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2005-2006 Post Graduate Researcher West LA VA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA.

1993-1999 Assistant Research Scientist UCSD Gene Therapy Program.

1988-1990 Research Associate, Department of Biotechnology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India.

**Research Grants and Fellowship:**

1. Swiss government Bundestipendium. Fellowship award to study in Switzerland, 1990-1993.

2. Young Investigator Award, YIA from American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), 2005-2007.

3. Fellowship from Tumor Immunology training grant NIH 5-T32-CA009120-30. 2005-2006.

4. Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute (FAMRI). Young Clinical Scientist Award. July 2007 –June 2012. PI- Sanjai Sharma. To study the role of Egr3 in smoking induced cancer.

5. VA Merit Grant, Aberrant splicing of the E-cadherin gene. Oct 2010 to Oct 2013. PI: Sanjai Sharma.

**Research Patents:**

1. [Novel expression vectors containing accessory molecule ligand genes and their use for immunomodulation and treatment of malignancies and autoimmune disease.](http://surfip.ipexl.com/directory/en/similar/Novel_expression_vectors_containing_accessory_molecule_ligand_genes_and_their_use_for_1.html) [Thomas J Kipps](http://surfip.ipexl.com/directory/en/inventor/Thomas_J_Kipps_1.html), [Sanjai Sharma](http://surfip.ipexl.com/directory/en/inventor/Sanjai_Sharma_1.html), [Mark Cantwell](http://surfip.ipexl.com/directory/en/inventor/Mark_Cantwell_1.html).

2. [Chimeric nucleic acids encoding polypeptides comprising CD154 and TNF-α.](http://surfip.ipexl.com/directory/en/similar/Chimeric_nucleic_acids_encoding_polypeptides_comprising_CD154_and_TNF-%CE%B1_1.html) [Thomas J Kipps](http://surfip.ipexl.com/directory/en/inventor/Thomas_J_Kipps_1.html), [Sanjai Sharma](http://surfip.ipexl.com/directory/en/inventor/Sanjai_Sharma_1.html), [Mark Cantwell](http://surfip.ipexl.com/directory/en/inventor/Mark_Cantwell_1.html).

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