



Association of American Cancer Institutes In Memoriam: Dr. Rachna Shroff

The Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI) Board of Directors, members, and staff mourn the loss of friend and colleague, **Rachna Shroff, MD, MS, FASCO**.

Dr. Shroff was a valued member of the AACI community for many years, participating in the Clinical Research Innovation and Physician Clinical Leadership Initiative steering committees and AACI events, serving as a co-moderator of the AACI Associate Directors of Clinical Research Forum, and generously sharing her expertise with peers.

A clinician-scientist and internationally renowned expert in cholangiocarcinoma, Dr. Shroff was associate director of clinical investigations at the University of Arizona (U of A) Cancer Center and chief of the Division of Hematology/Oncology in the Department of Medicine at the College of Medicine – Tucson.

This fall, Dr. Shroff shifted focus to one of her last wishes: establishing the [Endowed Conquer Cancer – Rachna Shroff, MD, MS, FASCO Young Investigator Award in Biliary Cancer](#). Early in her career, Dr. Shroff received a [Young Investigator Award](#) from Conquer Cancer, the ASCO Foundation, an experience she credited with laying the groundwork for many of her accomplishments in cancer research. Thanks to the support of more than 600 generous donors, Dr. Shroff's campaign exceeded its goal of \$1.35 million, the amount needed to permanently endow the award. Additional gifts will grow the endowment in her memory.

"I was fortunate to work with Dr. Shroff during my tenure as director of U of A Cancer Center," said AACI President **Joann B. Sweasy, PhD**, director of Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center. "Beyond her professional accomplishments as a clinician-scientist, mentor, and leader, Dr. Shroff was deeply committed to the human side of medicine, expanding clinical trial access to patients throughout southern Arizona. In the face of her own cancer prognosis, she selflessly created a legacy for the next generation of bile duct cancer researchers through an endowed Young Investigator Award."

Dr. Shroff will be fondly remembered as a wife, mother, friend, and coworker. AACI sends its condolences to her husband, Dr. Puneet Shroff; children, Simran and Sachin; parents, Devendar Trivedi and Dr. Amita Trivedi; sister, Neema Sahni; and colleagues at U of A Cancer Center.