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About

Shashwat Hospitals

Advancing Oncology Care for a Healthier Tomorrow

At Shashwat Hospitals, we are committed to addressing the growing burden of head & neck and other cancers in Rajkot and the Saurashtra region through excellence in clinical care, education, and innovation.

As one of Gujarat's leading hemato-oncology and multispecialty centers, we combine expert multidisciplinary care with advanced diagnostics, precision therapies, and evidence-based treatment protocols to deliver personalized cancer care.

Beyond treating cancer, we believe in empowering the medical community through continuous learning and collaboration. By adopting the latest technologies and aligning regional expertise with global standards, we strive to improve early diagnosis, optimize treatment outcomes, and elevate the quality of cancer care across the region.

Together, we are building a future where every patient has access to world-class oncology care—closer to home.

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Padma Shri

Late Dr. Pankaj M. Shah

Celebrating a Medical Visionary: Honoring the Pillar of Modern Oncology

We honor the legendary life and legacy of the late Padma Shri Dr. Pankaj Manubhai Shah (1950 – July 2, 2026). A true titan of medicine, Dr. Shah spent over 50 years shaping the landscape of cancer care in India.

Revered as a founding father of oncology and hematology in Western India, he transformed cancer care into a beacon of affordable healing and hope, personally treating more than two million patients with profound empathy and cutting-edge precision.

When specialized medical oncology was in its infancy, Dr. Shah redefined Indian healthcare. He established modern clinical protocols and spearheaded the country's specialized DM curriculum in Medical Oncology at the Gujarat Cancer & Research Institute (GCRI). As Director of GCRI from 2002 to 2011, he elevated the institute into a globally recognized comprehensive cancer hub. He later continued his healing mission as a Senior Consultant at Zydus Cancer Hospital and Vice President of the Gujarat Cancer Society.His extraordinary contributions earned him India’s highest laurels, including the Dr. B.C. Roy National Award (2005) for medical teaching and the Padma Shri (2018) for lifetime service to medicine.

A prolific academic mind, he authored over 182 scientific publications. Beyond his clinical brilliance, he was a passionate humanitarian who served as trustee and president of Sadvichar Parivar, delivering free medical care to underprivileged communities. Though he passed away at the age of 76, his masterclass in clinical excellence, selflessness, and resilience lives on through the thousands of doctors he trained and the millions of lives he healed



Padma Shri / Padma Bhusan

Dr. Suresh Advani

Celebrating a Living Legend: Welcoming the Father of Medical Oncology to Rajkot

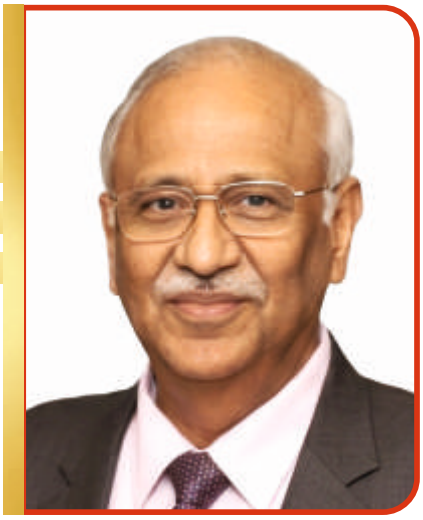
It is a moment of monumental pride and unparalleled honor for Shashwat Onco Connect 2026 to welcome a true titan of medicine, Dr. Suresh Hariram Advani, to Rajkot this 28th and 29th of November.

Affectionately and rightfully revered as the "Father of Medical Oncology in India," Dr. Advani's journey is nothing short of legendary. Emerging from humble beginnings in a family displaced by the Partition, he overcame severe childhood polio to reshape the landscape of Indian healthcare. With over 50 years of relentless dedication, he transformed cancer care from a fatal diagnosis into a battle of hope and survival, treating more than two million patients with profound empathy.

A pioneer who transformed the paradigm of cancer treatment in India. Before his era, cancer care was heavily reliant on surgery. He introduced modern chemotherapy, targeted biological therapies, and spearheaded the country's first formal DM curriculum in Medical Oncology, training generations of specialists. Most historic of all, he performed India's first successful bone-marrow transplant, establishing the nation as a hub for advanced hematological care.

