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5th NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM — ON — **GENETIC DISEASES**

THEME : THE JOURNEY BEYOND DIAGNOSIS

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5th National Symposium on Genetic Diseases

Theme: The Patient Journey

Integrating Clinical Care and Lived Experience

"The Journey Beyond Diagnosis — From Discovery to Lifelong Care"

Ashoka Hall, Manekshaw Auditorium, New Delhi · 24–25 October 2026

- Keynote
- Clinical session
- Panel
- Debate
- Talk
- Quiz
- Sponsored session
- Inauguration / Oration
- Break

DAY 1 · 24 OCTOBER 2026

The Journey Beyond Diagnosis

 The journey begins

08:30–08:35 **CEREMONY** · 5 min

Welcome and opening remarks

Theme introduction: "The Journey Beyond Diagnosis — From Discovery to Lifelong Care"

Dr Ashok Vellodi

09:15–09:35 **KEYNOTE** · 20 min · incl. 5 min Q&A

Keynote 1: From Diagnosis to Disease Pathways — Rethinking Continuity

Dr Seema Kapoor

Chairs: Dr Madhulika Kabra, Dr Ashok Vellodi

10:05–10:35 **CLINICAL SESSION** · 30 min · incl. 5 min Q&A

Changing Management After Diagnosis

The adult NF1: tumours, transformation and targeted treatment, including discussion on transition of care from paediatric to adult services — **Dr Shankar VH**

Changing the course of atypical HUS — **Dr Aditi Sinha**

Chairs: Lt Col Puneet Singh, Dr Bhawna Dhingra, Dr Prashant Seth

10:55–11:40 **CLINICAL SESSION** · 45 min · incl. 5 min Q&A

One Diagnosis, Many Lives

From RAS-MAPK to real life: translating diagnosis into real life — **Dr Inusha Panigrahi**

Stopping oxalate at its source: the new era of hyperoxaluria treatment — **Dr Sumita Danda**

Eye disorders in genetics: what does diagnosis change? — **Dr Shailaja Tibrewal**

Chairs: Dr Seema Kapoor, Dr Rohit Gupta, Dr Shubha Phadke, Dr Peeyush Khanna · Moderator: Dr Pooja Motwani

08:00–08:30 · 30 min

Registration and coffee



08:35–09:15 **TALK** · 40 min · incl. 5 min Q&A

Abstract presentations

Selected abstracts

Judges: Dr Sumita Danda, Dr Kausik Mandal, Dr Ashok Vellodi · Dr Kanika Singh · Moderator: Dr Kiruthika

09:35–10:05 **CLINICAL SESSION** · 30 min · incl. 5 min Q&A

Impact of Genetic Diagnosis

What does the diagnosis really give to a family? — **Dr Kausik Mandal**

Living with alkaptonuria: nitisinone, surveillance and long-term care — **Prof Sumita Danda**

Chairs: Dr Neerja Gupta, Dr Seema Thakur, Dr Seema Kapoor

10:35–10:55 **KEYNOTE** · 20 min · incl. 5 min Q&A

Keynote 2: Beyond Bleeds — Transforming the Haemophilia Journey

Dr Shubha Phadke

Chairs: Dr Sumita Danda, Dr Ashok Vellodi, Ms Ratna Devi

11:40–12:10 **CLINICAL SESSION** · 30 min · incl. 5 min Q&A

The Geneticist as a Longitudinal Physician

22q11.2 microdeletion syndrome: journey and jeopardies — **Dr Seema Thakur**

Metabolomics: from pathways to therapeutics — **Dr Datar**

Chairs: Dr Ashutosh Gupta, Dr Alpa J Dherai, Dr Sunita Bijarnia Mahay, Dr Deepti Saxena, Dr (Col) Gunjan Rai

12:10–12:40 **CEREMONY** · 30 min

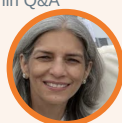
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13:30–14:15 **CEREMONY** · 45 min · incl. 5 min Q&A

IC Verma Oration: “Charting the Changing Landscape of Genetics”

Prof Ratna Dua Puri

Chairs: Brig Ranjit Ghuliani, Prof Narinder Mehra, Dr BS Charan



15:30–17:00 **CLINICAL SESSION** · 1 h 30 min · incl. 5 min Q&A

The LSD Journey Beyond Diagnosis, From Survival to Quality of Life

Defining meaningful outcomes in LSDs — **Dr Ashok Vellodi**

Optimising outcomes for LSDs in LMIC settings — **Dr Madhulika Kabra**

Case-based patient journeys

1. Navigating the Gaucher disease journey — **Dr Mamta Muranjan**

2. Niemann-Pick disease: beyond diagnosis to emerging horizons — **Dr Neerja Gupta**

3. Debate: ERT in MPS I and II — transforming outcomes or falling short of expectations?

Moderator: **Dr Neerja Gupta** · Participants: **Dr Priyanshu, Dr Shailesh Pandey, Dr Manisha Goyal, Dr Bhawna Dhingra**

