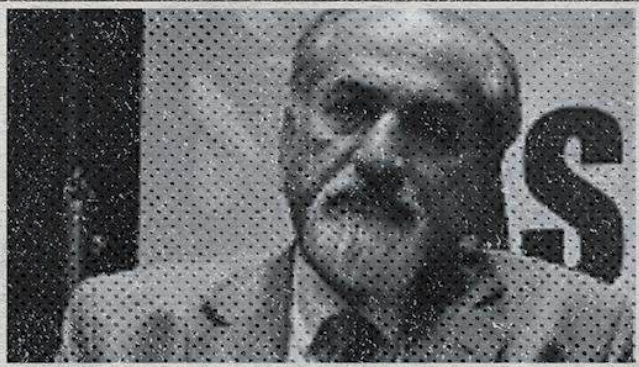


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Welcome to ASICON 2025



• PROFESSOR DILIP MATHAI •

PRESIDENT, ASI

It is with immense pleasure that I invite you to the 16th National Conference of the AIDS Society of India – ASICON 2025.

The scientific program promises to be exceptional, covering the latest breakthroughs in HIV and other emerging infectious diseases, including exciting developments in PrEP and treatment like Lenacapavir. We have assembled a distinguished faculty of international and national experts who will share their knowledge and insights.

The ASI remains dedicated to supporting the next generation of researchers. This conference will provide a platform for post-graduates and young scientists to showcase their work through poster and oral presentations. With best wishes for the season and on behalf of the ASI, I look forward to your participation.

• DR. ISHWAR GILADA •

PRESIDENT EMERITUS, ASI

As President Emeritus, I extend a warm welcome to ASICON 2025 in Ahmedabad! It's a privilege to see our society convene for its 16th National Conference, this time at the prestigious Taj Skyline Hotel, from 21st to 23rd February. This conference marks a significant milestone, being the first ASICON hosted in Gujarat in 24 years.

We anticipate a stimulating program covering the latest advancements in HIV and emerging infectious diseases, including breakthroughs in PrEP and treatments like Lenacapavir.

Our esteemed international and national faculty will ensure a rich learning experience. We're delighted to partner again with NACO, CTD, IAS, WHO, and UNAIDS, and welcome the Infectious Diseases Society of Gujarat.

I'm confident this conference will be a resounding success, building on our legacy of impactful scientific gatherings.



16th National
Conference

40+ FACULTIES TOPICS

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 1, FRIDAY 21ST FEB



• 09:00 - 09:05 AM

WELCOME REMARKS AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM OUTLINE

DR. GLORY ALEXANDER, BENGALURU | DR. AMAR PAZARE, MUMBAI

• 09:05 - 09:35 AM

FREE PAPERS SESSION - 1 (1-3)



CHAIRS:
DR. P. NARENDRA SINGH, IMPHAL
DR. UDAYKUMAR JADHAV, AURANGABAD

AN INSTANCE OF RECURRENT FEVER, ABDOMINAL DISCOMFORT AND MULTI-SYSTEM SYMPTOMS IN A PATIENT WITH ADVANCED HIV DISEASE

ORAL PRESENTATION BY:

Mr. Choppa Surya Nived,
Mysuru

THE BURDEN OF SARCOPENIA: ANALYSING RISK FACTORS AMONG HIV-INFECTED PATIENT

Mr. Tarun D., Mysuru

TRIGLYCERIDE GLUCOSE INDEX AND ITS ASSOCIATION WITH METABOLIC SYNDROME IN PLHIV ON STABLE ART: AN ANALYTICAL CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY

Dr. B. Akhila Reddy,
Mangalore

• 09:35 - 10:40 AM

SESSION 1: HIV EPIDEMIOLOGY - WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

CHAIRS: DR. KARTIK SHAH, GSACS | DR. DILIP MATHAI, VELLORE



09:35- 09:55 AM

ENDING AIDS IN ASIA-PACIFIC - THE PATHWAY AHEAD

Dr. David Bridger, UNAIDS



09:55- 10:15 AM

NATIONAL RESPONSE TO HIV EPIDEMIC IN INDIA - CURRENT SCENARIO

Dr. Uday Bhanu Das, NACO



10:15- 10:35 AM

NAVIGATING HIV PREVENTION AND CARE AMONG KEY POPULATIONS IN INDIA

Dr. Venkatesh Chakrapani, Chennai



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 1, FRIDAY 21ST FEB

• 10:45 - 11:10 AM

SESSION 2: PLENARY 1

CHAIRS:

DR. N. KUMARASAMY, CHENNAI

DR. HARSH TOSHIWAL, AHMEDABAD



PLENARY ON:

LONG ACTING ARVS FOR TREATMENT

Dr. Juergen Rockstroh, Germany



• 11:25 AM - 12:20 PM

SESSION 3:

HIV CURE, REMISSION AND VACCINES – ARE WE THERE YET?

