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Applied genomics and human transplantation

Introducing Manikkam Suthanthiran

Monday, 16 August, 08:30 - 10:00

Plenary: The Genome and Beyond

Presentation: Monitoring Allograft Status in the 21st Century: A Noninvasive Molecular Approach



Dr. Manikkam (Suthan) Suthanthiran, M.D., F.A.S.N was born in Madras, India. He received his medical degree from the University of Madras, Internal Medicine training at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan and Nephrology and Research Fellowship at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts. He holds the Stanton Griffis Distinguished Professorship in Medicine and Professorships in Biochemistry and Surgery at Cornell and serves as the Chairman of the Department of Transplantation Medicine at the NewYork Presbyterian Hospital- Weill Cornell.

Suthanthiran's laboratory identified CD2 co-stimulation in T cell activation; induction of antigen-specific cytotoxic activity via T cell CD3 protein; stimulation of TGF-b1 expression by cyclosporine and tacrolimus; positioned TGF-b1 overexpression as a mechanism for CNI toxicity, and for cancer progression in organ graft recipients. Suthanthiran's laboratory developed competitive quantitative polymerase chain reaction assay and urinary cell mRNA profiling for the noninvasive diagnosis and prognosis of acute rejection of renal allografts.

Suthanthiran is a recipient of Established Investigator Award and Distinguished Achievement Award from the American Society of Transplant Physicians; the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Indian Society of Transplantation; the Pioneer in Medicine Award of National Kidney Foundation; and the NIH MERIT Award.

Suthanthiran is a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation; Association of American Physicians; International Society of Nephrology; American Society of Transplantation; and The Transplantation Society. Suthanthiran has served as the President of the American Society of Transplant Physician; Councilor of The Transplantation Society; and Consultant, FDA Antiviral Drug Advisory Committee.

Suthanthiran is an Editor of Transplantation and serves on the Editorial Boards of Nature Reviews Nephrology and Kidney International.



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