

Brief CV

Dr Rohit Bhatia, Professor of Neurology at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, has over two decades of experience in stroke, neuroimmunology, research, education and health systems. With an H-index of 45, he has led national research programmes, multicentre studies and guideline development initiatives.

Following fellowship training in Cerebrovascular Disorders at the University of Calgary, Canada, Dr Bhatia played a key role in strengthening stroke services at AIIMS. He contributed to the Comprehensive Stroke Clinic and Stroke Fellowship and further enhanced stroke services in the institute. He conceived the PAN-AIIMS Research Consortium to promote multicentre research and strengthen research capacity across AIIMS institutions. He is a member of the National Stroke Guidelines under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and has contributed to national stroke guidelines. He served as Executive Committee Member and subsequently President of the Indian Stroke Association (2020-2021).

Dr Bhatia has led major national research programmes in stroke and neuroimmunology. His IMPETUS Stroke programme spanned 22 government medical colleges and included more than 10,500 patients, developing and evaluating a Uniform Stroke Care Pathway for India. In neuroimmunology, he helped establish the MS clinic at AIIMS and initiated the Neuroimmunology Fellowship Programme. As Convener of the Autoimmune Neurology Subsection of IAN from 2020-2025, he contributed to national academic development. He also conceptualised and led the Indian Multiple Sclerosis and Allied Demyelinating Disorders Registry and Research Network (IMSRN), spanning 22 tertiary centres and more than 5,000 patients, the first nationwide registry dedicated to multiple sclerosis and allied demyelinating disorders across India. Together, these initiatives have created platforms for collaborative research and strengthened evidence-based neurological care.

His academic service includes peer review for leading journals such as Lancet, Stroke, International Journal of Stroke, Neurology, Multiple Sclerosis and Related Disorders, Neurology India and Annals of Indian Academy of Neurology. Dr Bhatia brings to the IAN Executive Committee strong clinical, academic, research and organisational experience. His vision is to strengthen IAN through collaborative research, high-quality education, mentorship of young neurologists and equitable neurological care across India.