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Dr Sanjay is currently working as the chief of the division of pediatric infectious diseases at PGI Chandigarh. He has been working in this institute since 2008, having experience in managing various infectious diseases in children for more than 20 years.

His key areas of interest are vaccinology and epidemiology of vaccine-preventable diseases. He is a trained vaccinologist who received all possible available trainings in vaccinology (INDVAC 2011, CHF-INCLIN ADVAC 2016), including ADVAC from Les Penzances Center for Global Health, Annecy, France, in the year 2019. Being a good-standing member, he received the ESPID Mauriex Foundation fellowship in year 2019. He was awarded with RCPCH visiting fellowship for the year 2014, for a visit to get trained at the Royal Children's Hospital, Bristol, UK. He is also an overseas examiner for RCPCH, UK. He has been instrumental in setting up ongoing combined teaching activities with various institutions in India and abroad, including the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, USA.

He has been a part of the Advisory Committee for Vaccines and Immunization Practices (ACVIP) of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) for the year 2020-2021. He was involved in the process of the COVID-19 vaccination drive at PGIMER, Chandigarh, in 2021. He has been a part of state NTAGIs for Chandigarh, Punjab, and Haryana.

His main research focus is on improving the understanding of various vaccine-preventable diseases epidemiology in India, with special focus on typhoid, pertussis, and tuberculosis. He has conducted various seroepidemiological studies for various vaccine-preventable diseases. He is already part of various funded projects, including being the site principal investigator for ICMR's Congenital Rubella Syndrome Surveillance. He is contributing to setting up surveillance for typhoid fever and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

He has 171 publications in National and International journals, including 24 chapters in books, and 43 research abstracts presented at various conferences. He has been a guide for MD Thesis (20), Phd (1), MSc (2), BSc (1) and examiner for various universities. He delivered 62 guest lectures/ chaired sessions. He has been an executive member of the editorial board of Indian Pediatrics and an assistant editor for the Journal of Tuberculosis and Other Mycobacterial Diseases.