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### Evidence Based Management of Cancers in India 2026

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**Evidence Based Head and Neck  
Cancer Management –  
Optimizing Care**

**February 27 - March 1, 2026**

Venue: Tata Memorial Hospital,  
Prof. R. D. Choksi Auditorium,  
Parel, Mumbai

### PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP February 26, 2026

- PCW 1 - Reviving the art of Conservative Laryngeal Surgery for Laryngeal and Hypopharyngeal Carcinoma - Choksi Auditorium, TMH, Parel**
- PCW 2 - Expanding Boundaries of Human Vision using Digital and Computational Pathology - Lecture Hall, 13th Fl. HBB, TMH, Parel**
- PCW 3 - Dental Implants in CAD-CAM Fibula HANDS-ON Workshop - Auditorium, 13th Fl, HBB, TMH, Parel**
- PCW 4 - Radiotherapy for Sino-nasal Tumors - Lecture Hall, Choksi Auditorium, TMH, Parel**
- PCW 5 - Radioiodine (RAI) essentials: from protocols to patient care - Auditorium, 7th Fl, RRU, ACTREC, New Mumbai**
- PCW 6 - Thyroid and Skull Base Imaging, where evidence shapes decision-making - Paymaster Shodhika, ACTREC, New Mumbai**

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8.30 AM-4.00 PM		ORAL CANCER	FACULTY
8.30 -10.30	Chairperson - Aseem Mishra, Sasikrishna Kavutharapu		
8.30-8.50	Evidence based management of premalignant lesions of oral cavity		Burhanuddin N Qayyumi
8.50-9.20	Role of screening in oral cancer: what is the evidence so far and the implementation challenges?		Gauravi Mishra
9.20-9.50	SLNB in early oral cancer: evidence and challenges in implementation		Krishnakumar Thankappan
9.50-10.10	Emerging Pathological Predictors in Head & Neck Oncology: From WPOI to Micrometastasis		Anchal Kakkar
10.10-10.30	Adjuvant Radiotherapy in Early Oral Cancer: Evidence, Controversies, and Clinical Impact.		Indranil Mallick
10.30-11.00	Tea Break		
10.30 -12.00	Chairperson - Richa Vaish, Sandeep Gurav		
11.00-11.20	Prehabilitation in Oral Cancer (& HNSCC): Concept and evidence		Reshma Ambulkar
11.20-11.40	Evidence based Optimal reconstruction for better functional outcomes in OSCC.		Vinaykant Shankdhar
11.40-12.00	CAD-CAM Guided Free Fibula in Oral Cancer Reconstruction: Evidence, Outcomes, and Indian Realities.		Dushyant Jaiswal



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<b>12.00-12.20</b>	Oral rehabilitation in HNSCC: evidence for the utility of dental implants in oral cancer patients and outcomes beyond implant survival.	Manju Vijayamohan
<b>12.30-1.00 pm</b>	<b>Chairperson - Sandeep Gurav, Gurkaran Preet Singh</b>	
<b>12.30-1.00 pm</b>	10 Years of ZIP Flap Reconstruction for Malignant Tumours of the Low-Level Maxilla: What Have We Learned?	Prof. Chris Butterworth(Online) Consultant Maxillofacial Prosthodontist, Liverpool Head & Neck Centre, University Hospital Aintree Liverpool ,UK.
<b>1.00-1.30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>1.40 - 3.00</b>	<b>Chairperson - Krishnakumar Thankappan, Ashwini Budrukhar</b>	
<b>1.40- 2.00</b>	From Resectable to Borderline: Where Systemic Therapy Makes the Difference	Vijay Patil
<b>2.00 – 3.00</b>	<b>Case Based Panel Discussion on Oral Cancer</b>	<b>Moderator:</b> Pankaj Chaturvedi.
	<b>Panelists:</b> Kajari Bhattacharya, Anuja Deshmukh, Sasikrishna Kavutharapu, Rajendra Toprani, Vineet Paliana, Anchal Kakkar, Aditya Dhanawat, Amit Joshi, Indranil Mallick, Sandeep Gurav, Rukmangathan T, Sarika Mahajan	



