



BRACHYTHERAPY

GEC-ESTRO Best junior presentation award – sponsored by Elekta Brachytherapy



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What does this award mean to you?

This award means a lot to me as a graduating radiation oncology resident, especially after four years of sacrifice and hard work.

To whom would you like to dedicate your award?

I would like to dedicate this award to my programme director and mentor Dr Sushil Beriwal. Without his guidance, this project would have not been possible.

What is your next challenge?

I will be starting my career as a radiation oncologist in Puerto Rico. Throughout my residency I wanted to return to Puerto Rico, and I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to bring my knowledge back home.

What are you proudest of in your career?

Being given the opportunity to complete my radiation oncology training at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center.

What do you do in your spare time?

In my spare time, I enjoy watching sports, especially basketball. Also, I enjoy going to the cinema with my wife.

When do you think you will retire, and what would you like to do then?

I would like to retire at age 60. After retirement, I would like to travel and visit as many countries as possible.

Did your parents encourage you in your career, or would they rather you had done something else?

My parents never directed me to complete a specific career path. They were always supportive in my decisions, especially when I decided that I wanted to be a radiation oncologist.

If you hadn't been a scientist, what would you like to have been?

Probably a history professor. I have always enjoyed learning about ancient cultures.

What have been the highlights of your career?

I completed my medical degree and first year of postgraduate training in Puerto Rico. Subsequently, I moved to Pittsburgh for my radiation oncology training. As a radiation oncology resident, I have developed a genuine interest in brachytherapy and health-care disparities.

