

## **Raveendra Kulkarni Biography**

Dr. Kulkarni is an Adjunct Professor and an Associated Graduate Faculty in department of Pathobiology, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. He is also the Research Coordinator for Poultry Health Research Network at Guelph. He obtained his BVSc (Eqv. DVM) in Veterinary Medicine and Masters in Parasitology and Immunology from Indian Veterinary Research Institute. Subsequent to working in the pharmaceutical industry (Drug Discovery, Torrent Research Center) for a few years in India as a Scientist, he joined University of Guelph for his PhD. During his doctoral studies, he worked in the area of vaccines against Necrotic Enteritis in chickens with Dr. John Prescott in the Pathobiology department of Ontario Veterinary College. Following to PhD, he worked with Dr. Shayan Sharif for his post-doctoral training in avian immunology for 2 years with a fellowship supported by the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation. Subsequently, to gather further training in advanced vaccine immunology, he worked at the Emory University Vaccine Center, Atlanta, Georgia for 3 years. His research interests are in developing effective control strategies against poultry enteric pathogens, particularly *Clostridium perfringens*, the causative agent of Necrotic Enteritis (NE). Dr. Kulkarni has published several papers in peer-reviewed journals and he currently serves as a member of the advisory committee of three graduate students at the University of Guelph.