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## Department of Pediatrics **NEWS FLASH**

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **Professor Tariq Rana Inducted into National Academy of Inventors!**



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Tariq Rana, a multidisciplinary RNA Biologist, has been named a 2020 fellow of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). The NAI Fellows are chosen for a highly prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on the quality of life, economic development, and the welfare of society. Election to NAI fellow status is the highest professional distinction accorded solely to truly prolific academic inventors.

Inventions from Dr. Rana's lab have provided the foundation for several pharmaceutical companies and for developing a number of RNA drug candidates for a variety of diseases such as viral infections, immune and central nervous system disorders, neurodegeneration, wound healing, metabolic disorders, cancer, and mRNA vaccines. In addition, these technologies have been used to develop treatments for Duchenne muscular dystrophy and hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis.

Dr. Rana is a Distinguished Professor at UC San Diego School of Medicine. He is also the Chief of Genetics Division in Pediatrics at UCSD and Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego.

***Please join us in congratulating Dr. Rana on this tremendous achievement!***

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