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## **Town of Hempstead Honors South Nassau Cancer Program Medical Director Dr. Datta**

*Oceanside, NY* – Renowned cancer surgeon Rajiv Datta, MD was the co-honoree of the Town of Hempstead’s 12<sup>th</sup> Annual India Republic Day Commemoration held Thursday, February 5 at Hempstead Town Hall.

Dr. Datta, chair of the department of surgery and medical director of the *Gertrude & Louis Feil Cancer Center* at South Nassau Communities Hospital, was named co-honoree in recognition of his community works, leadership, accomplishments and excellence as a cancer physician and surgeon.

“They say that ‘actions speak louder than words;’ that could not be more true about Dr. Datta,” said Richard Murphy, president and CEO at South Nassau. “Through his selfless works, commitment to excellence in his profession, and dedication to the mission and vision of South Nassau, Dr. Datta has been a role model for his peers in the medical profession and co-workers at South Nassau to follow and emulate.”

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. **A resident of Muttontown**, Dr. Datta is also a member of the editorial board of

*International Surgery*, the official journal of the International College of Surgeons (ICS), and served as the president of the Nassau County Surgical Society in 2009.

Dr. Datta's areas of expertise include cancers 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. Not only does he hold the aforementioned South Nassau titles, he is also director of its division of surgical oncology and head and neck surgery. A Castle-Connolly New York Metro Area Top Doctor for eight consecutive years, Dr. Datta is actively involved in numerous clinical trials that are both federally and privately funded.

A graduate of Grant Medical College in Bombay, India, Dr. Datta 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.

South Nassau is the only hospital on Long Island to win four major awards or recognition for quality in recent months, including for nursing excellence, women's programs and top rankings from U.S. News & World Report and from the Joint Commission.

Designated a Magnet® hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), South Nassau® Communities Hospital is one of the region's largest hospitals, with 455 beds, more than 900 physicians and 3,000 employees. Located in Oceanside, NY, the hospital is an acute-care, not-for-profit teaching hospital that provides state-of-the-art care in cardiac, oncologic, orthopedic, bariatric, pain management, mental health and emergency services. In addition to its extensive outpatient specialty centers, South Nassau provides emergency and elective angioplasty, and is the only hospital on Long Island with the Novalis Tx™ and Gamma Knife® radiosurgery technologies. South Nassau is a designated Stroke Center by the New York State Department of Health and Comprehensive Community Cancer Center by the American College of Surgeons and is an accredited center of the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Association and Quality Improvement Program. In addition, the hospital has been awarded the Joint Commission's gold seal of approval as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care; and disease-specific care for hip and joint replacement, wound care and end-stage renal disease. For more information, visit [www.southnassau.org](http://www.southnassau.org).