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Prior to joining the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dr. Mandeep R. Mehra served as the Dr. Herbert Berger Endowed Professor of Medicine and Head of Cardiology as well as Assistant Dean for Clinical Services at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Dr. Mehra has authored and published over 400 book chapters, manuscripts, editorials and abstracts focusing on all aspects of advanced heart failure and cardiac transplantation, treatment modalities, medical therapies and alternatives to transplantation. His specific research interests in cardiac transplantation focus on post-transplant coronary arterial disease (use of intravascular ultrasound and angioscopy), new immunosuppressive therapy to improve heart transplant outcomes (particularly in minority populations), and in bringing genomic and proteomic science to the bedside (to avoid the morbidity of endomyocardial biopsies). In the field of heart failure, his research has focused on the role of novel percutaneous cardiac support devices and serum markers to guide diagnosis and therapy. One important area of his focus is in developing international guidelines for care of the heart transplant candidate and process enhancement for improving performance measure adherence in heart failure. More recently, he has focused on bench research to understand the effects of cigarette smoke on the transplanted heart coronary vasculature and its interaction with the development of nephropathy in the presence of immunosuppression. Dr. Mehra is a Past-President of the International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) and served as the 2004 Program Chairman for the ISHLT Annual Scientific Meeting. He serves on the Executive Council of the Heart Failure Society of America (HFSA) as its treasurer, is a member of the HFSA Education Committee, Development Committee and co-chaired the 2007 and 2008 HFSA Annual Scientific Programs. He serves as a core member of the American Board of Internal Medicine's testing committee on Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology. Dr. Mehra is recognized as one of the country's leading cardiologists in advanced heart failure and cardiac transplantation. The American Association of Cardiologists of Indian Origin honored Dr. Mehra with the 2006 Distinguished Physician Award; in 2007 he was given the NRI Gold Award by the Indian Ambassador to the United States. On May 17th 2012, Harvard University awarded an honorary Master of Arts Degree to Dr. Mehra.