



Alabama
Chapter
Laureate
Award
2026



Bipin Kumar, MD, FACP



Bipin Kumar was born and educated in Delhi, India. He received his medical degree from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in 1972. He came to the United States for his internal medicine residency at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University and Veterans Administration Hospital from

1973 through 1976. After practicing internal medicine in Brooklyn, New York, for 2 years for a health insurance company, he moved to Wetumpka, Alabama, in 1978 and established a solo internal medicine practice and delivered outpatient and inpatient medical care for 48 years, retiring in January 2026. He has been Director of the ICU at Elmore Community Hospital most of his career and served as President of the medical staff several times, as well as serving as Director of Medical Education for the medical staff. He has been involved with the local chapter of the American Heart Association and has participated with the Disaster Relief and Emergency Medical System in his county.

He has been a member of ACP since his internal medicine residency and was elected Fellow in 2005. He has been one of the most faithful members of the Alabama Chapter during his entire career, rarely missing an annual state meeting. He has served on the Medical Council for the Alabama Chapter for many years.

He will continue to live in Wetumpka with his wife Manjula. They have one son who is a practicing colorectal surgeon in Poughkeepsie, New York, and have two grandchildren. He and his wife enjoy traveling, outdoor activities, and gardening.

As the result of providing primary care to a small Alabama town for his entire career and his commitment to the Alabama Chapter of ACP, he is most deserving of the 2026 Laureate Award.

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