

# Curriculum Vitae and Bibliography

## Asha Nair, P.M.P., M.S.

### 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Place of Birth** – Dubai, UAE

**Citizenship** – USA

### 2. PRESENT ACADEMIC RANK AND POSITION

#### **Informatics Specialist II**

07/2015 – Present

Division of Biomedical Statistics and Informatics (BSI),  
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

- Bioinformatics technical lead for messenger RNA (mRNA) and long intergenic non-coding RNA (lincRNA) Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) data
- Bioinformatics lead of microarray data from Affymetrix and Illumina platforms
- Technical and Project manager for both RNA-Seq and data integration projects for PI Dr. Raul Urrutia
- Continued support for development of RNA-Seq and lincRNA workflows to run in a High Performance Computing environment
- Work on a wide variety of projects for secondary and tertiary analyses on NGS mRNA and lincRNA, microarray, various diseases and cancer
- Work on the research and development of RNA sequencing best practices for clinical sequencing facility (DLMP)

Contribute to multiple concurrent research studies, grants, publications, posters and abstracts

### 3. EDUCATION

Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology, Kerala, India 2004  
B.S., Electrical and Electronics Engineering

Project Management Institute, Inc., USA 2008  
P.M.P., Project Management Professional

University of Minnesota Rochester, MN, USA 2012  
MS, Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology

University of Minnesota Rochester, MN, USA  
 PhD, Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology

present

#### 4. BOARD CERTIFICATION(S)

##### **Project Management Institute, Inc. (PMI)**

Project Management Professional

2008 – Present

#### 5. HONORS/AWARDS

Travel Fellowship Award  
 ISMB 2014, Boston, MA

2014

#### 6. PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND MAJOR APPOINTMENTS

##### **Engineering Apprentice**

2004

Dotsan Co. LLC, Sharjah, UAE

- Offered engineering assistance to senior estimation engineers, implemented cost estimation projects and created working models using designing software, AUTOCAD.

##### **Assistant Estimation Engineer**

2004 – 2008

Moeller Group (Felten & Guillaume (F&G)), Dubai, UAE

- Offered technical assistance to senior electrical engineers and managing director, performed cost estimation and evaluation of estimation quotes from external clients, worked on the design of numerous projects and presented project outcomes to stakeholders.

##### **Graduate Intern**

2009 – 2010

University of Minnesota Rochester and Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

- Developed computational approaches to score prostate cases based on three antibody stains, assisted in discovering high grade regions and development of graphical interface for display of results.

**Informatics Associate**

2010 – 2012

Division of Biomedical Statistics and Informatics, Mayo Clinic,  
Rochester, MN

- Worked with Informatics Specialists-I, II and lead on numerous NGS and microarray projects. Installed and evaluated various NGS tools for data analysis. Contributed to the development of NGS informatics applications such as exome and mRNA workflows, and presented the work at internal seminars and national conferences.

**Informatics Specialist**

2012 – 2015

Division of Biomedical Statistics and Informatics (BSI),  
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

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- Bioinformatics analysis of microarray data from Affymetrix and Illumina platforms
- Develop NGS secondary analysis workflows for mRNA and lincRNA to run in a High Performance Computing environment
- Work on a wide variety of projects for secondary and tertiary analyses on NGS mRNA and lincRNA, microarray, various diseases and cancer
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**7. PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS, SOCIETIES AND SERVICES**

Project Management Institute, Inc. (PMI)  
Member

2008 – Present

International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB)  
Member

2011 – Present

**8. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES****A. Curriculum/Course Development**

Development of BSI Education Modules  
 Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

