



# The Commitment to Excellence in Interprofessional Education & Collaborative Practice Award

This award is given to recognize an outstanding role model of collaboration and teamwork and leader of both interprofessional education and collaborative practice initiatives. The 2021 recipient of the award is **Rupak Mukherjee, Ph.D.**

Mukherjee is a Research Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery. He holds a Master of Science in Bioengineering from Clemson University and a Ph.D. in Physiology from MUSC. Mukherjee joined MUSC in 1990 as a research assistant in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Department of Physiology before earning a faculty appointment and his current position.

Mukherjee has been a long-time advocate for interprofessional education, undergraduate medical education, and students. He began serving as a facilitator of interprofessional courses and events offered by the Office of Interprofessional Initiatives almost ten years ago and has consistently continued his support throughout the years. In 2015, Mukherjee assumed responsibility for aspects of first-year medical student curriculum, including integration of interprofessional learning opportunities for students as an effort to advance collaborative practice, utilizing guest lecturers and interprofessional case work and designing special learning opportunities for students to build their skills as members of collaborative health science teams.

Additionally, Mukherjee is actively engaged in research and discovery at MUSC, directing his own lab as well as overseeing a core facility and actively collaborating on a number of research projects. He serves as a research mentor to medical, pharmacy, and graduate students, residents, and fellows and serves as an academic coach to many medical students.

The Office of Interprofessional Initiatives is pleased to recognize the ongoing commitment to interprofessional education and practice of Rupak Mukerjee, Ph.D., with the Commitment to Excellence in Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice Award on August 17, 2021.