CHAIRS:

DR. JYOTI DHAR, UK

DR. MIT DHARSANDHIYA, GUJARAT



• 11:25 - 11:40 AM

**LATEST INFORMATION ON STEM CELL TRANSPLANTS
AND CURE EFFORTS**

Dr. Cristina Mussini, Italy



• 11:40 - 11:55 AM

LENACAPAVIR IN PREVENTION

Dr. Leila Mansoor, South Africa



• 11:55 AM - 12:10 PM

ADULT VACCINATION

Dr. Dilip Mathai, Vellore



• 12:10 - 12:20 PM

DISCUSSION



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

CONFERENCE INAUGURATION

12:20 - 01:20 PM

16TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE - ASICON 2025



CHIEF GUEST:

Shri. Bhupendra Patel, Hon. Chief Minister, Gujarat

GUEST OF HONOR:

Dr. Uday Bhanu Das, NACO



• 02:05 - 03:30 PM

SESSION 4:

FACING THREATS - RESURGENCE OF TROUBLESOME PATHOGENS

CHAIRS:

DR. G. SAMARAM, VIJAYWADA

DR. KAMLESH PATEL, AHMEDABAD



• 02:05 - 02:20 PM

LEPTOSPIROSIS

Dr. Pratit Savaj, Ahmedabad



• 02:20 - 02:40 PM

NEW HORIZON IN DRUG RESISTANCE TB TESTING

Dr. Frenil Munim, Surat, Cepheid



• 02:40 - 03:00 PM

ROLE OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF INFECTIOUS PATHOGENS FROM PCR TO NGS

Dr. Madhvi Joshi, Ahmedabad



• 03:00 - 03:20 PM

ANTI - MICROBIAL RESISTANCE

Dr. Prapti Gilada, Mumbai



• 03:20 - 03:30 PM

DISCUSSION



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

• 03:45 - 05:00 PM
SESSION 5:

**SILENT INVADERS - OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS IN HIV
ROLE OF BICTEGRAVIR : CIPLA SESSION**

CHAIRS: DR. URVESH SHAH, AHMEDABAD | DR. MURUGESH PASTAPUR, GULBARGA

• 03:45- 04:05 PM

MANAGEMENT OF ADVANCED HIV DISEASE

Dr. S.K Guha, Kolkata



• 04:05- 04:20 PM

PCP- PAST AND PRESENT

Dr. Sanket Mankad, Ahmedabad



• 04:20- 04:40 PM

MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC DIARRHEA IN HIV

Dr. Vijay Yeldandi, Hyderabad



• 04:40- 05:00 PM

DERMAL MANIFESTATIONS IN HIV

Dr. Ishwar Gilada, Mumbai



• 04:40- 05:00 PM

**ADVANCING HIV THERAPY WITH BICTEGRAVIR-
CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

Dr. D.J.Borah, Guwahati

• 05:25 - 06:15 PM
SESSION 6:

INTERACTIVE CLINICAL DISCUSSION : 3 CASE PRESENTATIONS

PANELISTS: DR. GD RAVINDRAN, BENGALURU | DR. JUERGEN ROCKSTROH, GERMANY
DR. R. SAJITHKUMAR, KOTTAYAM

- **THE DOMINO EFFECT - MULTIFOCAL ABSCESES IN AN HIV HOST**
Dr. Swati Gohel, Ahmedabad
- **CASE STUDY**
Dr. Veeren Ganta, Visakhapatnam
- **PANDORA'S BOX**
Dr. Chintan Kaswala, Ahmedabad

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

• 06:15 - 07:10 PM

ASI - ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING



OFFICE BEARERS:

Dr. Ishwar Gilada
President Emeritus

Dr. Dilip Mathai
President

Dr. Glory Alexander
Vice-President

Dr. N. Kumarasamy
Secretary General

Dr. A. R. Pazare
Treasurer

Dr. Ruby Bansal
Joint-Secretary

Dr. Naval Chandra
Joint-Secretary

AGENDA

- Welcome & Opening Remarks by Dr. Ishwar Gilada, President Emeritus
- Confirmation of Quorum
- Approval of Minutes of the Previous AGM
- President's Report
- Financial Report
- Secretary's Report
- Discussion of Matters Arising from the Reports
- Election of Office Bearers
- Discussion of New Initiatives / Projects
- Vote of Thanks

