

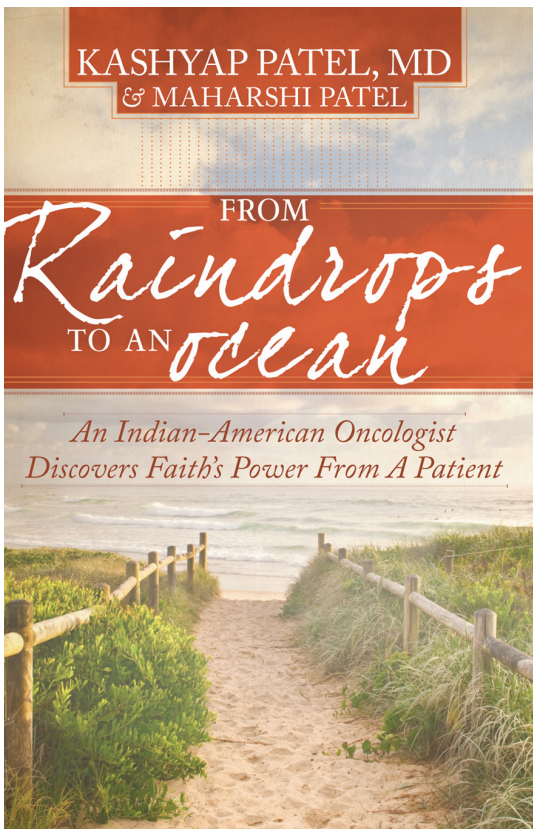


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SOUTH CAROLINA DOCTOR REVEALS ONE PATIENT'S PROFOUND IMPACT IN NEW BOOK ONCOLOGIST DR. KASHYAP PATEL SHARES HOW A PASTOR'S WIFE AWAKENED HIS FAITH



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Nationally renowned oncologist Dr. Kashyap Patel, MD has treated thousands of patients over the years, but none quite like Anne Sanford. Despite having had a number of patients who fought cancer with grace and bravery, in Anne he found such a remarkable spirit that it affected his own outlook on medicine and his religious views.

Once a Hindu, a near death experience prompted Dr. Patel to investigate what gave some patients genuine acceptance of suffering. After delving into his meticulous patient journals, he found his answer in Anne, the wife of a large Presbyterian Church pastor in Rock Hill, South Carolina, whose astonishing faith during virulent leukemia awakened his own faith. "I found her story so touching that with the blessing of Anne's family, I decided to share it with the entire world so that all could feel the wonder Anne inspired in those around her," explains Dr. Patel.

Dr. Shelton Sanford, Anne's husband, pastors Westminster Presbyterian Church, a position he's held for 25 years. "In the providence of God, she was called to suffer with an aggressive form of leukemia," says Dr. Sandford. "Upon Anne's diagnosis, her greatest desire was to be a faithful witness to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Anne's witness has continued long after her death as is evident by the content of this book."

According to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, more than 43,000 people developed leukemia in 2010 and, like Anne, it's a battle many do not win. Raindrops to an Ocean: An Indian American oncologist discovers Faith's Power From A Patient (Ambassador International; October 2011; \$12.99/softcover) explains the profound, eternal impact a pastor's wife had on her doctor.

Learn more about the author at www.kashyappatel.net. To arrange an interview with Dr. Patel or Anne Sanford's husband, Dr. Sanford please contact publicist Alison Storm at media@emeraldhouse.com.

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SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Why do you keep meticulous patient journals?
2. What did you write in your journals about Anne that was different from other patients?
3. How did meeting Anne change the way you practice medicine?
4. You're very well known in the oncology community—how have other medical professionals received this book?
5. Were you upset that you couldn't help Anne beat cancer?
6. Did Anne know the impact she had on your life while she was still living?
7. How do you think she would have reacted to reading *From Raindrops to an Ocean*?
8. What does the title of the book mean?