



## **2022 SRS Board of Directors Candidate**

**Director-at-Large**

**Atul Malhotra, MD**



Dear Colleagues:

I write this letter to express my interest in being considered for the SRS Board of Directors. I have clinical, research, teaching, advocacy and leadership experience in the sleep field for over 20 years. Thus, I feel qualified to be considered for this important role.

Regarding my qualifications, I would like to emphasize a few points:

- 1) I served as the President of the American Thoracic Society from 2015-2016. To my knowledge, I was the first president of this international organization with a genuine focus in sleep. During my tenure, we created a number of training opportunities to focus on the next generation. These programs have been successful and have helped to drive our pipeline into the field of sleep medicine.
- 2) I have >385 original manuscripts plus >275 reviews/chapters since coming on faculty in 2000. I have maintained a few research foci over the years, but the vast majority of my publications have pertained to sleep and control of breathing. I have consistently maintained substantial NIH funding related to sleep apnea pathogenesis and the pathophysiology of OSA complications. I also am PI of a T32 training grant which has helped to train many young people interested in our field.
- 3) I have maintained a busy clinical practice during my time at Harvard Medical School and more recently at UCSD. I see patients with all different sleep disorders, read sleep studies and have had leadership positions in various sleep centers.
- 4) With regards to education, I was the previous director of the National Sleep Medicine Course and was co-director of the ATS State of the Art Sleep Course. I

routine lecture for many different professional societies and at major meetings both nationally and internationally.

5) Regarding advocacy, I have been actively involved in advocating for the importance of sleep and sleep health at various levels. During my role with the ATS, I made regular visits to Capitol Hill where I was able to communicate the important of sleep and respiratory illness to policy makers.

In summary, I believe that I am qualified to serve on the board of directors of the SRS. I am well aware of the high caliber of prior leaders of the SRS and thus recognize that I may have big shoes to fill. Nonetheless, I am prepared to dedicate the time and effort required to do my best in this role. Although I have a number of ideas regarding my vision for the future of SRS, I would like to spend time listening before defining future priorities.

Yours Sincerely,



Atul Malhotra