Chairs: Dr Ashok Vellodi, Dr Madhulika Kabra

17:15–17:45 **CLINICAL SESSION** · 30 min · incl. 5 min Q&A

Neuromuscular & Cognitive Genetics

SMA after diagnosis: from treatment initiation to lifelong care — **Prof Sheffali Gulati**

Recognising treatable genetic and metabolic conditions presenting with autism — **Dr Praveen Suman**

Chairs: Dr Kausik Mandal, Dr Madhulika Kabra, Mrs Archana Panda, Dr Rahul Sinha · Moderators: Dr Sayli, Dr Niladri

18:45–19:15 **PANEL** · 30 min · incl. 5 min Q&A

Optimising Pathways to Clinical Trials in Rare Disorders in India

Moderator: **Dr Hemlata Vadwani Bhatia**

Experts: **Dr Shubha Phadke, Dr Inusha Panigrahi**

Panelists: **Dr Manjeet Mehta, Dr Shailesh Pandey, Dr Deepti Saxena, Dr Saswati Mukhopadhyay, Dr Dipanjana Datta, Dr Nitika**

19:45–20:05 **SPONSORED SESSION** · 20 min

Information Box

NPRD in 2026: The evolving landscape of treatment and access — **Dr Mayuri Yeole (10 min talk + 5 min discussion)**

AI to help reduce delays and bottlenecks in care pathways — **Speaker TBA**

Chairs: Dr Anita Rajharia, Dr Rohit Gupta, Dr Bhawna Dhingra, Dr Ashutosh Gupta

12:55–13:30 · 35 min

Lunch



14:15–15:30 **CLINICAL SESSION** · 1 h 15 min · incl. 5 min Q&A

Metabolic Corner

A race against time: beyond diagnosis in ALD — **Dr Sunita Bijarnia Mahay**

Wilson's disease: can we cure it? — **Dr Binukumar BK**

Clinical pearls on managing IEMs — **Moderator: Dr Sunita Bijarnia Mahay** · **Panelists: Dr Chaitanya Datar, Dr Pankaj Garg, Dr Divya, Anuja, Shipra**

Chairs: Dr Shankar VH, Dr Neerja Gupta, Dr Dinesh Goel

17:00–17:15 · 15 min

Tea



17:45–18:45 **CLINICAL SESSION** · 1 h · incl. 5 min Q&A

Diagnosis Beyond Diagnosis

Mobile Elements: Jumping Genes and the Diseases They Leave Behind — **Dr Neha Garg**

Transferrin Isoforms: Reading the Sugar Code Behind the Diagnosis — **Dr Alpa J Dherai**

Beyond the Blood Count: Intricacies of Thalassaemia Diagnosis — **Dr Jyoti Kotwal**

Chairs: Dr Nimmi Kansal, Dr (Col) Samir, Dr Samarth Kulshrestha, Dr Deepti Gupta, Dr Kanika Singh

19:15–19:45 **PANEL** · 30 min · incl. 5 min Q&A

The Genetic Counsellor's Perspective

Role of genetic counsellors in breaking bad news, communicating uncertainty and avoiding over-interpretation — **Mridula Menon, Deepti Chowdhary, Nirali, Kriti**

Chairs: Dr Gayatri, Dr Manisha Goyal · Moderators: Dr Sheeba Farooqui, Dr Vishakha Agarwal · Lead: Neeraja Reddy (Genetic Counsellor)

20:05–22:05 · 2 h

Gala Dinner

Rest stop — the road continues tomorrow

Rising to Challenges

09:00–09:20 **DEBATE** • 20 min • incl. 5 min Q&A

From Diagnosis to Action

When treatment exists, should genetic testing come before symptoms? — **Dr Divya Agarwal, Dr Sameer Bhatia, Dr Kshitija, Dr Anup Rawool**