His extraordinary contributions have earned him India's highest civilian laurels, including the Padma Shri in 2002 and the Padma Bhushan in 2012, alongside the prestigious Dr. B.C. Roy National Award.

Having a pioneer of his stature grace Shashwat Onco Connect 2026 as our esteemed faculty is an extraordinary privilege for every attendee. His presence brings a masterclass in clinical excellence, innovation, and resilience. We invite you to witness history, absorb his timeless wisdom, and join us in welcoming the man who taught a nation how to heal.



President - Mumbai Hematology Group

Dr. M. B. Agarwal

Celebrating a Master of Healing: Welcoming the Father of Hematology to Rajkot

It is a moment of profound pride and distinction for Shashwat Onco Connect 2026 to welcome one of the absolute pillars of Indian medicine, Dr. M. B. Agarwal, to Rajkot this 28th and 29th of November.

As a “Father of Hematology," Dr. Agarwal’s presence as an esteemed faculty member graces our event with unparalleled academic and clinical prestige.

Dr. Agarwal’s life story is a testament to academic brilliance and selfless dedication. Graduating with top honors and standing second in merit from Mumbai’s legendary Seth G.S. Medical College & KEM Hospital, his quest for excellence took him to the prestigious University College Hospital and Royal Free Hospital in London. Returning to India with global insights, he dedicated over 40 years of his life to transforming the landscape of blood disorders, famously serving as the Head of Hematology at the Bombay Hospital.

Clinically, Dr. Agarwal has been a savior for millions. He put India on the global map of benign blood disorder management through his pioneering work with the World Health Organization (WHO) on the community control of Thalassemia. He championed the creation of public screening strategies and life-saving iron-chelator regimens that turned fatal childhood conditions into manageable diseases.

His monumental contributions have been recognized with the highest accolades in his field, most notably the prestigious ISHBT Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Society of Hematology and Blood Transfusion. A master orator, he has delivered the country's most respected medical lectures, including the Dr. J.G. Parekh and Manorama Sapre Orations.

For every delegate at Shashwat Onco Connect 2026, learning from Dr. Agarwal is a rare privilege. We invite you to absorb the wisdom of a legendary teacher, visionary researcher, and compassionate healer as we proudly welcome him to Rajkot.



Padmashri
Dr. Ramakant Deshpande

The Master of the Healing Scalpel: Welcoming the Pioneer of Thoracoscopic Surgery to Rajkot

The organizing committee of Shashwat Onco Connect 2026 is profoundly honored and immensely proud to welcome a living legend of surgical oncology, Padma Shri Dr. Ramakant Deshpande to Rajkot this 28th and 29th of November.

Joining our stellar faculty line-up, Dr. Deshpande brings with him an era of surgical revolution, clinical masterclass, and structural innovation that has redefined the boundaries of cancer surgery in India.

Dr. Deshpande's career is a captivating story of global excellence and relentless pioneering spirit. After completing his foundational training at Mumbai's prestigious Tata Memorial Hospital, his pursuit of perfection led him to the world-renowned Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Returning home with a vision to transform Indian healthcare, he spent nearly two decades as the iconic Chief of Thoracic Services at Tata Memorial Hospital, before establishing the world-class Asian Cancer Institute (ACI) in Mumbai, where he currently serves as Executive Chairman.

Clinically, Dr. Deshpande is celebrated as the definitive pioneer of modern thoracoscopic (minimally invasive) cancer surgery in India. In an era when large, painful open incisions were the norm, he introduced keyhole surgery for the chest wall, lungs, and esophagus. By blending this mastery with cutting-edge robotic surgery, he turned complex thoracic and breast cancer interventions into high-precision, faster-recovery procedures, saving countless lives with unparalleled artistry.

His transformative contributions to medical science were recognized globally when the Government of India bestowed upon him the prestigious Padma Shri civilian honor in 2014.

for every surgeon and clinician attending Shashwat Onco Connect 2026, watching Dr. Deshpande share his decades of operative wisdom is a lifetime opportunity. We invite you to learn from a master of the scalpel, an academic visionary, and a compassionate healer as we proudly welcome him to Rajkot!



