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### **Dr. Rajiv Kumar New IRG Chief of Musculoskeletal, Oral and Skin Sciences**



The Center for Scientific Review named Dr. Rajiv Kumar the new chief of the Musculoskeletal, Oral and Skin Sciences Integrated Review Group (MOSS IRG), after successfully serving as its acting chief since January.

“Dr. Kumar demonstrated impressive leadership through challenging times for MOSS,” said CSR Director Dr. Toni Scarpa, referring to Dr. Kumar’s contributions to leading the IRG through the review of grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“His contributions to CSR are extraordinary,” Dr. Scarpa said.

In addition to his new role, Dr. Kumar will continue serving as the Scientific Review Officer for CSR’s Electrical Signaling, Ion Transport and Arrhythmias Study Section in the Cardiovascular Sciences IRG, which reviews grant proposals on the occurrence, cause and treatment of cardiac and vascular electrical and electromechanical dysfunction, arrhythmias, and sudden death.

Dr. Kumar has a Ph.D. in chemistry from India’s Kanpur University and Central Drug Research Institute, where he studied the neural regulation of heart function.

Before joining NIH in 2003, he conducted postdoctoral research in the Department of Pediatrics at Emory University in Atlanta, where he later served as assistant professor of pediatrics and the research director of the Todd Franklin Cardiac Research Laboratory. He has conducted extensive research on the regulation of ion channels in heart cells.

#### **About CSR**

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