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Dr. Roopesh Kansara is a hematologist and cancer medicine specialist with CancerCare Manitoba.

Dr. Kansara trained extensively at the University of Manitoba (Medicine, Internal Medicine and Hematology) followed by further training at the British Columbia Cancer Centre to specialize in lymphoproliferative disorders.

Dr. Kansara has a passion for understanding and combating hematologic malignancies through cutting-edge therapies that constantly evolve. He finds a profound sense of job satisfaction when he navigates the cancer pathway, administers the treatment and gets his patients into remission and hopefully cured. He understands the critical role that scientific discoveries and advancements play in patient care and emphasizes that the incorporation of such breakthroughs into clinical practice is based on their impact on patient outcomes, especially improved survival rates observed in clinical trials.

Dr. Kansara brings an understanding about supporting loved ones through cancer. When he began his career in cancer medicine, he witnessed his parent go through an aggressive cancer journey. At that time, he had a dual role to fulfill; he needed to be strong for himself and also for his parent and family, who looked to him for knowledge, expertise and support. During this period, he experienced first-hand what cancer patients go through in their daily lives. This has enabled him to become a better physician,

fostering compassionate care and offering a listening ear to his patients, supporting them however possible. He recognizes that a positive outlook is essential when providing cancer care. Recently, he delivered an excellent presentation on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) during CCMB's Equity Week. He shared his perspective on equity and how it means providing equal opportunities to everyone, regardless of gender, ethnicity, ability, or sexual orientation. Emphasizing the significance of diversity, he explained it is essential to have a variety of perspectives for representation and progress. Inclusion, according to Dr. Kansara, involves embracing everyone, including those who might otherwise be marginalized, and fostering a culture of belonging within institutions and organizations. For him, the triad of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion is fundamental to the functionality, prosperity, and innovation of any institution or organization.

He can say with pride that he made the right career choice as he looks forward to going to work every day.