Dr. B. K. Smruti

The Empress of Precision Oncology: Welcoming the President of ISMPO to Rajkot

The organizing committee of Shashwat Onco Connect 2026 is profoundly honored and immensely proud to welcome a phenomenal visionary of medical oncology, Dr. B. K. Smruti, to Rajkot this 28th and 29th of November.

Joining our magnificent faculty lineup, Dr. Smruti infuses the event with unmatched national authority, scientific brilliance, and an inspiring narrative of clinical leadership that spans nearly four decades.

As the sitting President of the Indian Society of Medical and Paediatric Oncology (ISMPO), Dr. Smruti stands at the absolute vanguard of cancer care policymaking, medical education, and clinical research in India. Her educational journey began with top honors at the University of Pune, paving the way for a legendary career in Mumbai. Today, she commands the oncology landscape as a Senior Consultant at India's crown-jewel medical centers, including Lilavati Hospital, Bombay Hospital, and the Asian Cancer Institute.

Clinically, Dr. Smruti is celebrated as a transformative pioneer who brought the future of personalized oncology to the Indian bedside. Moving beyond traditional chemo-regimens, she championed the evolution of targeted molecular therapy and immunotherapy. Her life's work has been a relentless crusade against complex breast, thoracic, gastrointestinal, and hematological malignancies, turning seemingly impossible diagnoses into stories of long-term survival.

Her dedication has earned her the ultimate respect of the global medical fraternity, manifesting in elite research publications and keynotes at prestigious assemblies like the Precision Med India Conclave.

To have the leader of India's medical oncology fraternity grace Shashwat Onco Connect 2026 is a monumental privilege for our delegates. We invite you to absorb the transformative insights of an institutional powerhouse, a legendary researcher, and a deeply compassionate healer as we proudly welcome her to Rajkot!



Dr. Hemant Tongaonkar

The Master of Radical Healing: Welcoming the Pioneer of Gynec-Oncosurgery to Rajkot

The organizing committee of Shashwat Onco Connect 2026 is immensely proud and deeply privileged to welcome a monumental legend of surgical oncology, Dr. Hemant B. Tongaonkar, to Rajkot this 28th and 29th of November.

Joining our elite faculty panel, Dr. Tongaonkar brings an irreplaceable masterclass in complex pelvic surgeries, representing the perfect marriage of technical precision and academic foresight.

Dr. Tongaonkar's life story is an inspiring saga of building specialized surgical domains from the ground up. An alumnus of the University of Mumbai, his surgical instincts were sharpened over decades at the world-renowned Tata Memorial Hospital, where he rose to become the Professor and Head of Surgical Oncology. Throughout his illustrious 40-year journey—spanning landmark leadership roles at Tata Memorial, Hinduja Hospital, and now as the Principal Director at Nanavati Max Hospital, he has mentored thousands of surgeons across the globe.

Clinically, Dr. Tongaonkar is revered as a savior for women battling advanced reproductive cancers. He famously holds the record for the largest individual experience in complex ovarian cancer surgeries in India. A fierce advocate for life-saving innovation, he pioneered ultra-radical cytoreductive procedures combined with cutting-edge HIPEC technology and high-precision robotic arms, allowing patients with aggressive cancers to achieve a clean slate of health with faster recoveries.

His transformative impact on healthcare has been recognized with the country's top honors, including the prestigious Trailblazing Onco Care Leader Award (2025) and the Economic Times Best Oncologist of the Year. As a past President of the Association of Gynaecologic Oncologists of India (AGOI), his insights help shape our national care guidelines.

We look forward to his esteemed participation and invaluable contributions at the conference

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Our Mentors and Teachers



A distinguished pioneer in clinical oncology, the late Dr. Shilin N. Shukla served as the Director and Professor Emeritus of Medical Oncology at GCRI.

Late Dr. Shilin Shukla



A highly esteemed medical oncologist with over three decades of clinical excellence, serves as the Professor and Head of the Medical Oncology Department at the GCRI.

