

New CCSG administrator joins institution on March 8

Shreya Kanodia, Ph.D., joined the institution on March 8 as associate vice president for programs, planning and infrastructure and will serve as the administrator of our Cancer Center Support Grant.

A graduate of our MD Anderson UT Health Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Kanodia has years of experience in research administration and in-depth knowledge of working with NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers.

Comprehensive experience

Kanodia comes to MD Anderson from the Moores Cancer Center at the University of California, San Diego, where she served as the Deputy Director of Administration at the cancer center and the Executive Director for Cancer Research. She oversaw the administration and operations for research and academics and led the cancer center's NCI-designation's renewal.

Prior to UCSD, she served in numerous research and administrative roles at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, where she held the role of Executive Director in Oncology and the Associate Director for Administration in the Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute. She also held academic appointments as an assistant professor in the CSMC department of Biomedical Sciences, where she also served as Director of Grants Management.

Additionally, Kanodia served as interim Chief Administrative Officer/Associate Director for Administration and played a key role in NCI-designation renewal for the University of Hawaii Cancer Center.

A background in bench science

Prior to taking research administration roles, Kanodia was trained as a tumor immunologist at our graduate school, earning her Ph.D. through our Immunology/Cancer Biology programs. Her research focused on T cell avidity to self-antigens to understand how vaccine dosage affects the T cell repertoire and elucidate the reasons for limited efficacy of tumor vaccines. She also worked with biotechnology companies, establishing the U.S. operation of Advanced Microdevices Pvt. Ltd. and co-founding Advanced Bioscience Technologies.

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