Shikha Jain, MD, FACP

Hematologist-Oncologist | Physician Executive | Founder, Women in Medicine®

University of Illinois Chicago | shikhajainmd.com | wimedicine.org | @ShikhaJainMD

PROFILE

Triple board-certified hematologist-oncologist and tenured Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Illinois Chicago, specializing in gastrointestinal cancers and neuroendocrine tumors. Founder and Board Chair of Women in Medicine®, a national nonprofit and network of nearly 7,000 physicians and healthcare workers. A nationally recognized voice on healthcare delivery, physician leadership, and gender equity, with nearly 200 broadcast interviews, 87 op-eds, and research published in NEJM, Nature, JAMA, and PNAS.

60+	14,000+	42	20+	~200
PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS	CITATIONS	H-INDEX	CLINICAL TRIALS	BROADCAST INTERVIEWS

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

2022–present	**Associate Professor of Medicine (Tenured)**, Division of Hematology/Oncology · University of Illinois Chicago
2026–present	**Director, Rural Transformation Initiatives** · UIC College of Medicine
2022–present	**GI Oncology Integrated Practice Unit (IPU) Lead** · University of Illinois Cancer Center
2020–present	**Associate Director, Oncology Communications & Digital Innovation** · University of Illinois Cancer Center
2019–present	**Founder; Board Chair (2021–present)** · Women in Medicine® (Executive Director, 2021–2024)

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

2026–present	**Representative**, Women's Health Network · Milken Institute
2024–present	**National Spokesperson** · American Cancer Society
2019–present	**ResearcHERS**: Vice Chair (2024–present), Co-Chair (2023–2024), Ambassador (2019–2023) · American Cancer Society
2022–2023	**Committee Member**, Addressing Inaccurate and Misleading Information on Biological Threats · National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (sponsored by DHS S&T)
2025–present	**AI Guidelines Assistant Team** · American Society of Clinical Oncology
2020–2022	**Lead**, Women's Networking Center Task Force and Women in Oncology Working Group · American Society of Clinical Oncology
2023	**Co-Director**, Oncology Summer Internship · American Society of Clinical Oncology
2020–2024	**Co-Founder; COO (2020–2021), CEO (2021–2024)** · IMPACT, Illinois Medical Professionals Action Collaborative Team

WOMEN IN MEDICINE® PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

- **Women in Medicine Summit™**, Founder and Chair (2019–present): annual national CME conference; 314 faculty across eight years.
- **WIM Fellowship** (launched 2026): 12-month leadership program with parallel Physician Leader and Healthcare Leader cohorts.
- **Leadership Accelerator, Leadership Primer, and Inclusive Leadership Lab for Male Allies**, Founder and Course Director (2021–present): longitudinal CME leadership programs.
- **VERITAS Research Lab**, Speakers Bureau, WIMbassador program, Student NextGen, and National Women in Medicine Day (September 17).
- Co-Investigator, NIH R01GM147154 (iACTIVATE), built on WIM leadership programming, in collaboration with the University of Chicago.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2012–2015	**Fellowship, Hematology/Oncology** · Loyola University Medical Center, Chicago, IL
2008–2011	**Residency, Internal Medicine** · University of Illinois Hospital, Chicago, IL
2004–2008	**Doctor of Medicine** · Michigan State University College of Human Medicine
2003–2004	**Interdepartmental Medical Sciences Program** · Drexel University
1999–2003	**BA, Biological Sciences (Honors)** · University of Chicago

BOARD CERTIFICATION

American Board of Internal Medicine: Internal Medicine (2011, 2021), Hematology (2015, 2025), Medical Oncology (2015, 2025). Fellow, American College of Physicians. Alpha Omega Alpha.

PRIOR APPOINTMENTS

2020–2022	**Assistant Professor of Medicine** · University of Illinois Chicago
2020–2025	**Director of Communication Strategies in Medicine** · University of Illinois Hospital
2018–2020	**Assistant Professor of Medicine**; Director of Social Media and Communications, Cancer Center; Co-Founder, Center for the Advancement of Women in Healthcare · Rush University Medical Center
2015–2018	**Hematologist/Oncologist** · Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center

CLINICAL RESEARCH

Site Principal Investigator on industry-sponsored and cooperative-group trials (Alliance, ECOG-ACRIN, NRG, SWOG, Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium) in gastrointestinal and neuroendocrine cancers. Selected trials:

- A021602: Cabozantinib in advanced neuroendocrine tumors (CABINET)
- NRG-GI004: Immunotherapy in dMMR/MSI-H metastatic colorectal cancer (COMMIT)
- NRG-GI008: ctDNA-guided adjuvant therapy in colon cancer (CIRCULATE-US)
- EA2201: Neoadjuvant nivolumab/ipilimumab and short-course radiation in MSI-H rectal cancer
- EA2176: Checkpoint inhibition with chemotherapy in metastatic anal cancer
- EA2197: Perioperative therapy for incidental gallbladder cancer (OPT-IN)

- EA2183: Consolidative radiotherapy in oligometastatic esophagogastric cancer
- A021703: Vitamin D3 in metastatic colorectal cancer (SOLARIS)
- EMERALD-1: TACE with durvalumab ± bevacizumab in hepatocellular carcinoma
- BTCRC GI20-457: Atezolizumab and bevacizumab in Child-Pugh B7 HCC
- KEYNOTE-181: Pembrolizumab in advanced esophageal cancer
- RTOG 1112: Sorafenib with or without SBRT in hepatocellular carcinoma

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

More than 60 peer-reviewed publications. Full list: Google Scholar.