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3.00 – 3.15	Evidence based approach for speech and swallowing rehabilitation following Oral Cancer Surgery to optimise functional outcomes.	Arun Balaji
3.15 – 3.30	Trismus in Oral Cancer Care: Evidence-Based Prevention and Management.	Murad Lala
3.30-4.00	<b>Tea Break</b>	
4.00-5.30 PM	<b>OROPHARYNX &amp; NASOPHARYNX</b>	
4.00-5.30 PM	<b>Chairperson - Rohit Vadgaonkar, Aditya Dhanawat</b>	
4.00 – 4.15	Evidence based Integration of Brachytherapy in the treatment of HNSCC for function preservation & quality of life.	Ashwini Budrukkar
4.15-4.30	Evidence based treatment strategies for improving outcomes in HPV negative oropharyngeal cancers	Smriti Panda
4.30-5.30	<p><b>Case Based Panel Discussion on Oropharyngeal and Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma.</b></p> <p><b>Panelist:</b> Amit Janu, Vincent Gregoire, Ashwini Budrukkar Jyotiman Nath, Rathan Shetty Prathamesh Pai, Bipin Varghese, Rukmangathan, Minit Shah, Nivedita Chakrabarty</p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Anil D'Cruz</p>



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8.30AM-10.30 AM	GENERAL	Faculty
8.30AM-10.30 AM	Chairperson - Nageswar Rao, Sunaina Sarkar	
8.30-8.50	The Changing Burden of Head & Neck Cancer in India: Present Realities and Future Projections.	Atul Budukh
8.50-9.10	AJCC 9th Edition: Key Updates and Their Clinical Implications in Head & Neck Oncology	Sajith Babu
9.10-9.30	From Guidelines to Ground Reality: Challenges in Implementing Evidence-Based Care for HN Cancer in India	Kumar Prabhash
9.30-9.50	Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) in Head & Neck Cancer: Evidence, Implementation, and Outcomes	Vandana Agarwal
9.50-10.10	AI in Head & Neck Oncology: Evidence, Applications, and the Road Ahead.	Swapnil Rane
10.10-10.30	Tobacco Cessation in Head & Neck Oncology: Psychosocial and Behavioural Prehabilitation Strategies.	Jayita Deodhar
10.30-11.00	Tea Break	



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<b>11.00 AM – 1.00 PM</b>	<b>SALIVARY GLAND</b>	
<b>11.00 AM – 1.00 PM</b>	<b>Chairperson - Burhanuddin N Qayyumi, Gaurav Kumar</b>	
<b>11.00-11.15</b>	Molecular Pathology in Salivary Gland Neoplasms: From Diagnosis to Prognostication.	Asawari Patil
<b>11.15-11.30</b>	The Role of Radiotherapy in Salivary Gland Cancer: Current Evidence and Practice	Samarprita Mohanty
<b>11.20-11.30</b>	Systemic Therapy in Salivary Gland Lesions: An Evidence-Based Perspective	Minit Shah
<b>11.30-12.30</b>	<p><b>Case Based Panel Discussion on Salivary Gland Neoplasms.</b></p> <p><b>Panelist:</b> Racheal Sequeira, Swapnil Rane, Sambit Nanda, Rajiv Micheal, Ashok Das, Vidisha Tuljapurkar, Satakshi Chaterjee, Aditya Dhanawat, Ameya Bindu</p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Sudhir Nair</p>



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1.00-1.30	Lunch Break	
1.30-5.30 PM	<b>Survivorship, Surveillance and management of recurrent Cancer</b> Chairperson: Kirti Khandelwal & Jayita Deodhar	
1.30-1.50	Post treatment surveillance in head and neck cancers: Evidence, Challenges and future directions.	Monali Swain
1.50-2.10	Hybrid Models of Follow-Up in Head & Neck Cancer: Balancing Hospital Visits with Telemedicine.	Akshat Mallik
2.10-2.30	Beyond Survival:Occupational Reintegration After Head & Neck Cancer: Evidence, Challenges, and Indian Perspectives	Aseem Mishra



