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Keshari Thakali, PhD graduated from the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ in 2002 with a BS in Environmental Science. In 2006, she received her PhD in Cardiovascular Pharmacology from the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Michigan State University. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Thakali moved to Little Rock to study calcium channel function in veins at UAMS. In 2011, Dr. Thakali joined Arkansas Children's Nutrition Center and began studying fetal programming of obesity and metabolic syndrome. Since 2015, Dr. Thakali has been an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at UAMS and runs the Vascular Programming Laboratory at the Arkansas Children's Nutrition Center.

In addition to being a science nerd, Dr. Thakali is an avid mountain biker, rock climber, and aspiring mountaineer. In 2018 she performed a science-oriented standup skit with Science Riot at the Museum of Discovery.

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