He did a fellowship in vascular and interventional radiology at Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. He has also served as a vascular and interventional radiologist at the Midwest Institute of Minimally Invasive Therapies and at Loyola Medicine-Gottlieb Memorial Hospital and as an interventional radiologist at Methodist Hospital. Currently, Dr. Reddy is also a volunteer clinical assistant professor of radiology at the Indiana School of Medicine in Gary, IN—a position he has held since 2004.