

Bidichandani Biosketch

Dr. Sanjay Bidichandani is currently the CMRI Claire Gordon Duncan Chair of Pediatric Medical Genetics and Professor of Pediatrics and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. He received his degree in Medicine from the University of Pune (India) and a PhD in Medical Genetics from the University of Glasgow (Scotland, UK). He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Neurogenetics at the Baylor College of Medicine (Houston, TX), where he also trained in the Master Teacher Fellowship program. At OUHSC, Dr. Bidichandani has been involved in teaching human genetics to first year medical students since 2001, serving as course director for the Medical Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics course (2009), and the Molecular & Cellular Systems course (2010). His research program has received continuous grant funding for more than a decade from the National Institutes of Health and the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). His research is focused on characterizing the genetic and epigenetic defect in Friedreich ataxia, and he has published 40 papers in peer-reviewed journals. He recently (2011-2012) served as the Vice President for Research at the MDA.