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2:30 – 3.30	<b>Chairperson: Bipin Varghese, Vikram Kekatpure</b>	
2.30-2.50	Psychosocial Impact of Head & Neck Cancer: Evidence-Based Rehabilitation Pathways for Survivorship	Abhishek Vaidya
2.50-3.10	Pain Management in Advanced HNSCC: Evidence based approach & Bridging Gaps in Access and Training.	Raghu Thota
3.10-3.30	Home-Based Palliative Care Evidence & Models for HNSCC in Rural India.	Prasun P
3.30-4.00	<b>Tea Break</b>	
4.00 -5.30	<b>Chairperson: Gaurav Kumar, Sambit Nanda</b>	
4.00 – 4.20	Patient-Centered Operability in Head & Neck Oncology: Evidence-Based Approaches to Function and Quality of Life.	Vikram Kekatpure
4.30-5.30	<b>Case Based Panel Discussion on Oligo metastatic, Recurrent and Metastatic HNSCC</b>  <b>Panelist:</b> Sneha Shah, Monali Swain, Shwetabh Sinha, Anbarasan Sekar, Nitin Shetty, Mandar Deshpande, Rakesh Katna, Vijay Patil, Raghu Thota	<b>Moderator:</b> Kumar Prabhash



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8.30 AM-5.30PM	LARYNX & HYPOPHARYNX	FACULTY
8.30 - 9.30	Chairperson - Deepa Nair, Ashwini Budrukhar	
8.30-8.50	Evolving Epidemiology of Laryngeal and Hypopharyngeal Cancers: Evidence-Based Insights.	Natarajan Ramalingam
8.50-9.10	Dysfunctional Larynx in Head & Neck Cancer: Definition, Evaluation, and Impact on Management.	Shwetabh Sinha
9.10 – 9.30	Imaging the Larynx and Hypopharynx: An Evidence-Based Problem-Solving Approach to Treatment Decisions	Nivedita Chakrabarty
9.30-10.30	Chairperson- Gouri Pantvaidya, Dushyant Jaiswal	
9.30-10.00	<b>Reconstruction of Total Pharyngectomy Defects: Evidence-Based Strategies to Optimize Speech and Swallowing Outcomes.</b>	<b>Prof. Cesare Piazza</b> Department of Otorhinolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery University of Brescia – A.S.S.T. Spedali Civili Brescia, Italy
10.00 – 10.30	Non-Surgical Organ Preservation in HNSCC: Current Evidence and Evolving Paradigms	<b>Vincent Gregoire</b> Chair of the Radiation Oncology Centre Léon Bérard Lyon, France.
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<b>11.00-2.00</b>	<b>HOSPITAL DAY ORATION</b> <b>Head &amp; Neck Radiation Oncology in 2025: what can we expect from technical and biological innovation?</b>	<b>Dr Vincent Gregoire</b> Chair of the Radiation Oncology Department Centre Léon Bérard Lyon, France
<b>2.00 – 3.00</b>	<b>Chairperson: Anuja Deshmukh, Monali Swain</b>	
<b>2.00 – 3.00</b>	<b>Case Based Panel Discussion: Larynx/Hypopharynx</b>  <b>Panelists:</b> Rajiv Micheal, Ceasare Piazza, Gouri Pantvaidya Vincent Gregoire, Kannan S, Amit Joshi Nivedita Chakrabarty, Arun Balaji, Nandini Menon	<b>Moderator:</b> Sarbani Ghosh-Laskar
<b>3.00 – 3.20</b>	Evidence Based Approach for functional assessment for organ preservation and Approach for Dysphagia management after surgery and chemoradiotherapy.	Venkatesh Rangarajan
<b>3.20-3.40</b>	Voice Restoration After Total Laryngectomy: Surgical Perspectives and Outcomes	Chandrashekar Dravid
<b>3.40-4.00</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	



