



## Conference

### Conference Details

Adv No. : EQAS-CYTOPAT2019  
Conference Name : TMH Department of Cytopathology EQAS - Diagnostic Cytopathology  
Conference Venue : Tata Memorial Hospital, Department of Cytopathology, Annex Building, 5th Floor, Room No. 129, Parel, Mumbai 400012.  
Conference Dates : 01-01-2019 To 31-12-2019

### Description

#### Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Cytopathology, Tata Memorial Hospital is the first ever cytopathology laboratory established in India at Indian Cancer Society in 1951, brought under Tata Memorial Hospital in 1972. It has been accredited for diagnostic services by both the Indian Academy of Cytologists (IAC) since 1980 and the National Board of Accreditation for Testing & Calibration Laboratories (NABL) since 2006.

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. However, EQAS Cytopathology service is not readily available in India.

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

EQAS Diagnostics Cytopathology Service has been charged since 2013.

**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 yearly 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.**

**EQAS Diagnostic Cytopathology Service Charges for the Year 2019**

**FOR NEW REGISTRATION**

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

For New Registration	Amount including GST @18%		
Registration fee + One signatory	5900/-	2360/-	8,260/-
Registration fee + Two signatories	5900/-	4720/-	10,620/-
Registration fee + Three signatories	5900/-	7080/-	12,980/-
Registration fee + Four signatories	5900/-	9440/-	15,340/-
Registration fee + Five signatories	5900/-	11800/-	17,700/-

**FOR RENEWAL**

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

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\\_events/Events/EventDetail?id=740&type=6](https://tmc.gov.in/m_events/Events/EventDetail?id=740&type=6)

**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.**

**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.**

**Only registered participant will be allowed to evaluate the slides. In the absence of registered participant no other participant 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 for evaluation. The feedback for each evaluation form will be provided separately.**

**EQAS Diagnostic Cytopathology is an annual program which starts by 1<sup>st</sup> January and ends by 31<sup>st</sup> December every year.**

The EQAS Cytopathology consists of circulating a set of actual cytology slides (gynaec, non-gynaec and FNAC cases) among the participants. The pertinent clinical data and format of evaluation is sent to the registered email ID of the participant. After evaluation, 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 in 1 year. The slide box has to be transported carefully so that the glass slides remain intact. In case any participant receives any glass slide in broken condition, kindly inform program co-ordinator immediately at ([cytology@tmc.gov.in](mailto: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. However, the time of receiving the slide box may depend on the number of participant in the same year. Each participant will be intimated the list of participants and tentative schedule of their turn.**

Kindly note that the duly filled evaluation forms have to be returned to us by email ([cytology@tmc.gov.in](mailto:cytology@tmc.gov.in)) within a period of **2 days** of receiving the slide box.

Please note that delayed evaluation forms may not be considered for the analysis and feedback.

During the cycle, (Jan-Dec 2018) 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.

**It has been observed that, the signatory of the lab / institute registered with us for the EQAS often leaves the lab without proper hand over/take over with the new signatory, resulting in unexpected delay. Therefore, all participants are requested to inform us any change in the signatory well in advance to prevent the logistics problems.**

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 other practicing pathologists and cytotechnologists who are not registered EQAS members.

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

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Looking forward to hear from you.

With warm regards

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Category.	Early Bird Fees	Upto Date	From Date	Fees
New Registration + One Authorized signatory	8260.00	31-12-2019	01-01-2020	NA
New Registration + Two Authorized signatory	10620.00	31-12-2019	01-01-2020	NA
New Registration + Three Authorized signatory	12980.00	31-12-2019	01-01-2020	NA
New Registration + Four Authorized signatory	15340.00	31-12-2019	01-01-2020	NA
New Registration + Five Authorized signatory	17700.00	31-12-2019	01-01-2020	NA
Renewal Charges for One Authorized signatory	2360.00	31-12-2019	01-01-2020	NA
Renewal Charges for Two Authorized signatory	4720.00	31-12-2019	01-01-2020	NA
Renewal Charges for Three Authorized signatory	7080.00	31-12-2019	01-01-2020	NA
Renewal Charges for Four Authorized signatory	9440.00	31-12-2019	01-01-2020	NA
Renewal Charges for Five Authorized signatory	11800.00	31-12-2019	01-01-2020	NA

#### Cancellation details

#### Conference Files

Updated website details of EQAS Diagnostic Cytopathology Program-2019

Application form