Dr. Asha Anand



A distinguished senior medical oncologist and administrator, Dr. Kirti M. Patel serves as the Director of Gujarat Cancer Society (GCS) Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre

Dr. Kirti Patel



A prominent national leader in cancer therapeutics, he played a crucial role in standardizing FNAC diagnostic protocols for lung cancer at the GCRI.

Dr. Shailesh Talati



Honored with the prestigious Dr. Shilin Shukla Medical Oncology Oration Award, he is served as Director of Medical Services at Apollo CBCC Cancer Care.

Dr. Bharat Parikh



A prominent national leader in cancer therapeutics, he played a crucial role in standardizing FNAC diagnostic protocols for lung cancer at the GCRI.

Dr. Bhavesh Parekh



A Former President of the Association of Physicians of Ahmedabad, he is nationally recognized for his groundbreaking work in leukemia, lymphoma, and complex hematological malignancies.

Dr. Sandip Shah



She has earned prestigious international recognitions, including the International Development and Education Award (IDEA) from the American Society of Clinical Oncology

Dr. Harsha Panchal



A highly dynamic senior medical oncologist with over three decades of clinical expertise, He serves on key national committees, including the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Dr. Chirag Desai



A recipient of the Gold Medal in DM Medical Oncology, selected for the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO). Chief of Medical Oncology Unit-III at the GCRI.

Dr. Sonia Parikh

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Consultant Surgical
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KEY CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

AI in Oncology
How artificial intelligence is reshaping diagnosis and treatment planning.

Understanding Biomarkers
The science driving smarter, faster diagnosis

Entrepreneurship for Clinicians
Building and scaling a sustainable practice beyond the clinic.

Proton Radiotherapy
Next-generation precision in radiation treatment.

Latest Oncology Discoveries
Breakthrough research shaping tomorrow's treatment.

Advanced Screening Techniques
Catching cancer earlier, before symptoms appear.

Precision Oncology
Personalised therapy matched to every tumour profile.

Palliative Care
Comfort and dignity at every stage of care.

Preventive Oncology
Early action that can change the course of outcomes.

Robotic Surgery
Minimally invasive technique, maximum surgical precision.

Cross-Specialty Discussion
Experts across fields, aligned on one shared approach.

Postgraduate Student Quiz
Young minds tested, rising talent celebrated.

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Time	Topic — HALL A
08:00 - 09:00	**Registration & Breakfast**
Head & Neck Cancer	**Convenor: Dr. Muhammed Owaise J.**
09:00 - 09:15	The Current Scenario of Head and Neck Malignancies in Gujarat **Chairperson:** Dr. Rajesh Makadiya, Dr. Bharat Kakdia, Dr. Nikunj Chauhan **Speaker:** Dr. Jigar Paghdar
09:15 - 09:30	Masterclass: Neck Dissection Techniques - Out with the Old, In with the New - **Chairperson:** Dr. Rajesh Makadiya, Dr. Bharat Kakdia, Dr. Nikunj Chauhan **Speaker:** Dr. Bhavin Vadodariya
09:30 - 10:00	Panel Discussion - Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve Preservation Strategies in Advanced Thyroid Cancer - **Chairperson:** Dr. Rajesh Makadia Dr. Bharat Kakadia, Dr. Nikunj Chauhan **Moderator:** Dr. Daxesh Patel **Panelist:** Dr. Yash Pandya, Dr. Nirav Modi, Dr. Purvi Patel, Dr. Vaibhav Hapaliya, Dr. Mohit Korat, Dr. Chetan Mehta, Dr. Shivam Pandya, Dr. Dipen Patel
10:00 - 10:30	Reconstruction in 2026 – Microvascular Surgery Meets Digital Precision **Chairperson:** Dr. Rajesh Makadiya, Dr. Bharat Kakdia, Dr. Nikunj Chauhan, **Moderator:** Dr. Anshuman Kumar **Panelists:** Dr. Gyanendra Mishra, Dr. Akshay Deshpande, Dr. Mitesh Khunt Dr. Bhavin Vadodariya, Dr. Aditi Saha Dr. Pinal Pipaliya, Dr. Nikunj Patel, Dr. Balasubramanian Srinivasan
	TEA BREAK • 10:30 - 11:30

