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Born in India, Dhaval immigrated to the United States at age 7, and obtained a BS in Zoology at Duke University in 1982. Through the Medical Scientist Training Program, he earned a Ph.D. from the Department of Microbiology and Immunology as well as a M.D. from the Duke University School of Medicine in 1989. He performed residency training in Internal Medicine and fellowship training in Rheumatology as well as Allergy and Immunology at Duke University Medical Center. Dhaval joined the Medicine faculty at Duke where he was Assistant Professor (1994), Associate Professor (1999) and Chief of Allergy and Immunology (2001). In 2003, Dhaval joined the faculty at the University of North Carolina (UNC) as Professor of Medicine, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, Chief of the Division of Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology and Director of the Thurston Arthritis Research Center. He was recognized in 2006 for his contributions by being named the Joseph P Archie, Jr. Eminent Professor of Medicine. Since 2006, Dhaval has joined the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research in Basel, and has held the positions of: Head, Fully Integrated Program in Rheumatoid Arthritis; Head, Autoimmunity and Transplantation Research Basel; Global Head, Autoimmunity, Transplantation and Inflammation Disease Area; Head, NIBR Basel; and Head, NIBR

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Dhaval has a strong background and broad experience in basic and clinical rheumatology, allergy and immunology, having performed scientific work in the areas of cell adhesion/migration and immune reconstitution after bone marrow transplantation. Besides his academic appointments, Dhaval Patel is a member of many national and international professional and scientific committees and review boards. He is or has been on five Editorial Boards of journals that focus on research in basic and clinical immunology. Dhaval is an author/co-author of more than 100 scientific publications. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and of the American College of Rheumatology.