

Purnendu Gupta, M.D., Named Chief of Staff at SHC - Chicago



We are delighted to announce the appointment of Purnendu Gupta, M.D., to Chief of Staff at SHC - Chicago, as of July 2016. A longtime Chicagoan, Dr. Gupta attended Northwestern University Medical School as a member of the Honors Program for Medical Education and received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1990.

He then completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Children's Memorial Hospital (now Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago). Dr. Gupta completed a fellowship in complex scoliosis and spinal disorders at Washington University Medical School in St. Louis Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis Children's Hospital, and SHC – St. Louis.

Caring for patients with pediatric and adult scoliosis, kyphosis, spondylolisthesis, and complex spinal reconstruction is Dr. Gupta's specialty. He has over 20 years' experience in academic medicine, at Ohio State University and University of Chicago, where he served as the Director of the Spine Center at Weiss Memorial Hospital. Currently, Dr. Gupta is Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

Dr. Gupta has conducted extensive spine research and has presented and published his work internationally. *The Spine Journal*, *Clinical Biomechanics*, and the *American Journal of Sports Medicine*, along with many other publications, have invited him on their editorial boards.

Dr. Gupta's many honors include the prestigious Spine Volvo Award in Biomechanics from the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine for ergonomic research. For many years, he has volunteered as a spine surgeon for the Foundation of Orthopedics and Complex Spine in Ghana and the Scoliosis Research Society Global Outreach Program in Bulgaria.

Our new Chief of Staff has been practicing at SHC – Chicago since 2007. "My work at Shriners Hospital has become the most satisfying aspect of my career," he says. "As Chief of Staff, I would love to see the Chicago Shriners Hospital grow and become a preeminent pediatric hospital in Chicago for orthopaedic surgery, plastic surgery, and spinal rehabilitation."

Dr. Gupta will lead an expert staff of pediatric spine, orthopaedic, and craniofacial surgeons and rehabilitation experts, offering advanced, multi-disciplinary care to children in the greater Chicago area, throughout the Midwest, and across the country.

He succeeds Drs. Kim Hammerberg and Lawrence Vogel, who have been serving as Interim Chiefs of Staff since January 2016.

All of us at Chicago Shriners Hospital welcome Dr. Purnendu Gupta as our new Chief of Staff, for we know his great gifts and wide-ranging experience will contribute significantly to advance our mission of caring for kids in a family-centered environment, regardless of the family's ability to pay.

