



2nd Central INDIA

HEMATO-ONCO UPDATE

2026

Latest Evidence. Expert Perspectives. Better Patient Care.

Mentor



Dr. Anand Pathak

Medical Director and Head of Adult Medical
Oncology National Cancer Institute, Nagpur.



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Welcome note from Mentor



Dr. Anand Pathak

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Long before establishing a premier center for cancer care in Central India, Dr. Anand B. Pathak's life began in a modest family in a small village. Raised with grounded values, his early days instilled in him a deep sense of modesty, quiet determination, and a drive to serve others. That humble beginning shaped a lifelong purpose: to ensure that no family, regardless of their background or financial standing, has to face the terror of cancer alone or without world-class medical support.

His medical roots were planted at the Government Medical College in Nagpur, where he earned his MBBS and MD in General Medicine. Driven to master oncology, he moved to Mumbai to train and work alongside prominent specialists at the iconic Tata Memorial Hospital. Through years of intense clinical work and advanced international observerships, Dr. Pathak grew into a renowned medical oncologist. Yet, despite building an expansive professional career and serving as the Medical Director at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in Nagpur, he has remained remarkably simple and approachable. Colleagues routinely speak of his intense sincerity, unshakeable work ethic, and his constant, quiet presence on hospital campuses—often the first to arrive and among the last to leave.

Underpinning his entire practice is a deeply spiritual outlook. For Dr. Pathak, treating cancer is far more than a profession; it is a sacred calling, viewing the care of sick and vulnerable patients as his primary religious duty. That reverence translates into how he approaches every individual who walks through his doors—combining clinical precision, targeted therapies, and cutting-edge science with a warm, humble listening ear. To his peers, patients, and community, Dr. Pathak's journey from a small village boy to a cornerstone of oncology represents a story of purpose, proving that true medical excellence is rooted in empathy, hard work, and a devoted heart.

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Welcome

On behalf of the Organising Committee, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2nd Central India Hemato Onco Update, to be held on 17th & 18th October 2026 at Hotel Centre Point, Nagpur.

As oncology continues to move forward with remarkable advances in precision medicine, immunotherapy, molecular diagnostics, and targeted therapies, staying connected with the latest scientific developments has never been more important. With this vision, the 2nd Central India Hemato Onco Update aims to connect to global oncology at Nagpur, bringing together leading experts and healthcare professionals for two days of scientific learning, collaboration, and knowledge sharing.

Building on the success of our inaugural edition, this conference will feature expert lectures, multidisciplinary panel discussions, and interactive case-based sessions, highlighting the latest evidence, evolving treatment strategies, and practical approaches to improving patient care.

Objectives of the Conference:

- * Present the latest advances in hematology and oncology.
- * Connect clinicians with global perspectives and emerging standards of care.
- * Foster multidisciplinary collaboration in cancer care.
- * Promote evidence-based practice and personalized treatment strategies.
- * Strengthen academic networking among oncology professionals.

We are delighted to welcome over 250 healthcare professionals, including Medical Oncologists, Hematologists, Radiation Oncologists, Surgical Oncologists, Pediatric Hemato-Oncologists, Pathologists, and allied specialists from across the country.

We look forward to welcoming you to Nagpur for an engaging and enriching academic experience as we move forward together in advancing cancer care.

Warm Regards,

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CANCER INCIDENCE IN CENTRAL INDIA

Empowering the Community:

The Need for Cancer Awareness in India



Central India, particularly the regions surrounding Nagpur, presents a unique cancer burden influenced by demographic, environmental, and lifestyle factors. Data from regional cancer registries and tertiary care centres indicate: - Rising incidence of head and neck cancers, strongly linked to tobacco chewing, gutkha, and bidi smoking. - Gynecological malignancies such as cervical and breast cancer remain leading causes of cancer-related morbidity in women, often presenting in advanced stages due to lack of screening. - Hematological malignancies, including leukemias and lymphomas, show increasing diagnosis rates. Pediatric cancers, particularly acute -lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), require specialized - Environmental exposures, multidisciplinary care. occupational hazards, and dietary patterns contribute significantly to disease patterns. This conference aims to address these regional realities by sharing evidence-based approaches, advocating prevention, and strengthening early detection programs.