Time	Topic — HALL B
09:00 - 09:50	**Quiz** **Quiz Master: Dr. Ruhi Kumar, Dr. Meghal Gajipara, Dr. Vivek Kadavala**
Gynecological Cancer	**Convenor: Dr. Jigar Paghdar**
09:50 - 10:10	Spot, Stratify, Treat: A Modern Algorithm for Ovarian & Adnexal Masses **Chairperson:** Dr. Darshana Pandya, Dr. Hemant Tongaonkar, Dr. Nita Thakkar **Speaker:** Dr. Anjana Chauhan
10:10 - 10:30	Surgical Talk - Changing trends of Minimally invasive surgery in endometrial and cervical malignancies **Chairperson:** Dr. Darshana Pandya, Dr. Hemant Tongaonkar, Dr. Nita Thakkar **Speaker:** Dr. Swati Shah
10:30 - 10:50	Surgical Talk - Optimal Cytoreductive surgery and the role of HIPEC - Challenges and Outcomes **Chairperson:** Dr. Darshana Pandya, Dr. Hemant Tongaonkar, Dr. Nita Thakkar **Speaker:** Dr. Kalpana Kothari
10:50 - 11:20	Ovarian Panel Discussion - Multidisciplinary Tumour Board: Interactive case discussion on Recurrent Ovarian Malignancy **Chairperson:** Dr. Darshana Pandya, Dr. Nita Thakkar, Dr. Hemant Tongaonkar **Moderator:** Dr. Aditi Bhatt **Panelist:** Dr. Vedant Kumar Modi, Dr. Anne Shrikant, Dr. Swapnil Vanpariya, Dr. Ruchi Rajgor, Dr. Pinaki Mahato, Dr. Chandani Shah, Dr. Pinakin Tandel, Dr. Mahavir Tadaiya, Dr. Gaurang Modi Dr. Pushpendra Hirapara
	TEA BREAK • 11:20 - 11:50

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Time	Topic — HALL A
11:30 - 11:50	Keynote: Recent Advances in Head and Neck Oncology – What Has Changed in Ten Years? **Chairperson:** Dr. Khyati Vasavada, Dr. Shivani Bhatt, Dr. Shailesh Talati, Dr. Bhargav Trivedi **Speaker:** Dr. Ramakant Deshpande
11:50 - 12:10	The Expanding Frontiers of Head & Neck SBRT: Who, When, Where and How? **Chairperson:** Dr. Khyati Vasavada, Dr. Shivani Bhatt, Dr. Shailesh Talati, Dr. Bhargav Trivedi **Speaker:** Dr. Pooja Nandwani
12:10 - 12:30	Modulating the Tumor Microenvironment in Head & Neck Cancers with Metronomic Therapy **Chairperson:** Dr. Khyati Vasavada, Dr. Shivani Bhatt, Dr. Shailesh Talati, Dr. Bhargav Trivedi **Speaker:** Dr. Shripad Banavali
12:30 - 13:00	Panel Discussion: From innovation to impact: Role of Nivolumab in H&N cancers **Chairperson:** Dr. Khyati Vasavada, Dr. Shivani Bhatt, Dr. Shailesh Talati, Dr. Bhargav Trivedi **Moderator:** Dr. Kaushal Patel **Panelist:** Dr. Jay Dadhania, Dr. Kalpesh Prajapati, Dr. Mohit Saxena, Dr. Nitin Chaudhari, Dr. Mohit Modi, Dr. Ruhi Kumar Dr. Ankita Patel, Dr. Pinakin Tandel Dr. Akshay Tajpara

