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"Those who have worked with Suneil have been impressed by his passion and his breadth. As chief of our Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism, he will seek to build on strong collaborations with UCSF Health, and with the Diabetes Center, the CVRI, ImmunoX, the Bakar Computational Health Sciences Institute, and other organizations on campus," said Robert Wachter, Chair of UCSF Department of Medicine.

Suneil grew up in Southern California and received his BS from UCLA. He then moved to Houston, Texas, where he completed his MD and PhD in molecular physiology at the Baylor College of Medicine. He was a med-peds resident and chief resident at Baylor, coming to UCSF in 2003 as a fellow in diabetes, endocrinology and metabolism; he was also a postdoctoral fellow in the Gladstone Institutes.

Suneil's research focuses on the mechanisms by which dietary excess influences the inflammatory activity of the innate immune system. His work delves into the causes of obesity, insulin resistance, diabetes, and fatty infiltration of multiple organs. He is currently Principal Investigator on two RO1 grants from the National Institutes of Health, as well as co-investigator on several other projects, funded by both the NIH and private industry.

"I am excited to see Suneil being chosen for this important position in the University," said Matthias Hebrok, Director of Diabetes Center. "I know that his commitment to improving patients lives will help the Diabetes Center community to accelerate our science discoveries into treatments, and very much look forward to working with him in making these aspirations a reality."

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