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Dr Sekar is a medical professional with 30 years' experience in healthcare and quality, with a focus on healthcare accreditation and process improvement. Post her MBBS at Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore in 1989, she went on to do a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) at Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi in 2004 as well as a Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) at Robert Kennedy College, Zurich, Switzerland 2008.

She held the position of Joint Medical Director along with a Medical Advisory Board (MAB) membership. In this capacity, Dr Sekar has worked on medical operations as well as handled several projects- most notably regarding the implementation of NABH and JCI policies in various departments.

Prior to that, she has worked as a Senior Faculty for the Foundation for Quality (India) and as an Associate Editor for Action Research Journal (A SAGE Publication) where she edited papers related to action research in healthcare from Asia region prior to publication. She has been an assessor for the annual AHPI awards for hospitals in Tamilnadu, Kerala, Karnataka and GCC from 2014 until now. Her expertise also extends to quality experience as well as blood transfusion. In the former field, her roles were that of the NABH Assessor, as the Consultant for the Healthcare sector of the American Society for Quality (ASQ), a trainer for all NRHM – Kerala projects regarding NABH accreditation of Government hospitals and an active trainer for all NABH standards as well as conducted first party audits for several hospitals and medical and genetic laboratories in South India. She was involved in Quality circles as a facilitator as she headed the Quality Department at Meenakshi Mission Hospital and Research Centre. Her experience in blood transfusion stems from her work as Terumo Penpol Limited's Medical Advisor for the Indian market. The company is the Indian subsidiary of Terumo Corporation, Japan, the world leader in transfusion medicine products. Terumo Penpol manufactures blood bags and blood banking equipment for the Indian market as well as for Europe and Latin American countries.

She is also a member of organizations such as the Indian Medical Association, National Board for Quality Promotion (NBQP), International Society for Quality (ISQua), American Society for Quality, Indian Society of Blood Transfusion and Immunohaematology, Indian Association of Blood Banks.

She has been awarded several accolades for her work- such as the Distinguished Award (2009) at the National Convention of Quality Circles, Excellence Award (2008) at the 18th Chapter Convention of Quality Circles held by the Quality Circle Forum of India, the Best Paper Award

(2002) at the 26th National Conference of Indian Society of Blood Transfusion and Immunohaematology and also the Best Paper Award (2000) at the 25th National Conference of Indian Society of Blood Transfusion and Immunohaematology.

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