

2008 Award Recipient: Tarakad Ramachandran, MD, FAAN

Tarakad Ramachandran, MD, FAAN, always listened to his mother: she taught him that it was the duty of those more fortunate to help those who had less. It was heeding this advice in all aspects of his career that led Ramachandran to be honored at the AAN Annual Meeting in Chicago in April of 2008 as the second Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., MD, Patient Advocate of the Year Award recipient.



A 2008 Donald M. Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum graduate, Ramachandran's impressive résumé also includes Chairman of Neurology at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, NY, as well as Professor of Neurology of Upstate Medical Center. He has served as a Lecturer in the Center for Bioethics and Humanities, established the Stroke Center of Excellence at Upstate Medical University, and was instrumental in establishing telemedicine at SUNY Upstate. He represented the AAN at the 9th Asian Oceanian Congress of Neurology at Seoul in 1996.

In Pune, India, Ramachandran helped to establish an imaging center to provide free computerized tomography scans to the poor and ran free clinics for those who could not afford care. He used these clinics as a base for teaching Indian medical students and residents.

Ramachandran has also extended his advocacy interests elsewhere in the world. He has served on the Board of Directors of the World Neurology Foundation (WNF) and, since 2007, has been Vice President of the WNF.