

Biography

Professor Shitij Kapur, FRCPC, PhD, FMedSci is the Dean and Head of School at the Institute of Psychiatry and Deputy Vice Principal (Health Schools) King's College London, UK. He moved to this post after serving as Canada Research Chair and Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto.

He graduated from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, did his psychiatric training at the University of Pittsburgh and subsequently completed a PhD and Fellowship at the University of Toronto. His main research interest is in the use of brain imaging, animals models and clinical studies to understand the basis of psychosis, antipsychotics and how to improve them. His work has led to a better understanding of antipsychotic action and its relationship to D2 blockade, has led to the development of the 'salience' framework of psychosis and has given rise to the 'early onset' hypothesis of antipsychotic action.

Dr. Kapur has published over two hundred peer-reviewed papers, made dozens of presentations worldwide, and serves in advisory capacity to public charities and pharmaceutical companies and has received national and international awards including the AE Bennett Award of the Society for Biological Psychiatry, Paul Janssen Award of the CINP and is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and the Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, UK. He currently leads NEWMEDS, an EU-wide Innovative Medicines Initiative.

When away from his work Dr. Kapur is usually ferrying his young children from one activity to another or trying to perfect the ultimate 'lamb biryani'.