


Curriculum Vitae

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Educational Background

MBBS University of Queensland, Australia
FRACP (Gastroenterology & Hepatology) Melbourne, Australia
PhD University of Melbourne, Australia

Professional Career

Dr Purnima Bhat was awarded her medical degree from the University of Queensland. She then specialized in gastroenterology and hepatology, training at the Austin Hospital in Melbourne. She further trained in balloon-assisted enteroscopy in Sydney and Oslo, Norway. Dr Bhat holds a PhD in liver disease from the University of Melbourne.

She is a Staff Specialist in the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Unit at the Canberra Hospital. Dr Bhat is also a Senior Research Scientist at the Australian National University where her laboratory studies immune cells in GI diseases and has developed several point-of-care diagnostic tests for use in developing countries. She teaches at the university medical faculty and is currently supervising several students on translational research projects including cancer immune biology, sarcopenia in liver disease and HCC development in HBV-infected patients.

Dr Bhat is Chair of the World Endoscopy Organisation African Outreach Committee where she coordinates teaching and service development of endoscopy in resource-limited regions. She serves on the European Society for Gastroenterology International Committee, the World Endoscopy Organisation Climate Change Committee, and several Australian organisations including the Australian Society of Hepatitis and HIV and the Gastroenterology Society of Australasia. For the last three years, she has served on the Editorial Board of the Scandinavian Journal of Gastroenterology.

Research Field

Endoscopy in Resource Limited Environments
Hepatitis B virus diagnostics
GI immune modulation