Rotary District 9675/85 Vocational Excellence Awards 2020

Dr Sonu Bhaskar

Dr Sonu Bhaskar is a highly qualified Neurologist, Clinician Scientist, Healthcare Executive and Social Entrepreneur. His idea to create the world’s first brain clot bank has gained state-wide, national and international attention and put NSW on the world map in this field.

His ground-breaking research, leadership and community engagement has had local and global impact. Dr Bhaskar has featured on ABC News, Sydney Morning Herald, 9 News and several national and international media outlets. The brain clot bank under his leadership is one of the finalists in the NSW Health Pathology awards. Dr Bhaskar has pioneered several community service initiatives including the Neurology Talkies program.

The NSW Brain Clot Bank, housed at the NSW Health State-wide Biobank, is conducting ground-breaking research into the prevention and treatment of strokes.

Dr Bhaskar and fellow investigator Associate Professor Murray Killingsworth are using cutting-edge, advanced microscopy and pathology techniques to analyse brain clots to gain unprecedented insights into the causes of strokes at an individual level.

Dr Sonu Bhaskar has been recently awarded the prestigious European Academy of Neurology (EAN) 2019 Investigator Award. Notably, Dr Bhaskar is the recipient of two EAN investigator awards this year. He presented his research on the link between causes of stroke and characteristics of brain clots retrieved after endovascular thrombectomy at the 5th Congress of EAN held in Oslo, Norway earlier this year.

Rotary Districts 9675 and 9685 are honoured to recognise Dr Sonu Bhaskar with a 2020 District Vocational Excellence Award.