



## Conference

### Conference Details

Adv No. : EQAS-CYTOPAT2023  
 Conference Name : TMH Department of Cytopathology EQAS - Diagnostic Cytopathology (2023)  
 Conference Venue : Tata Memorial Hospital, Department of Cytopathology, Annex Building, 5th Floor, Room No. 129, Parel, Mumbai 400012.  
 Conference Dates : 01-01-2023 To 31-12-2023

### Description

#### TATA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT OF CYTOPATHOLOGY EQAS-DIAGNOSTIC CYTOPATHOLOGY

#### Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Cytopathology Tata Memorial Hospital was established in 1951, by late Dr. D. J. Jussawala, former Director of Tata Memorial Centre and Founder Honorary Secretary of Indian Cancer Society. The laboratory was started as a collaborative effort of the Indian Cancer Society and the Medical Division of the Department of Atomic Energy. The Department of Cytopathology became part of Tata Memorial Centre in May 1972 and merged with the Department of Pathology in February 1978.

The Department of Cytopathology has been accredited by the Indian Academy of Cytologists for diagnostic services since 1980 and later as a training and examination centre since 1984.

Professional competency of Cytopathologists and Cytotechnologists is vital for offering accurate diagnosis. Competency can be assessed by regular and periodic proficiency tests. Participation in External Quality Assurance Scheme (EQAS) is one of the pre-requisites for accreditation and quality control.

The Department of Cytopathology, initiated TMH EQAS Cytopathology service in 2007 with only a few participants, has grown extensively and at present, more than 300 laboratories (400 participants) from all over India are registered for this programme. Currently the programme covers the diagnostic aspects in cytopathology. Since 2016, two cycles of EQAS Diagnostic Cytopathology per year have been introduced.

**Only registered participant will be allowed to evaluate the slides. In the absence of registered participant no other person will be allowed to evaluate the slides.**

At the time of slide evaluation, separate evaluation forms should be sent by each signatory if more than one signatory is registered. The feedback for each evaluation form will be provided separately.

**EQAS Diagnostic Cytopathology is an annual program which starts by 1st January and ends by 31st December every year.** The program consists of circulating a set of actual cytology slides (gynaec, non-gynaec and FNAC) among the participants. The pertinent clinical data and format of evaluation is sent to the registered email ID of the participant. After evaluation, the slide box is to be couriered from one participant to another as per the schedule intimated to the participants.

At the time of evaluation, participants should NOT label the slides or should NOT put any mark on the slide.

Since the same slide box is circulated to all the participants, it is absolutely necessary that the slides should be evaluated within 2 working days of receipt of the same, so as to maintain the continuity of the cycle among all participants within 1 year. The slide box has to be transported carefully so that the glass slides should remain intact. In case any participant receives glass slide in broken condition, kindly inform program co-ordinator immediately at (cytology@tmc.gov.in) and also the previous participant, so that the reason for the breakage can be found out.

The list of participants will be formed as per geographical distribution of the labs to facilitate fast transport. The reception of slide box and generating feedback reports will be completed within the same year. The time of receiving the slide box may depend on the number of participants in the year. Each participant will be intimated the list of participants and tentative schedule of their turn.

Kindly note that the duly filled evaluation forms should be submitted to us by email (cytology@tmc.gov.in) within a period of 2 days of receiving the slide box.

During the cycle, (Jan-Dec 2023) if there is any change in the Email id, Mobile No., Name and address of the participating lab and the signatory please inform us well in advance to ensure the smooth transport of the slide box from one participant to another.

TMH-EQAS Cytopathology also includes regular CMEs for participants as an appropriate corrective measure for the diagnostic errors. It offers the participant a platform not only to assess professional competency among fellow participants but also provides opportunity to update and share the knowledge and skills in the field of clinical cytopathology. The CME program also aims to educate practicing pathologists and cytotechnologists who are not registered EQAS members.

TMH EQAS Cytopathology also provides opportunity for re-screening the slides for participants having average or below average scores. However, the requirement needs to be pre-confirmed as per the convenience of participant and TMH.

Kindly mark your envelopes / email with "EQAS Diagnostic Cytopathology" while sending any EQAS correspondence to TMH.

The feedback will be sent to the participant after the evaluation forms are received by us.