Moderators: *Dr Gayatri, Dr Parminder Kaur*

10:15–10:35 **TALK** • 20 min • incl. 5 min Q&A

Inequity and Resilience Dr Devaki Nambiar

Chairs: *Dr Ashok Vellodi, Dr Shubha Phadke, Dr Amit Gupta, Dr Pradeep Sharma*

11:05–11:20 **TALK** • 15 min • incl. 5 min Q&A

Integrated Care Pathways for Rare Diseases Dr Ashok Vellodi

Chairs: *Dr Sheela Nampoothiri, Dr Shankar VH, Dr Nimmi Kansal*

12:00–12:20 **DEBATE** • 20 min • incl. 5 min Q&A

Debate: The geneticist should stay with the patient, not just with the report Dr Ashka, Dr Meenakshi Lallar, Dr Kiruthika, Dr Daniel

Moderators: *Dr Swasti, Dr Roopadarshini*

13:00–13:30 • 30 min

Lunch

13:45–14:30 **DEBATE** • 45 min • incl. 5 min Q&A

Genetics Courtroom — You Be the Judge Difficult clinical decisions presented as courtroom-style cases — **Dr Rhea, Dr Devi Saranya, Dr Soumya, Dr Pallavi Sinha**

Judges: *Dr Vikrant Sood, Dr Sumita Danda, Dr Shubha Phadke* • Moderator: *Dr Shifalli Gupta*

08:00–09:00 **CLINICAL SESSION** • 1 h • incl. 5 min Q&A

Case Series Presentations — Longitudinal Data That Will Surprise You

Dr Moni Bhatia, Dr Aman, Dr Mahrukh, Dr Ami Shah, Dr Haseena, Dr Dipanjana Datta

Chairs: *Dr Rohit Gupta, Dr Rekha Gupta, Neeraja Reddy (Genetic Counsellor)* • Moderator: *Dr Sarah*

09:20–10:15 **TALK** • 55 min • incl. 5 min Q&A

The Case That Changed Me: four clinical stories

Turning points, lessons and changes in practice — **Dr Ravneet, Dr Chakshu, Dr Parminder, Dr Anup Rawool**

Genomics from a fetal perspective — **Dr Sumitra Bachani**

Chairs for this talk: *Dr Shailesh Pandey, Dr Seema Thakur, Dr Divya Agarwal, Dr Mala Srivastava, Dr Reema Bhat*

Chairs: *Dr Manjeet Mehta, Dr Mahrukh Hameed, Dr Priyanshu*

10:35–11:05 **PANEL** • 30 min • incl. 5 min Q&A

Panel: Inequity and Resilience

Panelists: **Dr Devaki Nambiar, Prof Mamta Muranjan, Dr Rekha Gupta, Dr Shailesh Pandey, Dr Sunita Bijarnia Mahay, Dr Gagan**

Moderator: *Dr Ashok Vellodi*

11:20–12:00 **PANEL** • 40 min • incl. 5 min Q&A

Beyond the Clinic — Building the Patient Journey

Themes: palliative care — it isn't always about the end of life; building a multidisciplinary service; from early intervention to inclusive education — an integrated system of care for children with neurodevelopmental disorders

Moderators: **Dr Ashok Vellodi, Dr Meenakshi Lallar, Dr Ruparna**

Panelists: **Dr Archana Iyengar, Dr Anjan Bhattacharya, Megha Goenka, Dr Chakshu, Prof Ratna Dua Puri**

12:20–13:00 **PANEL** • 40 min • incl. 5 min Q&A

The Uncomfortable Conversation Dr Sarah, Dr Sayli, Dr Suvarna

Moderator: *Dr Shifalli Gupta* • Chairs: *Dr Manisha Goyal, Dr Ami Shah*

13:30–13:45 **TALK** • 15 min

Cross Talk Dr Ankita Srivastava and Dr Sangeeta Khatter

Chairs: *Dr Reema Bhat, Dr Sumitra Bachani, Dr Seema Thakur, Dr Priyanshu*





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SELECTION PROCESS

Round 1: Jury Screening
Round 2: Online Interview



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+ supporting documents



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SELECTION PROCESS

ROUND 1 JURY SCREENING



- Evaluation of CV, publications, patents, grants, innovations, and research impact statement
- Shortlisting by expert jury



ROUND 2



ONLINE INTERVIEW & RESEARCH PRESENTATION

- Presentation of key research contributions and impact
- Interaction with jury panel



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Jury Evaluation & Selection
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- ✓ Professional achievements
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5 TEAMS

Each team will comprise
clinicians from
Clinical Genetics,
Pediatrics and
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ROUND 1

THE CLINICAL CHALLENGE



- Questions will be asked to each team in turn.
- A team may answer or pass.
- A passed question will be offered to the next team.
- Questions will cover common and important genetic disorders with clinical application.

ROUND 2

RAPID FIRE



- The qualifying teams will face a rapid-fire round.
- Teams will have a fixed time to answer as many questions as possible.
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