1. **Jain S.** When the messengers are targeted: protecting physicians and scientists in an era of public distrust. *Mo Med.* 2025;122(6):446-451.
2. Freeman E, Patel D, Odeniyi F, Pasquinelli M, **Jain S**. Where do oncology patients seek and share health information? Survey study. *J Med Internet Res.* 2024;26:e36441.
3. **Jain S.** Using social media platforms for the greater good: the case for leveraging social media for effective public health messaging. *JAMA Netw Open.* 2023.
4. Weiss J, **Jain S**. Neoadjuvant and adjuvant therapy in esophageal cancer. *J Gastrointest Oncol.* 2023;14(4).
5. Arora VM, Bloomgarden E, **Jain S**. Supporting health care workers to address misinformation on social media. *N Engl J Med.* 2022.
6. **Jain S**, Dhaon SR, Majmudar S, et al. Empowering health care workers on social media to bolster trust in science and vaccination during the pandemic: making IMPACT using a place-based approach. *J Med Internet Res.* 2022;24(10):e38949.
7. Das S, Chauhan A, Du L, et al. External validation of a clinical score for patients with neuroendocrine tumors under consideration for peptide receptor radionuclide therapy. *JAMA Netw Open.* 2022;5(1):e2144170.
8. **Jain S**, Gotian R. When you recommend someone for an opportunity, follow through. *Nature.* 2021.
9. Pendergrast TR, **Jain S**, Trueger NS, Gottlieb M, Woitowich NC, Arora VM. Prevalence of personal attacks and sexual harassment of physicians on social media. *JAMA Intern Med.* 2021;181:550-552. (Co-first author)
10. Woitowich NC, Arora VM, Pendergrast T, et al, **Jain S**. Gender differences in physician use of social media for professional advancement. *JAMA Netw Open.* 2021.
11. **Jain S**, Arora V, Manning K. March on: diversity in the face of adversity. *N Engl J Med.* 2020.
12. Arora VM, Wray CM, O'Glasser AY, Shapiro M, **Jain S**. Using the curriculum vitae to promote gender equity during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA.* 2020.
13. Chowdhary M, et al, **Jain S**. Women's representation in leadership positions in academic medical oncology, radiation oncology, and surgical oncology programs. *JAMA Netw Open.* 2020.
14. **Jain S**, Madani K, Flint F, et al. What does it mean to be a male ally? Implementing meaningful change in gender representation in medicine. *J Am Coll Surg.* 2020.
15. Duma N, Durani U, Woods CB, et al. Evaluating unconscious bias: speaker introductions at an international oncology conference. *J Clin Oncol.* 2019.

Book: An Evolution of Empowerment (editor), 2023.

MEDIA, COMMUNICATION, AND SPEAKING

- **Host**, *Oncology Overdrive* podcast (Healio). **Associate Medical Editor**, HemOnc Today (2023–present); **Consulting Medical Editor**, Women in Oncology (2020–present).
- Author of *Designing Modern Healthcare*, a LinkedIn newsletter for health system leaders.

- Nearly 200 broadcast interviews and 87 op-eds, with work in The New York Times, Time, Forbes, MSNBC, NPR, Scientific American, and Ms. Magazine, with Women in Medicine® featured in USA Today; featured in a New York Times video on prior authorization nominated for a 2025 News Emmy.
- TEDx speaker (2019), introducing the Gender Moonshot®. Recent invited talks include the NCCN Annual Conference (2026), American College of Nuclear Medicine (2026), Best of ASCO (2025), and the NANETS Multidisciplinary NET Medical Symposium (2024).
- Digital opinion leader in oncology and healthcare leadership across LinkedIn, X, Instagram, and Bluesky.

SELECTED HONORS

2026	Crain's Notable Leaders in Health Care; Chicago Magazine Top Cancer Doctors; Castle Connolly Top Doctor, Top AAPI Doctor, and Exceptional Women in Medicine
2025	Women of Impact Inductee; News Emmy Nomination (New York Times feature); OncoDaily 100 Influential Women in Oncology
2024	Physician Leader of the Year, Illinois State Medical Society
2022	Alpha Omega Alpha; AAMC Innovations That Bolster Community Trust in Science Award; Healio Honors
2020	Medscape 25 Rising Stars in Medicine; Women in White Coats Hero Award
2019	Modern Healthcare Top 25 Emerging Leaders; LEAD Rising Star; Fellow, American College of Physicians

Full academic CV available on request through shikhajainmd.com/contact.