

DR. VINOD KUMAR K

Consultant - Nephrology

Qualification

MBBS | MD | DNB (Nephro) | MRCP (UK) | Speciality Certificate in Nephrology (UK) | FRCP (Edin) | FASN (USA)

Overview

Dr. Vinod Kumar is a distinguished nephrologist in Bangalore with more than 15+ years of dedicated experience in the field of nephrology and internal medicine. He is currently practising as a Lead Senior Consultant - Nephrology at Manipal Hospital Kanakapura Road. Dr. Vinod Kumar has an impressive portfolio of clinical accomplishments and a reputation for handling complex nephrological conditions. His areas of special interest include critical care nephrology, pediatric nephrology, and renal transplantation. Renowned for his clinical excellence, commitment to patient care, and academic contributions, Dr. Vinod Kumar has been instrumental in shaping kidney care services across several premier medical institutions in India. Over the years, he has played a key role in over 600+ kidney transplants, including robotic, paediatric, ABO-incompatible, and high-risk live and deceased donor transplants, and complex multi-organ transplant surgeries. His skill set extends to interventional nephrology, where he has extensive experience in conducting renal biopsies, inserting hemodialysis catheters (both tunneled and non-tunneled), and performing a wide range of nephrology-related endovascular procedures. Dr. Kumar began his medical journey at JSS Medical College under Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Mysuru, where he completed his MBBS in 2004. He pursued his MD in Internal Medicine at Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Hubballi, completing it in 2008. His pursuit of specialization led him to St. John's Medical College, Bengaluru, where he obtained his DNB in Nephrology in 2012. He further consolidated his credentials by earning the MRCP (UK) and a Speciality Certificate in Nephrology from the Royal College of Physicians, London, in 2018. He has also received honorary fellowships from the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh (FRCP) in 2019 and the American Society of Nephrology (FASN) in 2020 for his immense contribution to the field of Nephrology. Dr. Vinod Kumar provides holistic nephrology care, treating various kidney-related conditions. From early-stage diagnosis and conservative management of chronic kidney disease (CKD) to the intricacies of dialysis care and renal replacement therapies, he ensures that patients receive tailored, evidence-based interventions. His clinical decisions are guided by international best practices and patient-specific needs, delivering excellent outcomes and an enhanced quality of life. In addition to his clinical responsibilities, Dr. Vinod Kumar has also been deeply involved in academic medicine. He has served as a teacher and guide for DNB residents in Nephrology and acted as an educational supervisor for internal medicine trainees affiliated with the Royal College of Physicians (UK). His mentorship and training have empowered a new generation of nephrologists and internal medicine specialists. His wide-ranging expertise, from routine nephrology consultations to complex transplant surgeries and academic mentorship, makes him a pivotal figure in the field of renal medicine in India today. Dr. Vinod is also an active member of several professional bodies, including the Indian Society of Nephrology, the Indian Society of Transplantation, and the American Society of Nephrology. His membership in global and national nephrology associations keeps him updated on innovations in diagnostics, transplant immunology, and minimally invasive procedures. Fluent in English, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, and Tamil, Dr. Vinod Kumar ensures effective communication with patients from diverse linguistic backgrounds, creating a caring and comfortable treatment experience for all.

Fellowship & Membership

- Member of Royal College of Physicians (MRCP)

- Fellow of Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh (FRCP)
- Professional Memberships
- Indian Society of Nephrology (ISN)
- Peritoneal Dialysis Society of India (PDSI)
- Indian Society of Transplantation (ISOT)
- American Society of Nephrology (ASN)
- Nephrology Association of Kerala (NAK)
- Association of Cochin Nephrologists (ACN)
- Royal College of Physicians (London & Edinburgh)

Field of Expertise

- Renal Transplantation
- Critical Care Nephrology
- Pediatric Nephrology
- General Nephrology
- Diabetic Kidney Disease
- Hypertensive Kidney Disease
- Nephrotic and Nephritic Syndrome
- Hemodialysis and Peritoneal Dialysis
- Auto-immune disorders affecting the kidneys (e.g., Lupus Nephritis)
- Complicated Urinary Tract Infection

Languages Spoken

- Kannada
- English
- Hindi
- Malayalam
- Tamil

Awards & Achievements

- 30 peer-reviewed journal publications in reputed nephrology and transplant journals.
- Frequent presenter at national and international conferences, including ISPD, ISOT, WCN, and CAST.
- Delivered numerous guest lectures on advanced topics like renal transplantation, transplant immunology, organ donation, and critical care nephrology.
- Principal Investigator in national and international research projects, including the ACHIEVE trial and dialysis outcome initiatives.
- Organising Secretary, CME - Renal Pathology Conclave, 2017
- Treasurer, Association of Cochin Nephrologists (2019–2021)
- Scientific Committee Chairman, ISNSCCON 2022
- Quality Champion for NABH & JCI accreditation processes
- Winner of state and national-level prizes in shuttle badminton
- Life member of Photomuse – India's first public museum of photography
- Multiple conference awards for scientific presentations