

## Tushar Vachharajani

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### Short Bio/CV

Dr. Tushar Vachharajani is a Clinical Professor and Director of Global Nephrology at Glickman Urological & Kidney Institute and Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University. He is committed to improving dialysis vascular access care across the globe. Besides building 4 academic interventional nephrology programs in the USA, he has organized symposiums, simulation workshops and given presentations in Asia, Africa, Middle East, Moscow and Europe. He is a member of the Vascular Access Expert Working Group of SONG.

Since 2008, he has served the ISN in multiple leadership positions. He is the current Chair, Education Working Group and leads the Training and Resources Workgroup for the ISN's integrated Global ESKD Strategic Care Plan. His earlier commitments include serving as Chair, Interventional Nephrology Committee; Inaugural Editor, ISN Academy (formerly *ISN Education*); ISN Education Ambassador; Member of the North American Regional Board and Co-Chair for the Interventional Nephrology Workshop at the World Congress of Nephrology in 2017 and 2019.

In the USA, key leadership roles with ASDIN, ASN, NKF and Fistula First Breakthrough Initiative (FFBI) included- ASDIN Councilor; Chair, International Committee and Co-Chair for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of ASDIN; Co-Lead Consultant to the FFBI and Member of the ASN's Interventional Nephrology Advisory Group. His NKF service included working as a Member of the 2019 NKF Vascular Access Guidelines Committee; Member, Scientific Program Committee for SCM (2015- 2017) and Director of the Vascular Access Pre-Course in 2017.

He received the Gerald Beathard Award for excellence in teaching and scholarly activities from ASDIN in 2015. He serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Vascular Access, Kidney International Reports and Seminars in Dialysis and has published 200 scientific articles, book chapters and abstracts. He has been an invited speaker for WCN, NKF, ASN, ASDIN and ISHD meetings since 2005.

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### Candidate's Statement

#### Goals as an ISN Councilor

I am delighted to be nominated to serve as an ISN Councilor/Deputy Chair, NA Regional Board. I am a Clinical Professor at Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of CWRU. Learning from my past leadership roles with the ISN, starting as an Inaugural Editor of the ISN Academy to more recently as Education Working Group Chair, I have gained a unique insight into the problems with managing kidney disease across the world. Further, leading the "Training and Resources" Workgroup of ISN's ESKD Strategic Plan has helped me understand the challenges, disparities and scope of collaborative work needed to make an impact on the global burden of kidney disease. The motivation to continue marching comes from my passion to facilitate knowledge and procedural skill transfer across the global community. With your support, my 15+ year journey with the ISN, 30-years of academic experience, I aspire to continue exploring avenues to engage the expertise from the NA region to improve global kidney health.