

**INDIAN SOCIETY OF ONCOLOGY**

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## WELCOME ISO MEMBERS



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### Message from President

Respected Teachers, Mentors, Seniors and Dear Colleagues,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I assume the role of President of the **Indian Society of Oncology (ISO)** - a community that represents the spirit of unity, compassion, and scientific excellence that defines our nation's fight against cancer. I am acutely aware that I take on the responsibility previously shouldered by the legends in the field of oncology, and I assure you that I will try my very best to do justice to the role you have entrusted me with.

Over the past decades, oncology in India has evolved from fragmented subspecialties into a multidisciplinary, patient-centred field. Yet, as we look to the future, the need for **integration across all oncology disciplines - medical, surgical, radiation, nuclear medicine, pediatric, pathology, molecular, palliative and preventive oncology - has never been greater**. The complexity of modern cancer care demands that we move beyond silos, toward collaborative networks that enable seamless sharing of knowledge, resources, and innovation. And I truly believe that the ISO, with its diverse membership base of more than 3000 members, is uniquely positioned for this.

As a Society, we will emphasise the importance of **tumor boards, cross-specialty training programs, and joint academic platforms**. ISO will actively engage with national and international bodies to harmonize standards, develop consensus guidelines, and promote research-driven practice in all branches of oncology.

The greatest advances in cancer treatment have always come from collaboration - clinicians working hand in hand with scientists, researchers partnering with technologists, and caregivers supporting patients beyond the clinical encounter. My vision is to foster such **interdisciplinary synergy**, ensuring that every cancer patient in India receives optimal, evidence-based, and compassionate care, irrespective of geography or socioeconomic status. One of my priorities will be to try to bridge the gap between the 'bench' and the 'bedside' and to bring the cancer researchers on the same page as the cancer clinicians.

India stands at a crucial juncture where the sheer diversity of our population and cancer burden provides a unique opportunity to generate indigenous evidence. The future of oncology in our country will be shaped not by replication but by innovation - by Indian data, **Indian ideas, and Indian leadership in global oncology research**.

Under ISO's banner, we aim to strengthen multicenter collaborative research, establish national cancer registries, and support translational projects that bridge the laboratory and the clinic. We will also encourage participation in international clinical trials and foster partnerships with biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and digital health sectors.



Moreover, we envision ISO as a **hub of mentorship and guidance**, where young researchers can find the support needed to turn curiosity into discovery and passion into progress.

The young oncologists of today are the torchbearers of tomorrow's breakthroughs. ISO recognises their potential as innovators, educators, and leaders. Our Society will foccus to prioritise **capacity building, leadership training, and opportunities for young professionals** to present their research and gain international exposure.

Dedicated mentorship programs, travel fellowships, and digital learning initiatives will be launched to nurture talent from every corner of the country. We will also strengthen our collaboration with teaching hospitals, both national and international, academic institutions, and regional oncology societies to make oncology education accessible, updated, and inspiring.

As we stand on the cusp of technological transformation - from **robotic surgery, carbon & proton radiation therapy, precision oncology and immunotherapy to artificial intelligence and genomic medicine** - it is vital that our Society remains a platform for collective learning and national advocacy. ISO will continue to champion patient safety, affordability, and equitable access, while also serving as the voice of Indian oncologists at global forums.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all members of ISO for their unwavering dedication and support. Let us move forward - **united in purpose, inspired by innovation, and bound by compassion**.

Warm regards,

**Prof. Dr. Hemant Malhotra, MD**

President - Indian Society of Oncology

Director, Oncology Services

Sri Ram Cancer & Super-speciality Center &

Professor & Head, Dept. of Medical Oncology,

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### Message from Hon. Secretary

Dear Members and Colleagues,

It is with immense pride and enthusiasm that I welcome you to another transformative chapter in the journey of the Indian Society of Oncology (ISO). Since its inception in 1983, the ISO has grown into India's premier, largest, and most dynamic multi-disciplinary oncology society, boasting a vibrant membership of 2,900 professionals. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our Past Presidents, Executive Committee members, and every contributor who has fuelled the Society's remarkable growth.

#### Virtual Tumour Boards: Empowering Knowledge Sharing

For the past year, the ISO has successfully conducted the ISO Virtual Multi-disciplinary Tumor Boards on the third Wednesday of each month. These webinars, focusing on common cancers, have become a cornerstone for practicing oncologists and oncology students, fostering collaboration and enhancing expertise. Their overwhelming popularity underscores our commitment to accessible, high-quality education. I must commend the efforts of the Academic Committee members Dr. Sabita Jiwnani, Dr. Sumant Gupta and Dr. Samir Batham for coordinating this wonderful initiative.

#### ISO-ISMPICON: A Resounding Success

From 31<sup>st</sup> October, 01<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025, the ISO, The joint collaborative conference of the Indian Society of Oncology (ISO) and Indian Society of Medical & Pediatric Oncology (ISMPO) societies is organized every two years, hosted in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Themed "Winning the Battle Against Cancer- From Insights to Impact!" this three-day national conference united leading experts and innovators to advance cancer care.