Time	Topic — HALL B
11:50 - 12:10	Extending the Limits of Cytoreductive Surgery in Gynecologic Malignancies **Chairperson:** Dr. H.K.Dobariya, Dr. Anjana Chauhan, Dr. Jigna Ganatra **Speaker:** Dr. Hemant Tongaonkar
12:10 - 12:40	Beyond Chemotherapy in Gynecologic Cancers: PARP, Immunotherapy and Targeted Agents **Chairperson:** Dr. H.K.Dobariya, Dr. Anjana Chauhan, Dr. Jigna Ganatra **Moderator:** Dr. Prashant Kumar Parida **Panelist:** Dr. Keval Kalavadiya, Dr. Pinaki Tandel, Dr. Vijay Moorthy, Dr. Jimmy Dadhania,
12:40 - 13:10	RUBY Trial: Survival Impact of Jemperli in 1L EC - Sponsor **Chairperson:** Dr. H.K.Dobariya, Dr. Anjana Chauhan, Dr. Jigna Ganatra **Speaker:** Dr. Gautam Makadia
13:10 - 13:40	**Padmashri Dr. P.M. Shah Oration Award** **Convenor:** Dr. Bharat Parekh

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13:00 - 13:30	Panel Discussion - Hard Calls in Head & Neck Radiotherapy – Adaptive Planning, Re-irradiation and Organ Preservation **Chairperson:** Dr. Khyati Vasavada, Dr. Shivani Bhatt, Dr. Shailesh Talati, Dr. Bhargav Trivedi **Moderator:** Dr. Kinjal Jani **Panelists:** Dr. Chandani Shah, Dr. Purvi Patel, Dr. Samip Pansora, Dr. Saurabh Markana, Dr. Hina Rathod Dr. Pushpendra Hirapara, Dr. Maulik Bhensdadia, Dr. Gaurang Modi Dr. Balasubramanian Srinivasan	

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Shri Naresh Patel, Shri. Maulesh Ukani, Dr. Gautam Makadia, Dr. Alpesh Kikani, Dr. Suresh Advani, Dr. Hemant Toangoakar, Dr. Bhavesh Parekh, Dr. Ramakant Deshpande, Dr. Bharat Parikh, Dr. Jagdish Kothari, Dr. Shailesh Talati, Dr. Shashank Pandya, Dr. Aasha Aanand, Dr. Bhumi Dave, Dr. Rajan Jagad, Dr. Darshna Pandya, Dr. Tejas Karamata

LUNCH • 13:45 - 14:30

Breast Cancer	Convenor: Dr. Ashwini Jasani (Modi)
14:30 - 14:50	HER2 Reporting and ASCO/CAP Guidline **Chairperson:** Dr. Anagha Zope, Dr. Kirti Patel, Dr. Bharat Parikh, Dr. Jatin Bhatt **Speaker:** Dr. Trupti Pai
14:50 -15:10	Surgical Talk - Oncoplastic Surgery: Techniques for maximizing aesthetic and oncological outcomes **Chairperson:** Dr. Anagha Zope, Dr. Kirti Patel, Dr. Jatin Bhatt **Speaker:** Dr. Rajiv Bhatt
15:10 - 15:30	Surgical Talk - De-escalation of axillary surgery and current guidelines and outcomes **Chairperson:** Dr. Anagha Zope, Dr. Kirti Patel, Dr. Jatin Bhatt **Speaker:** Dr. Tanay Shah

Lung Cancer	Convenor: Dr. Ruhi Kumar
14:40 - 14:55	Treatment Evolution of Non Squamous small cell lung cancer **Chairperson:** Dr. Jatin Sarin, Dr. Bhavesh Parekh **Speaker:**
14:55 - 15:10	Optimizing First-Line Strategy in Advanced EGFRm NSCLC **Chairperson:** Dr. Jatin Sarin, Bhavesh Parekh **Speaker:**
15:10 - 15:25	Rationale to practice: Tislelizumab's promise in Lung Carcinoma **Chairperson:** Dr. Jatin Sarin, Dr. Bhavesh Parekh **Speaker:** Dr. Amit Jetani