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NEWER TECHNOLOGIES & UPDATES

Precision Oncology

Personalized treatment based on genomic profiling and biomarker testing.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI-powered imaging, pathology, and clinical decision support are enhancing cancer diagnosis and treatment planning.

Advanced Immunotherapy

Latest updates on immune checkpoint inhibitors, CAR-T cell therapy, bispecific antibodies, and antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs).

Liquid Biopsy

A minimally invasive approach for early detection, treatment monitoring, and identifying resistance mutations.

Global Clinical Updates

Key practice-changing evidence from ASCO, ESMO, EHA, ASH, and AACR shaping modern oncology practice.

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TIME	TOPIC & ROLE
	Quiz
09:00 - 10:20	Resident Doctors Hemato-Oncology Quiz Moderator: Dr. Arundhati Lote Dr. Neha Ganju Dr. Praghnya Tejale
10:20 - 10:30	Welcome & Introduction Speaker: Dr. Saurabh Prasad Dr. Murtaza Bohra Dr. Sameer Shrirangwar
	Session 1 - Head & Neck Cancer Chairperson: Dr. Saurabh Meshram Dr. Gopal Gurjar
10:30 - 10:50	Organ Preservation Strategies in LA-HNSCC: Selecting the Right Patients Speaker: Dr. Madan Kapre
10:50 - 11:10	Evolving treatment approaches in resectable LA-HNSCC : RECENT ADVANCES WITH PERIOPERATIVE IO (Sponsored by MSD) Speaker: Dr. Sushil Mandhaniya
11:10 - 11:30	Precision Oncology: Biomarkers and Targeted Therapy in R/M HNSCC Speaker: Dr. Shyam Agrawal
11:30 - 12:00	Panel Discussion: Multi disciplinary Management of Locally Advanced Head & Neck Cancer Moderator: Dr. Abhishek Vaidya Panelist: Dr. Nitin Chaudhari Dr. Sunil Chopade Dr. Priti Kadam Dr. Krishna Prasad Dr. Manjit rajput Dr. Saurabh Prasad Dr. Kunal Khobragade Dr. Suraj Ahrawal Dr. Vijay Mehobia Dr. Kawadu Jawade Dr. Amit kumar Jaiswal Dr. Madan Kapre Dr. Pradeep Kumar Chandrakar
12:00 - 12:30	Panel Discussion: Challenging Clinical Scenarios in Head & Neck Oncology Moderator: Dr. Vaibhav Sonwani Panelist: Dr. Manjula Beck Dr. Varun Nagori Dr. Praghnya Tejale Dr. Anuradha Chougule Dr. Ashish Bhange Dr. Sabheen Bushra Dr. Manish Manthankar Dr. Chandani Hotwani Dr. Arpit Gite Dr. Rajiv Ratan Jain