Held under the visionary leadership of ISO & ISMPO Societies, The conference set a new standard for intellectually rigorous and seamlessly executed oncology meetings, leaving an indelible mark on the field.

#### Looking Ahead: ISOCON 2026

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming ISOCON 2026 scheduled from 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at Delhi. Themed "Precision Oncology with Collaboration" this event promises to drive meaningful progress through cutting-edge research and collaborative efforts.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Cancer Congress 2027

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> INDIAN CANCER CONGRESS 2027 scheduled from 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2027. Themed "Indian Oncology : Global Reach" this event promises to drive meaningful progress through cutting-edge research and collaborative efforts.

### ICC 2027: Among the Top 5 Oncology Conferences in the World

#### ICC is a unique collaboration of India's four leading oncology societies:

The Indian Society of Medical and Paediatric Oncology (ISMPO)

The Indian Association of Surgical Oncology (IASO)

The Indian Society of Oncology (ISO)

The Association of Radiation Oncologists of India (AROI)

#### A Vision for the Future

With the unwavering support of our new Executive Committee and dedicated members, I am confident that the ISO will continue to scale new heights in pursuit of its mission to transform cancer care in India and beyond. Together, we will build on our legacy of innovation, collaboration, and inclusivity to make a lasting impact.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the ISO's vision.

Warm regards,

#### **Dr. Arvind Krishnamurthy**

Secretary - Indian Society of Oncology

Professor and Head Surgical Oncology

Cancer Institute (WIA) Adyar, Chennai



## OFFICE BEARERS – ISO

### Meet our new office Bearers



**Dr. Hemant Malhotra**  
President



**Prof. K.S. Gopinath**  
President (Elect.)



**Dr. Rajendra Toprani**  
Immediate Past President



**Dr. Arvind Krishnamurthy**  
Secretary



**Dr. Sumant Gupta**  
Treasurer



**Dr. Tanveer A Majeed**  
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**Dr. Sabita Jiwnani**  
Mumbai

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**Dr. Richa Chauhan**  
Patna



## WELCOME EDITORIAL



### Dr. Sumant Gupta, Delhi

Editor - ISO Newsletter

### Editorial message

Dear **ISO Members**

Happy Gudi Padwa from editorial team,

Greetings!

2025 was an eventful year for oncology with the grand success of **ISO-ISMPOCON 2025** held at Jaipur. ISO reigns were handed over to **Dr. Hemant Malhotra** by **Dr. Rajendra Toprani** who completed his tenure as **President** in the GBM at **ISO-ISMPOCON 2025**.

With 2026 at the anvil, we look forward to an academic year with National ISO meeting of **ISOCON 2026, Delhi** scheduled from **7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at Delhi**.

The ISO newsletter will continue its quarterly tradition under the new leadership

### Editorial Board

#### Editor

**Dr. Sumant Gupta**

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**Dr. Richa Chauhan**



**Dr. Tanveer A Majeed**



**Dr. Damodar Gupta**





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## HIGHLIGHTS OF ISO-ISMPOCON 2025, JAIPUR





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## ISO ORATION'S DURING ISO-ISMPOCON 2025

### SIR DORABJI TATA ORATION 2025

**Topic: Esophageal Cancer Management in India : My Journey and Lessons Learnt**

**Orator: Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Mumbai**



### ISO PAST PRESIDENT ORATION 2025

**Topic: Association Matters!**

**Orator: Dr. Ramesh S. Bilimagga, Bengaluru**





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WE DEDICATE THIS CONFERENCE TO THE MEMORY OF



**Dr. Anita Borges**

(19.11.1947 - 18.09.2025)

**ONCO-PATHOLOGIST  
PAR EXCELLENCE!**



## WINNERS NAME OF ISO-ISMPOCON 2025, JAIPUR

### Best 5 Oral Presenters

Name	Abstract Title	Institute Name
Dr. Vijayalakshmi Ramshankar	COMPREHENSIVE HPV GENOTYPING AND PREVALENCE PATTERNS IN A SOUTH INDIAN COMMUNITY: FIRST INSIGHTS FROM A LARGE-SCALE CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING STUDY	Cancer Institute (WIA), Chennai
Dr. Ravi Bhatt	Concordance Between Margin Assessment by Gross assessment of Specimen, Frozen Section and Paraffin Section, to Evaluate the Utility of Routinely doing Frozen Section for Squamous Cell Carcinoma of Oral Tongue	HCH Aastha Cancer Center, Ahmedabad
Dr. Akash R. Patel	FUNCTIONAL OUTCOMES OF INFRAHYOID FLAP RECONSTRUCTION IN ORAL CAVITY MALIGNANCIES ( 93 CASES FROM CANCER INSTITUTE	Cancer Institute (WIA), Chennai
Dr. Shreya Srivastava	The Molecular Architecture Of Indian Gastric Cancer: Transcriptomic Clues To ECM Remodelling And Aggressive Tumor Biology	Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS), Lucknow
Ms. Riya Mandal	A randomized control trial study to assess the effectiveness of mobile app- based self-management vs booklet based self-management of breast cancer related lymphedema prevention on knowledge, behavioural and exercise compliance among breast cancer patient receiving treatment at AIIMS NEW DELHI.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi