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<b>4.00 - 5.10</b>	<b>Chairperson - Monali Swain, Ashish Bakshi</b>	
<b>4.00-4.20</b>	Nutritional Prehabilitation and Rehabilitation in Head & Neck Cancer: Evidence and Clinical Practice.	Prachi Patil
<b>4.20-4.40</b>	PEG vs Ryles Tube: Evidence-Based Enteral Feeding Strategies in HNSCC patients.	Kaustav Talapatra
<b>4.40-5.10</b>	Cardiovascular complications & Hypothyroidism After Head & Neck Cancer Therapy: Evidence-Based Screening and Management.	Anuprita Daddi
<b>5.10-5.30</b>	Future Proofing Head & Neck Cancer Protocols	Sharayu Mhatre



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8.30 AM – 2.30 PM	SKULL BASE	FACULTY
8.30 - 9.30	<b>Chairperson - Amit Janu, Vikas Singh</b>	
8.30-8.45	Decoding skull base histopathology : Evidence based insights for pathologists and surgeons	Neha Mittal
8.45-9.00	Temporal Bone Malignancy: Evidence for the optimum approach	Kaberi Kakati
9.00-9.15	Proton Therapy in Skull Base Malignancies: Evidence and Outcomes.	Sarbani Ghosh-Laskar
9.15-9.30	Systemic Therapy in Skull Base Tumors: Evidence-Based Benefits for Patient Outcomes.	Minit Shah
9.30-10.30	<b>Chairperson- Gouri Pantvaidya, Dushyant Jaiswal</b>	
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<b>2.00 – 3.00</b>	<b>Chairperson- Vikas Singh, Kaustav Talpatra</b>	
<b>2.00 – 3.00</b>	<b>Case Based Panel Discussion Skull Base Neoplasms</b>  <b>Panelists:</b> Kaberi Kakati, Shivakumar, Venkatesh, Munita Bal , Amit Janu, Anuj Kumar , BK Mishra Minit Shah , Aliasgar Moiyadi	<b>Moderator:</b> Deepa Nair
<b>3.00 -5.30 PM</b>	<b>Survivorship and Rehabilitation</b> <b>Chairperson- BK Mishra, Nivedita Chakrabarty</b>	
<b>3.00 – 3.20</b>	Fatigue and Functional Decline in Head & Neck Cancer Survivors: Evidence-Based Assessment and Rehabilitation.	Akhil Kapoor
<b>3.20 – 3.40</b>	Lymphedema in Head & Neck Cancer Survivors: Evidence-Based Assessment and Rehabilitation Strategies.	Ashok Das
<b>3.40-4.00</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	



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4.00– 5.30	<b>Chairperson- Gaurav Kumar, Sunaina Sarkar</b>	
4.00-4.15	Shoulder Dysfunction After Neck Dissection: Evidence-Based Assessment and Rehabilitation Strategies.	Anuradha Daptardar
4.15-4.30	Financial Toxicity in Head & Neck Cancer Care: Evidence-Based Strategies for Assessment and Mitigation.	Arjun Singh
4.30-5.30	<b>Case Based Multidisciplinary panel for rehabilitation</b> <b>Panelist:</b> Anoop, Sourav Dutta, Nageswar Rao, Rukmini Prabhu Satakshi, Manjusha Vagalae, Anuradha Daptardar, Mridul Ali, Rukmangathan, Akhil Kapoor, Nikhil Kalyani	<b>Moderator:</b> Poonam Joshi



