



# **HIREN MEHTA, MD**

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEE**

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To whom it may concern,

I appreciate the opportunity to express my interest in the AABIP board of directors' position starting from year 2022.

Please accept my thank you for your continued leadership in the field of interventional pulmonology and your commitment to a strong educational presence both at national meetings and through online forums. I believe it is essential for our discipline to maintain strong academic rigor.

I, Hiren Mehta am a practicing pulmonary, critical care and Interventional Pulmonology physician at University of Florida (UF) hospitals. I have been in this position for 11 years and have a special interest in all aspects on thoracic oncology and interventional pulmonology including advanced diagnostics/staging, pleural diseases and therapeutic bronchoscopies.

Since being at UF, I have been very productive academically in the field. We have several ongoing trials and published important work in the field of IP about Intratumoral chemotherapy. I am active member of American association of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology and have been active in AABIP's annual meetings. I have moderated several sessions at AABIP's annual meetings. For the last few years, I have been involved in AABIP's board review course including chairing the course in 2021.

In addition to participating in ABIP's activities, my commitment in the field and leadership skills are evident from my role with American college of chest physicians (ACCP) and American thoracic society (ATS). I actively serve for ACCP's postgraduate courses and hands on sessions. I have been co-directing the fellows' course at ACCP's annual meeting. During the past 3 years, I have been faculty at several of ACCP's comprehensive bronchoscopy courses as well as pleural courses. Additionally, I have been active member of AACP's bronchoscopy domain task force and ATS's web committee for thoracic oncology.

All the above exposure and involvement have given me insights into the amount of work and organization it takes to put together and conduct successful and well rated meeting and the involvement of the committee members and teamwork that is required for such well-organized educational events.

I'm not only a dedicated leader but I have a passion for education as evidence by various teaching awards as highlighted in my CV including distinguished CHEST educator award for 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Based on my experience, commitment, teaching skills and aspirations, I believe that I am qualified to be the member of AABIP's board of directors and work with the leadership of AABIP to serve its members and the community overall to the best of my abilities.

Thank you for your consideration.