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	Session 2 - Breast Cancer Chairperson: Dr. Bhavesh Parekh Dr. Saurabh Meshram Dr. Smita Gupte
12:30 - 12:50	Redefining Treatment outcomes with Immunotherapy Early Triple Negative Breast Cancer. (Sponsored by MSD) Speaker: Dr. Abhinav zawar
12:50 - 13:10	Reduce the risk of recurrence in HR+/HER2- EBC (Sponsored by Novartis) Speaker: Dr. Yashwant Kashyap
13:10 - 13:40	Panel Discussion - From Evidence to excellence : Optimizing Clinical Outcome in HR+ , HER2-, Node - Positive , High Risk EBC (Sponsored by Eil lily) Moderator: Dr. Sameer Shrirangwar Panelist: Dr. Murtaza Bohra Dr. Mukesh Bang
13:30 - 13:45	Inauguration Speaker: Dr. Anand Pathak Dr. Smita Gupte Dr. Bhavesh Parekh Dr. A K Ganju Dr. Madan Kapre Dr. Shyam Agrawal Dr. Avinash Pophali Dr. Ashish Gupta
13:45 - 14:15	Lunch
14:15 - 14:35	Embarassment of the riches: A new widening gap in Cancer Research Speaker: Dr. Anand Pathak
14:35 - 15:05	Panel Discussion: Contemporary Surgical Decision-making in Early Breast Cancer Moderator: Dr. Arundhati Lote Panelist: Dr. Viraj Borgaonkar Dr. Yashwant Kashyap Dr. Parag Ingle Dr. Madhavi Mohata Dr. Abhinav Zawar Dr. Mukesh Bang Dr. Priyanka Lakhwani Dr. Kunal Khobragade Dr. Manjula Beck Dr. Manjit rajput Dr. Manish Manthankar Dr. Shizan Pervez Dr. Neelesh Shrivastava
15:05 - 15:25	ENHERTU® Across the HER2+ Spectrum: Transforming Outcomes from Metastatic to Curative-Intent Disease (Sponsored by AstraZenca) Speaker: Dr. Mukesh Bang
15:25 - 15:55	Panel Discussion - Present and Future Treatment Landscape in the Management of HER2 Breast Cancer (Sponsored by Zydus) Moderator: Dr. Sushil Mandhaniya Panelist: Dr. Saurabh Prasad Dr. Prasanna Deshmukh Dr. Shantanu Pendse Dr. Satyam Satyarth Dr. Madhavi Mohata Dr. Amitkumar Jaiswal Dr. Pradnya Modak Dr. Kapil Raut

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	Session 3 - Lung Cancer Chairperson: Dr. Shyam Agrawal Dr. Ashish Gupta
15:55 - 16:15	Panel Discussion: Navigating EGFRm NSCLC with Amivantamab: Transforming Biology, Extending Survival (Sponsored by Jhonson & Jhonson) Chairperson: Dr. Anand Pathak Moderator: Dr. Amol Dongre Panelist: Dr. Shantanu Pendse Dr. Murtaza Bohra Dr. Amit Agarwal Raipur Dr. Sushil Mandhaniya
16:15 - 16:35	Treatment Evolution of Non Squamous small cell lung cancer (Sponsored by MSD) Speaker: Dr. Rakesh Mishra
16:35 - 16:55	One Tumor, Three Lenses: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Lung Cancer Moderator: Dr. Sushil Mandhaniya Panelist: Dr. Sandeep Ishi Dr. Mukesh Bang Dr. Rakesh Pandey Dr. Gaurav Mantri Dr. Aditya Bhagwat Dr. Chaitali Bongulwar Dr. Ashish Gupta Dr. Siddharth Turkar
16:55 - 17:15	Rationale to practice: Tislelizumab's promise in Lung Carcinoma (Sponsored by Glenmark) Speaker: Dr. Saurabh Prasad
17:15 - 17:45	Panel Discussion - Tecentriq monotherapy and the innovation of Subcutaneous Deleivery with TECENTRIQ SC (Sponsored by Roche) Moderator: TBD Panelist: TBD
17:45 - 18:05	Optimizing First-Line Strategy in Advanced EGFRm NSCLC (Sponsored by AstraZenca) Speaker: Dr. Sushant Ikhar

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	Session 4 - Gastrointestinal Cancer Chairperson: Dr. Shyam Agrawal Dr. Bhavesh Parekh
18:05 - 18:35	Panel discussion Illuminating CLDN18.2: Understanding novel biomarkers and treatment with VYLOY (Sponsored by Astellas) Moderator: Dr. Sameer Shrirangwar Panelist: Dr. Saurabh Prasad Dr. Murtaza Bohra Dr. Shantanu Pendse
18:35 - 18:45	Pembrolizumab for biliary tract cancer current evidence and clinical perspective (Sponsored by MSD) Speaker: Dr. Amit Agrawal
18:45- 19:15	Panel Discussion : Improving OS and QoL in uHCC patients – (Sponsored by Roche)
19:15 - 19:45	Nivolumab and IO Landscape in SCCHN Carcinoma (Sponsored by Zydus) Moderator: Dr. Amol Dongre Panelist: Dr. Smita Gupte Dr. Sameer Shrirangwar Dr. Mukesh Bang Dr. Sushant Ikhar Dr. Murtaza Bohra Dr. Ashish Vaidya
19:45 - 20:00	A New Era in managing resectable Gastric Cancer with D+FLOT (Sponsored by Astrazeneca) Speaker: Dr. Sushil Mandhaniya

