

ACRO Board of Chancellors Statement for Parul N. Barry, MD, FACRO

Over the past decade, it has been my honor to serve as a member and leader of ACRO. Since joining as a junior resident, I quickly learned that ACRO was *the* college that represents ALL of us in radiation medicine. The ACRO Board of Chancellors prioritizes the needs of those practicing in radiation oncology and has worked to provide its members with strong educational content, career opportunities, advocacy, mentorship, practice accreditation, clinical pathways, among others.

Over the next few years, as a field, we will face several challenges as well as potential opportunities: persistent threats of cuts to reimbursement, integration of AI in the clinic, practice expansion with theranostics and treatment of benign disease. It is critical that we, as a field, define how we practice medicine, not outside groups. As a board member, I will work hard to protect our field and address needs that could result in threats to our practice. During my tenure with ACRO, I have cultivated strong relationships with all committees. Further, I have personal experience as a leader on the scientific program and membership committees, as well as the resident and new practitioner committees. Additionally, I have a strong working relationship with GREC. As a board member, I will leverage my experience and connections to advocate for YOU as an ACRO member.

My work as an Associate Professor at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center and the University of Pittsburgh has given me exposure to patient-related, administrative, and operational issues found in both academic and private practice settings. Through my membership and leadership in the college, I have seen first-hand how ACRO works on behalf of its members, and I have learned how to optimize resident, new practitioner, scientific and educational content for all participants. In each of these positions, I have worked well with the board to meet the goals these committees.

I have developed the depth and breadth of experience to successfully advocate on your behalf as a board member. I ask that you please vote for me to serve you on the Board of Chancellors.