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Dr. Kumar received his medical degree from All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, India. His postdoctoral training included a residency in internal medicine from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, followed by a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in hematology/oncology at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota. Dr. Kumar is board-certified in internal medicine with subspecialties in medical oncology and hematology.

Dr. Kumar's research focuses on the development of novel drugs for the treatment of myeloma. He is the principal investigator of clinical trials exploring new drugs and combinations for newly diagnosed and relapsed myeloma. His laboratory is focused on understanding the role of bone marrow microenvironment in the development and progression of myeloma. He has presented his research nationally and internationally and has contributed to numerous articles, abstracts, editorials, and letters in peer-reviewed publications, including *Blood*, *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, *Leukemia*, *American Journal of Hematology*, *British Journal of Haematology*, and *Bone Marrow Transplantation*.

Dr. Kumar holds membership with several professional organizations, including the American Society of Hematology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Association for Cancer Research, American Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation, the Association of Physicians of India, and the European Hematology Association. He also serves on the editorial boards for several journals, including *American Journal of Hematology*, *European Journal of Clinical and Medical Oncology*, and *Leukemia*.