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8.30 AM-1.30 PM	THYROID	FACULTY
8.30-9.00	<b>Chairperson: Kannan, Mitali Dandekar</b>	
8.30-8.45	Decoding the WHO 2022 Thyroid pathology classification.	Munita Bal
8.45-9.00	Is India experiencing thyroid cancer overdiagnosis crisis? Evidence-Based Perspectives.	Devendra Chaukar
9.00 - 9.30	<b>Chairperson: Kumar Prabhash, Vijay Patil</b>	
9.00-9.30	<b>Systemic therapy in chemoradiation: What and how to choose</b>	<b>Prof. Naomi Kiyota</b> (Online) Associate Professor (Primary) Kobe University Hospital Kobe, Japan
9.30 - 10.30	<b>Chairperson: Sudhir Nair, Chandrashekar Dravid</b>	
9.30-9.50	ATA 2025 guidelines: what's New?	Richa Vaish
9.50- 10.10	From Ultrasound to Cross-Sectional Imaging: Evidence-Based Problem-Solving in Thyroid Cancer Management.	Vasundara Patil
10.10 -10.30	Surgical approaches in Thyroidectomy: insights into the evidences ,indications, pros and cons of the various approaches.	Mitali Dandekar
10.30-11.00	<b>Tea Break</b>	



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11.00 -1.00	<b>Chairperson: Venkatesh Rangarajan, Amit Tyagi</b>	
11.00-11.20	RAI in Thyroid Cancer: Evolving Evidence, Emerging Consensus	Archi Agarwal
11.20-11.40	Evidence Based indications and outcomes for EBRT in Thyroid Cancer.	Anuj Kumar
11.40-12.00	Systemic therapy in thyroid cancer - when to use and when to avoid.	Amit Joshi
12.00-1.00 PM	<b>Case Based Panel Discussion on Thyroid Cancer</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Devendra Chaukar, Kannan, Venkatesh, Kirti Khandelwal, Munita Bal , Vasundhara Patil, Vijay Patil, Venkatesh Rangarajan	<b>Moderator:</b> Gouri Pantvaidya
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8.30 AM-1.00 PM	NUANCES IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY/ NON-SURGICAL MANAGEMENT OF HNSCC	FACULTY
8.30 -9.00	<b>Chairperson: Ashish Bakshi, Nandini Menon</b>	
8.30 – 8.45	Geriatric assessments and Evidence based decision-making in geriatric HNSCC patients.	Adwaith Gore
8.45 – 9.00	Role of Immunotherapy in Resectable Head & Neck Cancers and Emerging Evidence-Based Therapies.	Vijay Patil
9:00-9.30	<b>Chairperson: Kumar Prabhash, Vijay Patil</b>	
9.00 -9.30	<b>Systemic therapy in chemoradiation: What and how to choose</b>	<b>Prof. Naomi Kiyota (Online)</b> Associate Professor (Primary) Kobe University Hospital Kobe, Japan
9:30-10:30	<b>Chairperson: Trinanjan Basu, Nikhil Kalyani</b>	
9.30-9.50	Integrating Surgery, Radiotherapy, and Chemotherapy: Optimal Sequencing in Head & Neck Cancer	Rohit Vadgaonkar
9.50-10.10	Systemic Therapy Toxicities in HNSCC: Evidence-Based Profiles of Chemotherapy&Targeted Agents.	Gaurav Kumar
10.10-10.30	Immune-Related Adverse Events (irAEs) in Head & Neck Cancer: Evidence-Based Recognition and Management	Ashish Bakshi



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11.00-12.00	Chairperson: Rohit Vadgaonkar, Minit Shah	
11.00-11.20	Hearing Loss After Chemoradiotherapy in Head & Neck Cancer: Evidence-Based Assessment and Rehabilitation	Jitesh Sahoo
11.20-11.40	Complications associated with reirradiation.	Trinanjana Basu
11.40-12.00	Osteoradionecrosis of the Jaw in Head & Neck Cancer: Evidence-Based Prevention and Management.	Jyotiman Nath
12.00-1.00	<b>Case Based Panel Discussion on Management of radiotherapy, chemotherapy and immunotherapy related toxicities</b> <b>Panelist:</b> Sambit Nanda, Samarprita Mohanty, Gaurav Kumar, Minit Shah, Ashish Bakshi, Ajay Kr Choubey, Kaustav Talpatra, Nikhil Kalyani, Jyotiman Nath	<b>Moderator:</b> Nandini Menon
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