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AAPIQLI Honors South Nassau's Cancer Program Director

Prominent surgical oncologist Rajiv Datta, MD, was the honoree of the Queens-Long Island Chapter of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPIQLI) 16th Annual Gala Convention.

Dr. Datta, chair of the department of surgery and medical director of the *Gertrude & Louis Feil Cancer Center* at South Nassau Communities Hospital, was cited by the AAPIQLI for his leadership, accomplishments and excellence as a cancer surgeon.

"I am deeply honored and humbled that my peers and friends have chosen me to be the honoree of the AAPIQLI gala," said Dr. Datta. "While I strive for excellence in all that I do, my successes and the quality of the care my patients receive are a direct result of the help and support that I receive from my family and the team of oncologists, nurses, technicians, and administrators who I work with on a daily basis at South Nassau."

Under Dr. Datta's leadership, the *Gertrude & Louis Feil Cancer Center* has evolved into one of the Northeast corridor's premiere providers of compassionate advanced cancer care. The center is the only one on Long Island that is equipped with three of the most advanced and effective technologies used to treat and eradicate cancer: the Varian Novalis Tx™, da Vinci® Surgical System and Gamma Knife® Perfexion. It is a recipient of many prestigious honors and citations, including the American College of Surgeons Comprehensive Community Cancer Center and the Commission on Cancer Outstanding Achievement Award.

Dr. Datta's exceptional skills are evidenced by his education and recognition in the field of surgery: he has the unusual distinction of holding three fellowships, as a fellow of the prestigious International College of Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Surgeons; he has been

named a Castle Connolly Medical *Top Doctor: New York Metro Area* for five consecutive years; and he is a past recipient of the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer Cancer Liaison Physician Outstanding Performance Award.

Dr. Datta's areas of expertise include cancer of the colon/rectum, endocrine system, breast and head and neck; soft tissue sarcoma and melanoma; upper gastrointestinal and colorectal procedures; tracheal and esophageal surgeries and radio frequency ablation for liver tumors. Dr. Datta also is actively involved in numerous clinical trials that are both federally and privately funded.

A graduate of Grant Medical College in Bombay, India, he has trained at some of the most prestigious surgical oncology and head and neck surgery programs in the world, including Tata Memorial Hospital, the largest cancer center in Asia; and England's Royal College of Surgeons, where he achieved fellowship. Following his stay at the Royal College of Surgeons, Dr. Datta continued his training with a research fellowship at Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. This was followed by a rare opportunity for a dual fellowship in head and neck oncology and surgical oncology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, NY. Dr. Datta is a resident of Muttontown, NY.