07/2013 - Present

- Arranging content together for the RNA Sequencing education modules

## **B. Teaching**

### **Seminars**

XGen Congress and Exposition Highlights Bioinformatics PI Support Meeting Rochester, MN	2011
RNA-Seq differential expression analysis using edgeR Bioinformatics PI Support Meeting, and Formal Training to new Informatics Specialists Rochester, MN	2012 & 2013
IPA Ingenuity for Pathway analysis Bioinformatics PI Support Meeting Rochester, MN	2013
ISMB 2014 Highlights Bioinformatics PI Support Meeting Rochester, MN	2014
Tophat Fusion Post processing and filters Bioinformatics PI Support Meeting Rochester, MN	2014
RNA-Skim for gene expression quantification RNA Technical Orientation Group Meeting Rochester, MN	2014
Effect of RNA degradation on gene expression Bioinformatics Technical Meeting Rochester, MN	2014
Fusion annotation and visualization for RNA-Seq data Bioinformatics PI Support Meeting Rochester, MN	2016
LincRNAs in normal prostate samples Allied Health Staff Meeting Rochester, MN	2017

## **E. Honors and Awards for Education**

First prize for poster competition held at UMR Symposium

January 2016

Poster title: Differential frequency of miRNA binding sites for Triple Negative breast cancer

## 9. INSTITUTIONAL/DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

### Mayo Clinic in Rochester

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| Microarray Technology Oriented Group (TOG), Co-Lead  | 2011 - Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I offer as a one of the primary contacts for microarray projects</li><li>• I manage microarray projects and assign to Informatics Specialists that are trained in this technology</li><li>• I am responsible for training, assigning projects, designing appropriate analysis plans, and providing consultation to Mayo and external investigators</li></ul> |                |
| mRNA Technology Oriented Group (TOG), Member and co-developer  | 2012 – Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I offer as a one of the primary contacts for mRNA-Seq projects</li><li>• I actively work on the testing and development of the workflow</li><li>• I am responsible for training, designing appropriate analysis plans, and providing consultation to Mayo and external investigators</li></ul>   |                |
| lincRNA Technology Oriented Group (TOG), Lead  | 2012 - Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I developed and continue to improve the lincRNA analysis workflow</li><li>• I am responsible for training Informatics Specialists for this workflow</li><li>• I also assign and manage the projects involving the analysis of lincRNA NGS data</li></ul>   |                |

## 10. PRESENTATIONS

### International

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### National

- *TREAT – A comprehensive open framework for targeted re-sequencing analysis* 3/2011  
 Poster Presentation, Cambridge Healthtech Institute's XGen Congress and Exposition  
 San Diego, CA, USA
- *Optimizing sequence yield and interpreting data quality for RNA Sequencing* 07/2012  
 Poster Presentation, Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB)  
 Long Beach, CA, USA
- *MAP-RSeq – Mayo Analysis Pipeline for RNA Sequencing* 10/2013  
 Poster Presentation, American Society for Human Genetics (ASHG)  
 Boston, MA, USA
- *Identification of circular RNAs and their potential regulation in Breast Cancer Subtypes* 07/2014  
 Poster Presentation, Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB)  
 Boston, MA, US

### Regional

- *Identification of expressed long intergenic non-coding RNA (lincRNA) using Whole Transcriptome Sequencing technology* 10/2013  
 Poster Presentation, Center for Individualized Medicine (CIM)  
 Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, USA
- *A catalog of identified circular RNAs in Breast Cancer Subtypes* 10/2014  
 Poster Presentation, Center for Individualized Medicine (CIM)  
 Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, USA

## 11. RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests include the following:

- Use Bioinformatics Methods and tools to analyze Next Generation Sequencing data, both genomic and whole transcriptomic data types
- Use Bioinformatics Methods and tools to analyze Microarray data for both Affymetrix and Illumina platforms

- Develop methods to identify, quantify, annotate and further detect differential expressed genes for mRNA, lincRNA and circular RNA (circRNA) types
- Develop methods to integrate mRNA-microRNA, mRNA-ChIP-Seq, mRNA-miRNA-circRNA-lincRNA interactions in the whole transcriptome landscape
- Identify tumor-normal differences in terms of gene expression and regulation in various cancer types using mRNA, miRNA, circRNA and lincRNA datasets

## 12. BIBLIOGRAPHY

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