Dr. Krishna Kumar, Emeritus Clinical Professor, University of Saskatchewan
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The neurosurgical community in Canada received the sad news of the recent passing of a respected and beloved colleague, Dr. Krishna Kumar from Regina.

Dr. Kumar was a tireless and compassionate neurosurgeon who for 51 years provided exemplary care to the citizens of Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan. His dedication to neurosurgery and his patients was uncompromising and he was an active member of the Division of Neurosurgery at the Regina General Hospital until his passing at the age of 83. Dr. Kumar was a Canadian pioneer in functional neurosurgery and made significant contributions in our understanding of the effectiveness of neuromodulation therapies for chronic pain. His innovative papers assessing the cost effectiveness of spinal cord stimulation and the effects of waiting times in neuromodulation outcomes for chronic pain will serve as a solid platform for future research in health economics of neurosurgical procedures.

Dr. Kumar received numerous awards and recognitions during his career among them, the Giant in Neuromodulation Award by the International Neuromodulation Society. He was named to the Order of Canada and the Order of Merit of the Province of Saskatchewan and received the Physician of the Year award by the Saskatchewan Medical Association. However, it was the devotion to his community that characterized Dr. Kumar’s career which was recognized by naming him citizen of the year in Saskatchewan and even having a street named after him in his beloved Regina. His memory will live in all of us and in his patients who attended, by the hundreds, to his funeral on April 15, 2014.

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