Dr. Ranjith Ramasamy Earns Young Investigator Award of Excellence for Work in Sexual Medicine

Ranjith Ramasamy, M.D., associate professor and director of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Reproductive Urology Program, became the second recipient of the Young Investigator Award of Excellence from the Sexual Medicine Society of North America (SMSNA) Inc. during its annual fall scientific meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Ranjith Ramasamy, M.D.

SMSNA recently created the award for individuals who have shown great promise and made exceptional contributions to the field of sexual medicine, an area that Dr. Ramasamy has
brought to light during COVID-19. This marks the second investigator award Dr. Ramasamy has received following the Ira and Esther Rosenwaks New Investigator Award from the American Society for Reproductive Medicine in 2020.

“I was extremely humbled, honored, and happy that both societies decided to award me these honors,” said Dr. Ramasamy. “These awards are ultimately a great sense of validation that hard work, teamwork, and genuine curiosity will always receive the credit it is due.”

“This award from the SMSNA recognizes the excellent achievements and contributions made at an early stage in a career in the field of sexual medicine,” said Serge Carrier, M.D., president of the SMSNA. “Dr. Ramasamy being awarded with the Young Investigator Award of Excellence is well deserved with the exceptional amount of research and publications he has done in the field of sexual health.”

**Research Breakthroughs**

It was Dr. Ramasamy’s research on COVID-19, infertility and sexual dysfunction that led to his breakthrough year in 2020–2021. As the pandemic took hold, Dr. Ramasamy was the first to publish data on the safety of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines for male reproduction, as well as the impacts of the COVID-19 virus on male fertility, penile tissue, and erectile dysfunction. These findings have helped to answer global questions on the urological impacts of COVID-19.

As a result, Dr. Ramasamy’s research made international headlines and made him a sought-after authority on the subject. He debunked misinformation about COVID and the
vaccine and interacted with more than 6,000 social media followers.

For now the work continues as Dr. Ramasamy will use his platform in the medical field and public eye to bring attention to new urological discoveries.

“As the impacts of COVID-19 will likely last for many years, we’re focused on the phenomena of long COVID-19 and its impact on male reproduction following acute infection recovery,” Dr. Ramasamy said.

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