### Best 5 Poster Presenters

Name	Abstract Title	Institute Name
Dr. Sriram R	Chemotherapy-Immunotherapy based salvage followed by Allogenic Transplat for Relapsed-Refractory B ALL- A Single center experience	MVR Cancer Centre and Research Institute, Kozhikode
Dr. Kandathil Joseph Philip	Role of Systemic Inflammation Response Index as an independent prognostic biomarker in predicting recurrence and survival outcome among clinical stage I-III breast cancer patients.	Malabar Cancer Centre (PGIOSR), Thalassery
Ms. Ranu Shukla	To Assess the Impact of a curated 21-day Virtual Program on the Emotional Health of Adult Cancer Patients in India	Sanjeevani Life Beyond Cancer, Mumbai
Dr. Ranjan Das	Desmocollin DSC3 directed Mycobacterium w: An old player in a new avatar	Sparsh Hospitals and Critical Care Pvt Ltd., Bhubaneswar
Dr. Richa Todi	Beyond the Usual: Eight-Year Institutional Experience with Rare Breast Cancer Subtypes	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jodhpur



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## ISO WEBINARS OF 2025-2026



# ORAL CANCER

Organized by:



 **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025**  
Wednesday

 **07:30 pm**  
**08:45 pm**

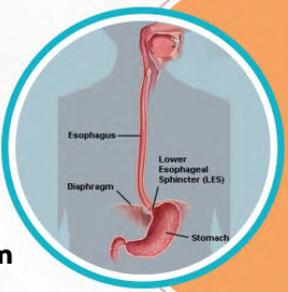
# Esophageal *Cancer*

Organized by:



 **21<sup>st</sup> May 2025**  
Wednesday

 **07:30 pm - 08:45 pm**



# Pancreatic *Cancer*

Organized by:



 **23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**  
Wednesday

 **07:30 pm -**  
**08:45 pm**



Organized by:



ISO Webinar Series #10

Indian Society of Oncology  
Virtual Multi-disciplinary  
Joint Clinic



# Management of Rectal Cancer

**03<sup>rd</sup> September 2025** **07:30 pm - 08:45 pm**





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Organized by: 



### Sarcoma

1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 07:30 pm - 08:45 pm

Indian Society of Oncology  
Virtual Multi-disciplinary Joint Clinic  
ISO Webinar Series #11

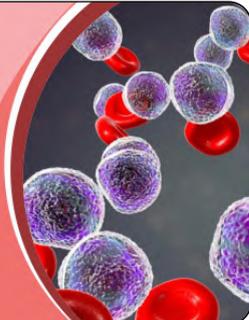
Organized by: 

ISO Webinar Series #12

Indian Society of Oncology  
Virtual Multi-disciplinary Joint Clinic 

### CML (Chronic Myeloid Leukemia)

26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 07:30 pm - 08:40 pm



ISO Webinar Series #13

Indian Society of Oncology  
Virtual Multi-disciplinary Joint Clinic 

Organized by: 

In Association with  **IFDO**  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF DIGITAL ONCOLOGY

17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 | 07:30 pm - 08:40 pm



Indian Society of Oncology  
Virtual Multi-disciplinary Joint Clinic 

### URINARY BLADDER CANCER

21<sup>st</sup> January 2026  
Wednesday 07:30 pm - 08:50 pm

Organized by: 





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## UPCOMING CONFERENCE ISOCON 2026, DELHI



Annual Conference of Indian Society of Oncology

# ISOCON 2026

7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026 | Delhi  
(Friday to Sunday)

Theme: Precision Oncology with Collaboration



Dr. Hemant Malhotra  
President, ISO



Dr. Arvind Krishnamurthy  
Secretary, ISO

## SAVE THE DATE

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## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – ISOCON 2026, DELHI

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Dr. Shivam Vatsal



Dr. Puneet Nagpal

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## UPCOMING CONFERENCE ICC 2027, CHENNAI



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## NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE - ICC 2027, CHENNAI



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**Indian Society of  
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**Dr. Hemant Malhotra**  
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Secretary General - AROI



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**Dr. Narendra Hulikal**  
Hon. Secretary - IASO

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**Dr. Ramesh S. Bilimagga**

**3<sup>rd</sup> ICC, Mumbai**



**Dr. Devendra Chaukar**

**4<sup>th</sup> ICC, Chennai**



**Dr. T. Raja**



## OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

We are very happy to tell you all that now we are also available on various social media pages.

You can also know about the activities of ISO society through social media.

You can follow our social media pages by following links:



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**Instagram**



**X (Twitter)**



**LinkedIn**

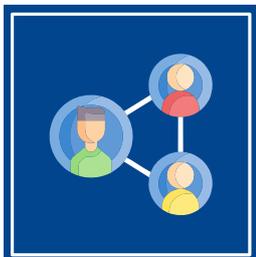
Please feel free to share the ISO updates with your Students, colleagues and team members who would be interested to know about the ISO activities.



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