ASNC's New President, Sharmila Dorbala, MD, MPH, FASNC, Describes Nuclear Cardiology's Vibrant Present – 'On the Leading Edge of Amazing Discoveries'

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In her first President’s Message, published in the Journal of Nuclear Cardiology, Dr. Dorbala writes of “Nuclear Cardiology in the Information Age.” She describes a field that over just two decades has expanded from a single predominant focus – myocardial perfusion imaging – to a multifaceted vista composed of numerous cutting-edge clinical and research frontiers. Innovative technologies have resulted in “a fundamental shift in nuclear cardiology technology,” she writes, and have led the field to a horizon where nuclear cardiology and molecular imaging are “on the leading edge of amazing discoveries.”

Dr. Dorbala also traces her own journey, from a small town in India to a variety of roles that have enabled her to participate in the growth of nuclear cardiology and ASNC. Auspiciously, she observes, her career has tracked alongside ASNC’s growth, starting some 26 years ago when she was applying for residency posts and ASNC’s founders were announcing the birth of a new society focused solely on nuclear cardiology. She has witnessed the field’s expansion, including some challenging “crossroads,” and has been among the many ASNC members who have worked tirelessly to tackle concerns about image quality, radiation exposure and appropriate use. Dr. Dorbala feels honored to been part of propelling the field into the 21st century and, “indeed one of the most exciting times for nuclear cardiology.”

She is eager to work with ASNC’s members, and the greater nuclear cardiology community, to continue advancing ASNC’s priorities, including enhancing digital communications, developing innovative educational products, promoting future leaders, introducing research innovations and contributing to the field’s growth. Dr.
Dorbala invites others who are interested in furthering this mission to become a member of ASNC and participate in one of several signature events planned for 2020.

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