

Stephenson School of Biomedical Engineering Industry Seminar Series
Presents



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1:30 P.M.

Carson Engineering Center, Room 100

Dr. Kumar serves as the Chief Executive Officer of DRIK, LLC a contract research organization based in Oklahoma City, OK. He has co-founded and serves in executive position in DEHA, a biotechnology company focused on developing therapeutics for stroke and related disorders. Kumar's various roles include client interaction, study direction and execution of scientific projects of differing size and complexity of small and medium sized pharmaceutical companies. Earlier he was directly responsible running the toxicology program of drug discovery and development work at CoMentis-Astellas, Japan along with the Global Project Development Team on a drug development program to bring CNS drug to Phase I.

Trained as a toxicologist with a Ph.D. in Pharmacology-Toxicology interdisciplinary program with Masters in Biology and Clinical Research, he also serves as the adjunct Assistant Professor in the School of Pharmacy, OUHSC. He will share his experience on the challenges faced by differing groups from early start up to well-developed companies in drug discovery and development. His talk will briefly touch on what successful companies do in bringing their innovation to fruition and the challenges they face. He will also highlight the tools available for a young investigator in developing their product and how DRIK provides help in moving the development work avoiding the pit falls.