

## **The AAAAI Foundation and Anjuli Seth Nayak, MD FAAAAI Lecture: Investing Together in Our Future**



Anjuli S. Nayak, MD Res '81, is an associate professor in the department of pediatrics at the University Of Illinois College Of Medicine in Chicago.

She and her husband, Nicholas A. Nayak, MD, are the founders of Sneeze, Wheeze, and Itch Associates, a private practice and research center in Normal, IL. She received her early schooling and medical degree in India.

After her pediatrics residency at the University of Illinois, College of Medicine at Peoria and the Jersey City Medical Center in New Jersey, she completed a

fellowship in allergy and clinical immunology at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Nayak has been a principle investigator of multiple clinical trials in drug development and her publications and articles have exceeded 500 in peer-reviewed journals. In recognition of her work, Dr. Nayak received the Outstanding Clinical, Technological, and Scholarly Achievement Award applied to Medical Research by the faculty for the University of Illinois in 2000-2001 and in 2007-2008. Dr. Nayak has served on multiple sub-specialty committees and sections' chair for The College and The Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology.

She was awarded the "Women in Allergy" award in 2011 by the American College of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology and in 2012 was honored with the President's Humanitarian award by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology for her work in India-her care of orphans, establishment of a hospital and the Anjuli S. Nayak Nursing School. She also started the first accredited training program in Allergy and Immunology at the Christian Medical College in Vellore, India. For her community involvement, Dr. Nayak has been nominated for the YWCA's "Woman of Distinction" award on two occasions.

The Nayaks' support the College of Medicine at the University of Illinois includes the establishment of the Nayak Family Foundation Endowed Research Lecture Series in Evidence-Based and Clinical Translational Medicine. The Series brings nationally and internationally renowned speakers to the campus several times a year to address students regarding current issues and trends in evidence-based and clinical translational medicine and research. On July 12th 2012, the University Of Illinois College Of Medicine at Chicago established Anjuli S. Nayak, MD. Endowed Professorship in Pediatrics. The Nayaks' are the parents of three sons, David Nayak, MD, MPH; Zachary Nayak, MD, and Luke Nayak, in Medical School. Dr. Anjuli S. Nayak is a survivor of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia with a stem cell transplant. She now lives a life to glorify the Great Physician, who gave her new birth, new vision, and renewed purpose for life.

**2017 marks the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the AAAAI Foundation and Anjuli Seth Nayak, MD FAAAAI Lecture: Investing Together in Our Future award. It will be presented in Plenary Session 3101: The New Faces of Drug Allergy on Sunday, March 5, 2017: 8:15 9:45 am, GWCC, Exhibit Hall B1.**

**The AAAAI Foundation and Anjali Seth Nayak, MD FAAAAI Lecture:  
Investing Together in Our Future Lecturer –  
Tanya Laidlaw, MD FAAAAI**



Tanya Laidlaw, MD completed her medical degree at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, her residency in pediatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital, and then entered an Allergy/Immunology fellowship at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

She performed her research training in the laboratory of Joshua A. Boyce, MD, where she focused on the pathogenesis of asthma and Aspirin Exacerbated Respiratory Disease (AERD), and the pro-inflammatory role of the platelet in this disorder.

She joined the faculty in 2009, and is now an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and is the Director of Translational Research in Allergy at the Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Her research continues to be focused on understanding AERD, and she is dedicated to investigating the causative mechanisms of AERD, exploring new treatments for the disease, and working to understand how patients can become desensitized to aspirin. Her group at the Brigham and Women's Hospital's AERD Center follows over 300 patients with AERD and has several ongoing research studies that are recruiting and enrolling patients.

She is currently in her fifth year of K23 funding and second year of R01 funding to support this work, and the BWH AERD Center is also in its second iteration as a participating group in the Asthma and Allergic Diseases Cooperative Research Center program at NIAID.