



Meet AACR's 2025 Scientific Achievement Award Recipients Cancer Health

Learn about the cutting-edge work of these cancer researchers and physician-scientists. They'll be honored at the AACR annual meeting.

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CHICAGO – The [American Association for Cancer Research](#) (AACR) will honor the following cancer researchers and physician-scientists during the [AACR Annual Meeting 2025](#), to be held April 25–30 at the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago, Illinois.

AACR Award for Lifetime Achievement in Cancer Research: [Rakesh K. Jain, PhD, FAACR](#) ([Photo](#))

This award honors individuals who have made significant fundamental contributions to cancer research, either through a single scientific discovery or a body of work. These contributions, whether in research, leadership, or mentorship, must have had a lasting impact on the cancer field and must have demonstrated a lifetime commitment to progress against cancer.

Jain, a [Fellow of the AACR Academy](#), is the director of the Edwin L. Steele Laboratories for Tumor Biology in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital and the Andrew Werk Cook Professor of Radiation Oncology (Tumor Biology) at Harvard Medical School. He is being recognized for his lifelong achievements and pioneering contributions that have transformed the scientific understanding of the tumor microenvironment and its role in cancer progression and treatment. Most notably, his groundbreaking hypothesis of vascular normalization reshaped the use of antiangiogenic therapy and led to FDA-approved drug combinations. Jain's visionary integration of engineering and oncology

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