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	Session 1 - Liquid Biopsy
09:10 - 09:30	Liquid Biopsy: Integrating ctDNA into Routine Oncology Practice Speaker: Dr. Sachin Trivedi
09:30 - 10:00	Panel: Clinical Adoption of Liquid Biopsy Across Solid Tumors Moderator: Dr. Ashish Bohra Panelist: Dr. Sameer Shrirangwar Dr. Pradeep Kumar Chandrakar Dr. Shantanu Pendse Dr. Vedika Danade Dr. Chandani Hotwani Dr. Balram Agrawal Dr. Mahesh Deshmukh Dr. Murtaza Bohra Dr. Vaibhav Sonwani Dr. Radhika Pagey
	Session 2 - Gynec Cancer
	Chairperson: Dr. Manjula Beck Dr. Smita Gupte
10:00 - 10:15	RUBY Trial : Survival Impact of Jemperli in 1L EC (Sponsored by GSK) Speaker: Dr. Vaibhav G Choudhary
10:15 - 10:45	Panel Discussion : How to I treat Platinum resistant ovarian cancer in 2026 Moderator: Dr. Bharat A Vaswani Panelist: Dr. Nitin Chaudhari Dr. Tushar Mule Dr. Sabheen Bushra Dr. Nahush Tahiliani Dr. Sunil Chopade Dr. Radhika Pagey Dr. Madhavi Mohata Dr. Makarand Randive Dr. Sneha Bothra Jain Dr. Shizan Perve Dr. Abhinav Deshpande
11:20 - 12:00	Tea Break
	Session 3 - Genitourinary Cancer
	Chairperson: Dr. Ashok Diwan
12:00 - 12:20	Perioperative Systemic Therapy in Muscle-invasive Bladder Cancer
12:20 - 12:40	Panel: Evolving Standards Across Genitourinary Cancers Moderator: Rakesh Mishra Panelist: Dr. Pradnya Modak Dr. Ashish Vaidya Dr. Shantanu Pendse Dr. Chaitnya Deshmukh Dr. Ashish Bohra Dr. Kawadu Jawade Dr. Shanu Jain Dr. Vedika Danade Dr. Sameer Shrirangwar Dr. Balram Agrawal Dr. Umesh Kedke

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	Session 4 - Hematology Chairperson: Dr. A K Ganju Dr. Avinash Pophali Dr. Sriram Kane
12:50 - 13:15	Panel discussion on Multiple Myeloma (Sponsored by GSK)
13:15 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 14:20	Risk Adapted CINV Prophylaxis: insights from Myrisk Trial (Sponsored by Glenmark) Speaker: Dr. Madhavi Mohta
14:20 - 14:40	Multiple Myeloma: Quadruplet Therapy and MRD-guided Treatment Speaker: Dr. Manoj Toshniwal
14:40 - 15:10	Panel: Practice-changing Advances in Hematologic Malignancies Moderator: Dr. Vishwadeep Khushoo Panelist: Dr. Shweta Toshniwal Dr. Nishad Dhakate Dr. Gunjan Loney Dr. Komal Deshmukh Dr. Shailesh Bamborde Dr. Ketan Modak Dr. Rajat Bajaj Dr. Rahul Arora Dr. Kunal Chhattani
15:10 - 15:40	Panel Discussion
	Quiz Chairperson: Dr. Ashok Diwan Dr. A K Ganju
15:40 - 16:10	Grand Finale Quiz Speaker: Dr. Neha Ganju Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi Dr. Atish N Bakane
16:10 - 16:30	Closing Remarks Followed by Hi-Tea

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PLACES TO VISIT IN NAGPUR



Deekshabhoomi
Historic Buddhist monument



Zero Mile Stone
Geographic centre of India



Ambazari Lake & Garden
Peaceful retreat



Nagpur Central Museum
Artifacts from Vidarbha.



Sitabuldi Fort
19th-century fort with
panoramic views



Futala Lake
Sunset views and illuminated fountains.

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