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Nikki Hafezi

Managing Director and CEO of GroupAdvance and EMAGine, Zug, Switzerland.

Hafezi is Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of GroupAdvance – a fundraising and business development service provider – and EMAGine – developer and manufacturer of ophthalmic medical products. She is also in charge of business strategy and development at a new eye hospital and research center in Zurich, the ELZA institute. “Currently, my career focus is to help translate research on CXL technology to treat infectious keratitis into clinical applications,” she says. She predicts that PACK-CXL will create a paradigm shift in treating eye infection, especially in developing countries, and she’s hoping to lead a team to translate the technology to clinical application for treating infections beyond ophthalmology. Her advice for getting ahead? “Diversify your skill set. Identify and strengthen your talents. Pursue your interests. No one wants “just” a clinician.”

A nominator said: “I have experienced Hafezi’s influential way of doing business with researchers, clinicians and industry alike. With her deep understanding of intellectual property and industry relations, Nikki Hafezi is an asset to her company since these aspects are usually confusing to most clinicians and scientists.”

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Parul Ichhpujani

Assistant Professor, Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh, India.

With over 50 peer-reviewed publications and 14 book chapters under his belt, Ichhpujani also serves as a reviewer of several journals and is Chief Editor of “Expert Techniques in Ophthalmic Surgery”, and co-authored the book “Pearls in Glaucoma Management.” She currently oversees medical student education in ophthalmology, and her clinical practice focuses on management of glaucoma and cataract. Repeating the words of her mentor, she would say to her peers, “When we take care of a single patient we are taking care of a part of God. Every single patient is important. Secondly, there is no problem with making money, but the intent behind the action is what should guide us.”

A nominator said: “Ichhpujani is a bright and focused physician who is doing outstanding work in ophthalmic research and academics, especially in field of glaucoma. She displays a broad depth of knowledge in many areas and a keen intellectual curiosity, which takes her work to perfect fruition. Her demeanor and supervisory talent are exemplary, and she is an asset to any project or institution she serves.”