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15:30 - 16:00	Panel Discussion: Hard Calls in Breast Surgery - When to Do Less, When to Do More **Chairperson:** Dr. Anagha Zope, Dr. Kirti Patel, Dr. Jatin Bhatt **Moderator:** Dr. Ashutosh Kothari **Panelist:** Dr. Jignesh Meva, Dr. Veer Shah Dr. Rutul Patel, Dr. Rajiv Bhatt, Dr. Darshit Shahm Dr. Tanay Shah, Dr. Dhaval Rajde,
16:00 - 16:20	Keynote talk - Robotic Breast Reconstruction latest advances in 2026 **Chairperson:** Dr. Kirti Patel, Dr. Muhammed Owaise J, Dr. Jatin Bhatt **Speaker:** Dr. Anagha Zope
16:20 - 17:00	Panel Discussion: Entrepreneurship in Medical Field - How I Build a Team & Network Hospitals **Chairperson:** Dr. S. Talati, Dr. Bhavesh Parekh, Dr. Kirti Patel **Moderator:** Dr. Vashishth Maniar, Dr. Jagdish Kothari **Panelist:** Dr. Ankit Patel, Dr. Rajan Jagad, Dr. Mayank Thakkar Dr. Gautam Makadia, Dr. Alpesh Kikani
17:00 - 17:15	Surgical Talk: Oligometastatic Disease - Do we cure or do we Palliate **Chairperson:** Dr. Saurabh Prasad, Dr. Bhavesh Parekh, Dr. S. Talati, Dr. Kirti Patel **Speaker:** Dr. Muhammed Owaise J
TEA BREAK • 17:15 - 17:30	

Time	Topic — HALL B
15:25 - 15:40	Panel Discussion: Navigating EGFRm NSCLC with Amivantamab: Transforming Biology, Extending Survival **Chairperson:** Dr. Jatin Sarin, Dr. Bhavesh Parekh **Moderator:**
15:40 - 16:00	Medical Approach to Small Lung Biopsies: From Slide to Diagnosis Dr. Mitsu Mehta **Chairperson:** Dr. Jatin Sarin, Dr. Bhavesh Parekh **Speaker:** Dr. Trupti Pai
16:00 - 16:30	One Tumor, Three Lenses: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Lung Cancer **Chairperson:** Dr.Jatin Sarin, Dr. Trupti Pai, Dr. Rajan Yadav **Moderator:** Dr. Sampath Kumar **Panelist:** Dr. Vijay Sharnangat, Dr. Suhas Aagre, Dr. Yuganshu Gupta, Dr. Rahul Pathade, Dr. Varun Nagori, Dr. Asif Shaikh, Dr. Tushar Mule, Dr. Amol Kotalwar, Dr. Rajan Yadav Dr. Pinaki Tandel
16:30 - 17:00	Personalizing Immunotherapy in mNSCLC **Chairperson:** **Speaker:**
TEA BREAK • 17:00 - 17:25	
GI Cancer	
17:25 - 17:40	GI Surgical Talk - Recent Advances in Minimally Invasive GI Oncology - The Era of Robotic Surgery **Chairperson:** Dr. Jagdish Kothari, Dr. Rajan Jagad, Dr. Kartik Sutariya **Speaker:** Dr. Bharat Prajapati

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Time	Topic — HALL A
17:30 - 18:00	Panel Discussion - From Evidence to excellence : Optimizing Clinical Outcome in HR+, HER2-, Node - Positive, High Risk EBC **Chairperson:** Dr. Bhavesh Parekh, Dr. Saurabh Prasad **Moderator:** Dr. Pinaki Mahato **Panelists:** Dr. Kaushal Patel, Dr. Darshit Shah, Dr. Sushant Mittal
18:00 - 18:30	Decoding dilemmas in the management of HER2 + Breast Cancer **Moderator:** Dr. Itesh Khatwani **Chairperson:** Dr. Bhavesh Parekh, Dr. Saurabh Prasad **Panelist:** Dr. Madhura Agre, Dr. Nirav Asarawala, Dr. Nahush Tajiliani, Dr. Kumar Saurabh, Dr. Sampath Kumar, Dr. Manan Vaghela, Dr. Mohit Modi, Dr. Amit Jetani, Dr. Amol Kotalwalkar
18:30 - 19:00	AI Usage in Medical Field **Chairperson:** Dr. Bhavesh Parekh, Dr. Saurabh Prasad **Speaker:** Dr. Rajan Jagad

