

Rajiv Jain, MD., FACP

Dr. Jain has extensive clinical and research experience and has published many peer-reviewed articles. Prior to his retirement few years ago as Assistant Deputy Undersecretary for Health, he was involved in the development of many innovative clinical programs and patient safety improvements in the Veterans Health Administration over a period of 37 years.

Dr. Jain received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Saurashtra University in India, in 1972. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and Subspecialty Boards of Hematology and Oncology. He started his carrier in the Veteran Health Administration as a clinician in 1979 and developed Oncology, palliative and hospice programs at Salem VA in Virginia which was recognized as a model for rest of the VHA. He witnessed first-hand the positive benefits provided by music therapy for his oncology and palliative care patients.

As a clinician and senior leader in VHA, Dr. Jain's commitment and support of innovative approaches that redesign the delivery of care to improve veteran's health positioned the VHA at the forefront of patient safety and infection control throughout the United States. He received prestigious "Wolcott Award" from VHA and "Service to America Medal" from Partnership for Excellence in Civil Service for his innovative research in management of hospital acquired infections.

Based on his personal experience and the published literature on music therapy, it is his belief that music therapy can play an important adjunctive role in management of several chronic conditions. Potential pathways for this therapy to work may include, modulation of dopamine and serotonin in Central nervous System and its impact on the endocrine systems. All of this changes the interplay of these hormones at the cellular level creating mood changes and a sense of well-being at both emotional and physical level. He loves music and very much looks forward to supporting Raaga Music Therapy LLC initiative as we work to demonstrate, through targeted research, its meaningful impact on the lives of patients with various disease conditions.

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