



Biographical Information – Sunil Kripalani, MD, MSc

Sunil Kripalani, MD, MSc, is Chief of Hospital Medicine and Associate Director of the Effective Health Communication Program in the Division of General Internal Medicine and Public Health at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He is an academic hospitalist and health services researcher whose work concerns health literacy, medication adherence, and transitions of care at hospital discharge.

Dr. Kripalani was recognized as a Pfizer Health Literacy Scholar in 2003, and he was named a Pfizer Visiting Professor in Health Literacy in 2006. He has served as a member of numerous national committees and task forces related to literacy and health, including being Chair of the NIH grant review panels for health literacy research in 2006 and coordinating the SGIM health literacy interest group. He served as Co-Editor of the special issue on health literacy published by the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.

Dr. Kripalani is active in the Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM), where he was Founding Chair of the Innovations in Hospital Medicine competition and served as Chair or Co-Chair of the Research Abstract Session from 2002 to 2005. He is a member of the Research Committees at SHM and at the Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM). He has played leadership roles in the SHM-SGIM Continuity of Care Task Force and SHM Handoff Standards Task Force. In 2005, he received the SHM Young Investigator Award of Excellence. He is a Deputy Editor of the *Journal of Hospital Medicine* and an Associate Editor of *Hospital Medicine Secrets*.

In addition to his academic work, Dr. Kripalani is a co-founder of PictureRx, LLC, a health information technology company that makes pictorial-based medication instructions. The company's "Picture Prescription" is designed to help patients, especially those with low health literacy, better understand how to follow their daily medication regimen.

Dr. Kripalani graduated *summa cum laude* from Rice University and received his M.D. with honors from Baylor College of Medicine. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Emory University, where he also completed a Hospital Medicine Fellowship and a Master of Science in Clinical Research. He has received research funding from the National Institutes of Health, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, American Heart Association, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, American Society of Health System Pharmacists Foundation, and Pfizer Health Literacy Scholars Program.