

# New CSR Chief

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## Dr. Gagan A. Pandya Named Chief of the Basic Neuroscience (BN) Review Branch



Dr. Gagan A. Pandya has been selected as the Chief of the Basic Neuroscience (BN) Review Branch at the Center for Scientific Review (CSR). Dr. Pandya joined CSR in 2011 as a scientific review officer in the Disease Control and Applied Immunology (DCAI) Review Branch, formerly the Infectious Diseases and Microbiology (IDM) Integrated Review Group.

Dr. Pandya brings to the position a broad background in basic science research, strong interpersonal and management skills, and an excellent grasp of CSR/NIH policies and best practices. As the BN Chief, he will oversee 10 review groups covering a range of fundamental and mechanistic studies in neural systems.

Dr. Pandya earned an M.Sc. and Ph.D. in microbiology from the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda in India. He pursued his postdoctoral training in molecular microbiology at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark and in molecular carcinogenesis at the American Health Foundation in Valhalla, NY. He then served as a senior research scientist at Wyeth Vaccines in Pearl River, NY, working on DNA vaccines. Before coming to CSR, he was a staff scientist and a team leader for the comparative genomics program within the Pathogen Functional Genomics Resource Center at the J. Craig Venter Institute in Rockville, Maryland.