• 07:30 PM ONWARDS

CULTURAL PROGRAM & DINNER GET TOGETHER



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 2, SATURDAY 22ND FEB

• 09:05 - 09:35 AM

FREE PAPERS SESSION - 2 (4 - 6)



CHAIRS:
DR. R. SAJITHKUMAR, KOTTAYAM
DR. BASAVRAJ SAJJAN, HUBLI

COVERAGE OF IPT AMONG PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV (PLHIV) REGISTERED AT ART CENTRE IN A PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITY OF CENTRAL GUJARAT, INDIA

ORAL PRESENTATION BY:

Dr. Kedar Mehta, Vadodara

PREVALENCE, RISK FACTORS AND CLINICAL OUTCOMES OF HIV-1 INFECTED PATIENTS WITH IMMUNE DISCORDANCE - RETROSPECTIVE CASE-CONTROL STUDY

Ms. A. S. Kamakshi Shriya, Mysuru

CARDIAC MANIFESTATIONS IN PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AND ITS MANAGEMENT: INDIAN REGISTRY

Dr. Natraj Shetty, Bangalore

• 09:30 - 11:00 AM

SESSION 7 : ART- REVOLUTIONIZING THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV : EMCURE SESSION

CHAIRS: **DR. VIPUL SHAH, AHMEDABAD**
DR. VIJAY YELDANDI, HYDERABAD



• 09:30- 09:50 AM

PML- CLINICAL INNOVATIONS AND ROLE OF JC SPECIFIC T CELL THERAPY

Dr. Jochen Schneider, Germany



• 09:50- 10:10 AM

INJECTABLE ART IN ADOLESCENTS

Dr. Glory Alexander, Bengaluru



• 10:10- 10:30 AM

IMPACT OF ART RESISTANCE-WHEN AND WHERE TO USE THE NEWER ARVS

Dr. N. Kumarasamy, Chennai



• 10:30- 10:50 AM

INTERPRETATION OF DRUG RESISTANCE TESTING

Dr. Gunisha Pasricha, Bengaluru



• 10:50- 11:00 AM

DISCUSSION

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 11:00- 11:25 AM
SESSION 8:

PLENARY 2

CHAIRS: DR. S N MOTHU, MYSURU
DR. MANOJ SHEVKANI, AHMEDABAD

ADVANCES IN BIOMEDICAL PREVENTION

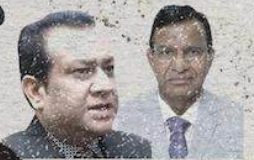
Dr. Kenneth Ngure, Kenya



- 11:45 AM- 01:00 PM
SESSION 9:

DOUBLE TROUBLE – NAVIGATING HIV AND CO-MORBIDITIES

CHAIRS: DR. DIWAKAR TEJASWI, PATNA
DR. JAYENDRA KOSAMBIYA, SURAT



- 11.45 AM- 12:00 PM

LIPID ABNORMALITIES WITH ART USE IN HIV INFECTION

Dr. Trupti Gilada, Mumbai



- 12.00- 12:15 PM

INTERESTING CASE STUDIES

IDSG Team, Ahmedabad

- 12.15- 12:30 PM

HIV AND AGING

Dr. Christoph Spinner, Germany



- 12.30- 12:50 PM

UPDATE ON VIRAL HEPATITIS AND HIV CO-INFECTION: WHAT IS NEW?

Dr. Juergen Rockstroh, Germany



- 12.50- 01:00 PM

DISCUSSION



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

• 02:00- 03:10 PM
SESSION 10:

MIND UNDER SIEGE: CNS INVOLVEMENT IN HIV

CHAIRS: DR. BIPIN AMIN, AHMEDABAD
DR. S.K.GUHA, KOLKATA



• 02:00 - 02:20 PM

RING ENHANCING LESIONS IN BRAIN

Dr. Hemant Patel, Ahmedabad

• 02:20- 02:40 PM

HAND

Dr. Franco Buonaguro, Italy



• 02:40- 03:00 PM

CNS TUBERCULOSIS

Dr. Kalpesh Sukhwani, Ahmedabad



• 03:10- 04:00 PM
SESSION 11:

UNMASKING MALIGNANCIES IN HIV

CHAIRS: DR. DIPAK KUMAR SOLANKI, AHMEDABAD
DR. VIJAY MANDORA, PUNE

• 03:10- 03:30 PM

NON AIDS MALIGNANCIES IN HIV

Dr. Alok Shetty, Mumbai



• 03:30- 03:50 PM

ELIMINATION OF HPV RELATED CANCERS

Dr. Franco Buonaguro, Italy



• 03:50- 04:00 PM

DISCUSSION



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- **04:20- 04:50 PM**
SESSION 12:
DEBATE TOPIC - SELF TESTING FOR HIV FOR AND AGAINST
MODERATORS: DR. SHOBINI RAJAN, NACO
DR. GLORY ALEXANDER, BENGALURU
FOR: DR. VENKATESAN CHAKRAPANI, CHENNAI
MS. DAXA PATEL, AHMEDABAD
AGAINST: DR. VINAY KULKARNI, PUNE
DR. REVURI HARIKRISHNA, GUNTUR
- **04:50- 05:40 PM**
SESSION 13:
INTERACTIVE CLINICAL DISCUSSION -II :3 CASE PRESENTATIONS
PANELISTS: DR. DILIP MATHAI, VELLORE | DR. TRUPTI GILADA, MUMBAI
DR. MITESH SUTHAR, AHMEDABAD
THE ELUDING COMPANIONS OF HIV - KEEP THE SEARCH ON!
Dr. Surabhi Madan, Ahmedabad
CASE STUDY
Dr. Neeren Ravela, Guntur
CNS LESION- LOOKING FOR A SOLUTION IN HIV PATIENT
Dr. Vipul Patel, Ahmedabad
- **05:40- 06:00 PM**
SESSION 14:
NATIONAL RESPONSE TO HIV EPIDEMIC IN INDIA - CURRENT SCENARIO
PANEL DISCUSSION
Dr. S. Anuradha, Delhi | Dr. Kartik Shah, GSACS
- **06:00- 06:20 PM**
OVERVIEW OF TB & HIV COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES BETWEEN NTEP & NACP
Dr. Vinay Garg, CTD
- **06:30- 06:45 PM**
GROUP PHOTOGRAPH
- **07:30 PM**
CULTURAL PROGRAM AND DINNER

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 3, SUNDAY 23RD FEB

- 08:30 - 09:40 AM **SESSION 15 : TAILORED CARE – ADDRESSING HIV CARE IN SPECIAL POPULATIONS**
CHAIRS: DR. CHRISTOPH SPINNER, GERMANY | DR. MEKA SATHYANARAYANA, HYDERABAD
- 08:30- 08:45 AM **CURRENT PERSPECTIVES IN ART IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS**
Dr. Mamatha Lala, Mumbai 
- 08:45- 09:00 AM **CHALLENGES IN TRANSITION FROM PEDIATRIC CARE TO ADULT CARE**
Dr. Vinay Kulkarni, Pune 
- 09:00- 09:15 AM **MTCT AND EID**
Dr. Kartik Shah, Ahmedabad
- 09:15- 09:30 AM **HIV AND MENOPAUSE**
Dr. S.Poongulali, Chennai
- 09:40 - 10:45 AM **SESSION 16 : DUAL THREATS**
CHAIRS: DR. JOCHEN SCHNEIDER, GERMANY | DR. ASHA SHAH, GUJARAT
- 09:40- 10:00 AM **STIS, DOXY PREP AND DOXY PEP**
Dr. Jyoti Dhar, UK 
- 10:00- 10:15 AM **HIV AND TB – NEED FOR NEWER TB MEDICATIONS**
Dr. Satish Rao, Mangalore
- 10:15- 10:30 AM **DESPITE RECENTLY BEING SIDELINED, WHY CD4 MATTERS?**
Mr. Amardeep Gupta, Mumbai, Sysmex
- 10:30- 10:40 AM **DISCUSSION**

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 3, SUNDAY 23RD FEB

- 11:00 - 12:15 PM **SESSION 16 : BEYOND THE BASICS: TACKLING MISCELLANEOUS CHALLENGES IN HIV**
CHAIRS: DR.G.D. RAVINDRAN, BENGALURU | MR. K.S.GURURAJA, MYSURU



- 11:00- 11:15 AM **CLIMATE CHANGE AND HIV**
Dr. Shwetal Shah, Ahmedabad
- 11:15- 11:35 AM **AI IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES CLINICAL PRACTICE**
Dr. Rohan Desai, Ahmedabad
- 11:35- 11:50 AM **NEWER INTERVENTION APPROACHES FOR REACHING THE LAST MILE - A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER NETWORK APPROACH**
Dr. V. Sam-Prasad, AHF India Cares
- 11:50- 12:10 AM **CYBERSECURITY AND CYBERCRIME IN HEALTHCARE**
Adv. Dr. Pavan Duggal, Delhi
- 12:20 - 01:15 PM **PRIZE DISTRIBUTION & VALEDICTORY FUNCTION**

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