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Dr. Nandini Kishore leads a drug discovery group in the Inflammation research unit of Pfizer Global Research and Development. Her group is responsible for delivering new drug candidates from idea to proof of concept (POC) including both small molecules and biologics. Nandini also provides Research Leadership for a late stage drug candidate, a small molecule inhibitor of Janus family of kinases. This drug candidate is in phase III for Rheumatoid Arthritis and other autoimmune diseases. Nandini received her B.Sc and M.Sc from the University of Delhi and PhD from the University of Texas at Austin in Biochemistry. Following postdoctoral training in Washington University Medical School in St. Louis in the Departments of Biochemistry and Genetics, she joined Monsanto/Searle in 1986, as a Research Scientist. Monsanto/Searle merged with Pharmacia in 2000 and subsequently with Pfizer in 2003. Nandini has held positions of increasing responsibility during this transition and is currently an Executive Director in the Inflammation Research unit in St. Louis.

During her tenure in the Monsanto/Searle/ Pharmacia/Pfizer, Nandini has made important contributions to multiple therapeutic areas including Infectious Diseases, Oncology, Allergy and Respiratory Illnesses and Inflammation/Immunology. She has led many early and late stage projects, including large interdisciplinary project teams and has been on several advanced projects that have moved into the clinic, including HIV protease inhibitors, MMP inhibitors for oncology and Kinase inhibitors for Rheumatoid arthritis. She has several patents and is has authored over 50 publications.

Nandini is a member of several professional associations and serves on the board of Directors for the American Arthritis Foundation, Eastern Missouri Chapter, and is a Science Ambassador at Pfizer. She has been recognized within Pfizer with awards for her contributions to people development as well as technical contributions to multiple areas of drug development. She and her husband live in St. Louis, MO.