#### The Registration and Service charges for the year 2023.

Institute/Participants have to pay one time enrollment fee of Rs. 5000/- + Rs. 900/- (@18% GST) = Rs. 5900/- (Rupees Five Thousand and Nine Hundred only) and annual service charge of Rs. 2000/- + Rs. 360/- (@18% GST) = Rs. 2360/- (Rupees Two Thousand and Three Hundred Sixty only) per participant.

**This amount is Non-refundable & Non-transferable.**

#### FOR NEW REGISTRATION FOR THE YEAR 2023

Particulars	Amount	GST @ 18%	Total Amount (Rs.)
<b>Registration fee (One-time payment)</b>	<b>5000/-</b>	<b>900/-</b>	<b>5900/-</b>

For New Registration	Registration fee + GST @18%	Annual fee signatory + GST @18%	Total Amount (Rs.)
<b>Registration fee + One signatory</b>	<b>5900/-</b>	<b>2360/-</b>	<b>8260/-</b>
<b>Registration fee + Two signatories</b>	<b>5900/-</b>	<b>4720/-</b>	<b>10620/-</b>
<b>Registration fee + Three signatories</b>	<b>5900/-</b>	<b>7080/-</b>	<b>12980/-</b>
<b>Registration fee + Four signatories</b>	<b>5900/-</b>	<b>9440/-</b>	<b>15340/-</b>
<b>Registration fee + Five signatories</b>	<b>5900/-</b>	<b>11800/-</b>	<b>17700/-</b>
<b>Registration fee + Six signatories</b>	<b>5900/-</b>	<b>14160/-</b>	<b>20060/-</b>

**RENEWAL SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2023**

Particulars	Amount	GST @ 18%	Total Amount (Rs.)
<b>One signatory</b>	<b>2000/-</b>	<b>360/-</b>	<b>2360/-</b>
<b>Two signatories</b>	<b>4000/-</b>	<b>720/-</b>	<b>4720/-</b>
<b>Three signatories</b>	<b>6000/-</b>	<b>1080/-</b>	<b>7080/-</b>
<b>Four signatories</b>	<b>8000/-</b>	<b>1440/-</b>	<b>9440/-</b>
<b>Five signatories</b>	<b>10000/-</b>	<b>1800/-</b>	<b>11800/-</b>

For payment please go to our official website [www.tmc.gov.in](http://www.tmc.gov.in) or click on this direct link [https://tmc.gov.in/m\\_conference\\_new/Conference/Onlinereg?confid=19543](https://tmc.gov.in/m_conference_new/Conference/Onlinereg?confid=19543)

**Payment can be made either by Credit card, Debit Card or Demand Draft.  
Demand Draft should be drawn in favour of "Tata Memorial Hospital", payable at Mumbai.  
Net banking option is not available for this purpose.**

Renewal charges have to be paid in December every year for the continuity of EQAS membership for the next year. **Kindly note that the payment will be accepted only for individual labs/institute. Combined payments for multiple labs/institute will not be accepted.**

If any laboratory / institute wishes to get more than one signatory evaluated, a sum of Rs. 2360/- (Rs. 2000/- + Rs. 360/- @18% GST) (Two Thousand and Three Hundred Sixty Rupees only) per each additional signatory will be charged. Those interested may please send us the details of the additional signatories (Name, Qualification, Designation, Email ID, Mobile No.) as early as possible.

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With warm regards

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## Conferences details

Category.	Early Bird Fees	Upto Date	From Date	Fees
Registration fee + One signatory	8260.00	31-12-2023	01-01-2024	NA
Registration fee + Two signatories	10620.00	31-12-2023	01-01-2024	NA
Registration fee + Three signatories	12980.00	31-12-2023	01-01-2024	NA
Registration fee + Four signatories	15340.00	31-12-2023	01-01-2024	NA
Registration fee + Five signatories	17700.00	31-12-2023	01-01-2024	NA
Registration fee + Six signatories	20060.00	31-12-2023	01-01-2024	NA
Renewal Charges One signatory	2360.00	31-12-2023	01-01-2024	NA
Renewal Charges Two signatories	4720.00	31-12-2023	01-01-2024	NA
Renewal Charges Three signatories	7080.00	31-12-2023	01-01-2024	NA
Renewal Charges Four signatories	9440.00	31-12-2023	01-01-2024	NA
Renewal Charges Five signatories	11800.00	31-12-2023	01-01-2024	NA
Renewal Charges Six signatories	14160.00	31-12-2023	01-01-2024	NA

## Cancellation details

## Conference Files

EQAS Diagnostic Cytopathology Program details -2023  
Registration form