Obituary: Rajinder Singh Dhada, MS, MBA

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When Rajinder Dhada passed away on November 3, 2018, the world of medical physics and radiation oncology lost a dedicated and accomplished medical physicist turned company executive, cherished friend, and dear colleague. Rajinder had a distinguished career of almost 40 years, first as a clinical medical physicist, then as an accelerator engineer, and finally as a senior marketing executive. He was Vice President of Strategic Partnerships at Elekta before taking on the position as Global Vice President of Business Development at Xcision Medical Systems. He was a gentleman with many talents who embraced life in both his professional career and personal interests with utmost passion.

He was a consummate advocate of patient safety and safe radiotherapy product design. He was one of the founding Co-Chairs of Radiation Oncology Safety Stakeholders Initiative (ROSSI) that had the mission to promote safety improvements in radiotherapy through a common, independent, and impartial vision based on diversity of experience and knowledge among radiation oncology professionals. He served as the Chair of Medical Imaging & Technology Alliance (MITA) RT industry section and served on the Board of Indo American Society of Medical Physicists (IASMP). All through his professional career in radiotherapy industry, he was involved with host of projects and initiatives that focused on the betterment of medical physics and engineering. He was the epitome of exemplary partnership between industry and AAPM.

A true Renaissance personality, Rajinder was not only a brilliant industry executive that excelled at every position he held but he was also a person of immense dignity and
integrity. He loved travel, music, just being with friends and exploring new vistas. His large circle of professional and personal friends was a testament to his easygoing but engaging personality. A tribute from his good friend and colleague pretty much sums up who Rajinder was to all of us who knew him; “How is a man, woman or human being measured? We are measured by the content of our character, our integrity, our family values, our loyalty and what we contribute to our families, our community and the world, be it big, medium or small. We stand tall, even if we have to stand alone and contribute to make human lives better. This was my friend Rajinder, my colleague and a role model, who was knowledgeable, dedicated to the field of radiation oncology, savvy, distinguished, classy, a great family man and always a gentleman. I toast his life and will forever miss his friendship, he touched my life and knowing him made me a better person” Julianna Hines.