

**OBITUARY**

**Professor Dheeraj Gupta**

The premature and untimely demise of Dr Dheeraj Gupta, Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at PGIMER, Chandigarh has come as a big shock for the pulmonary community in the whole country. Dr Dheeraj Gupta has been an eminent clinician, teacher and research worker who was widely respected by his students and patients. Very few people have done so much work for the pulmonary speciality at such a young age. He had tirelessly worked to set standards in different areas in Pulmonary Medicine both as a member of the Faculty at his parent Institute as well as a member of the National College of Chest physicians (India) and other professional associations. He was instrumental in framing guidelines for different lung disease under the auspices of both the national chest associations.

Dheeraj had made significant contribution to the *Indian Journal of Chest Diseases and Allied Sciences* as an Associate Editor of its Editorial Board. Significantly, he had always remained on the fore front without shying away from any responsibility. He had done extensive research in different areas of Pulmonary Medicine. In particular, his contribution in the field of Sarcoidosis and Tuberculosis enigma forms the basis of future research for investigators.

Dheeraj will be fondly remembered for long by everyone who came in contact with him. While the immense loss for the family irreplaceable, the void caused due to his death is difficult to fill. For me, his loss has been highly personal. I had always depended upon him as a lovable friend and as a reliable colleague. The entire pulmonary fraternity share the grief with, and pray for the peace of his family.

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