Time	Topic — HALL B
17:40 - 17:55	GI Surgical Talk - Surgical strategies for complex borderline resectable pancreatic cancers and Outcomes. **Chairperson:** Dr. Jagdish Kothari, Dr. Rajan Jagad, Dr. Kartik Sutariya **Speaker:** Dr. Ganesh Nagarajan
17:55 - 18:25	Panel Discussion: GI Surgical Panel - Rapid-Fire Case Discussion: Interactive tumor board review of a complex GI case with our experts **Moderator:** Dr. Aamir Parray **Chairperson:** Dr. Jagdish Kothari, Dr. Rajan Jagad, Dr. Kartik Sutariya **Panelist:** Dr. Nikunj Patel, Dr. Ketul Shah, Dr. Maulik Bhadaniya, Dr. Manish Gandhi, Dr. Jimmy Dadhania, Dr. Saurabh Markana Dr. Manan Vaghela, Dr. Ruhi Kumar
18:25 - 18:40	A new CROSS vs FLOT in Resectable Oesophageal/GEJ Adenocarcinoma: The ESOPEC Paradigm Shift. Era in managing resectable Gastric Cancer with D+Flott **Chairperson:** Dr. Jagdish Kothari, Dr. Rajan Jagad, Dr. Kartik Sutariya **Speaker:** Dr. Ruhi Kumar

Up to 21:00 • Culture Program - RJ Akash

21:00 Onwards • Dinner and GCRI Alumni Reunion

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DAY 2 | 29 NOVEMBER | SUN

Time	Topic
	Hemato Oncology Convenor: Dr. Sujay Rainchwar
08:00 - 09:00	**Registration & Breakfast**
09:00 - 09:20	Navigating New Pathways in the management of Metastatic Melanoma Chairperson: Dr. Sunil Ukani, Dr. Rajendra Lalani, Dr. Ramanuj Speaker: Dr. Sujay Rainchwar
09:20 - 09:40	Reading the CBC Like a Hematologist: Red Flags You Shouldn't Miss Chairperson: Dr. Sunil Ukani, Dr. Rajendra Lalani Speaker: Dr. Hemant Menghani
09:40 - 10:00	Anemia Beyond Iron: Cracking the Cause Before You Treat Chairperson: Dr. Sunil Ukani, Dr. Rajendra Lalani Speaker: Dr. Nidhi Jain
10:00 - 10:30	Panel Discussion: Women's Hematology: Anemia in Pregnancy and Heavy Periods, Hidden Disorders Chairperson: Dr. Sunil Ukani, Dr. Rajendra Lalani, Dr. Babita Hapani Moderator: Dr. Chirag A Shah Panelist: Dr. Hemant Menghani, Dr. Bakul Chaothani, Dr. Dhruv Kotecha, Dr. Nirali Chandan, Dr. Rachit Agrawal ,
10:30 - 11:15	Is It Blood Cancer? Early Signs of Leukemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma Chairperson: Dr. Milap Mashru, Dr. Babita Hapani, Dr. Rahul Gambhir Speaker: Dr. M. B. Agarwal
11:15 - 11:35	Clots and Pregnancy: Thrombosis Prevention Made Simple Chairperson: Dr. Milap Mashru, Dr. Babita Hapani, Dr. Rahul Gambhir Speaker: Dr. B.K.Smruti
11:35 - 11:55	Thalassemia and Sickle Cell: Screening Couples, Saving Generations Chairperson: Dr. Milap Mashru, Dr. Babita Hapani, Dr. Rahul Gambhir Speaker: Dr. Santanu Sen
11:55 - 12:15	CAR T-Cell Therapy Beyond Hematology: What Every Clinician Should Know Chairperson: Dr. Milap Mashru, Dr. Rahul Gambhir Speaker: Dr. Babita Hapani
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DAY 2 | 29 NOVEMBER | SUN

Time	Topic
	Paediatric Haematology Convenor: Dr. Akshay Kamle
12:15 - 12:35	Hemophilia Today: Prophylaxis, Novel Therapies, and a Normal Childhood **Chairperson:** Dr. Bhadresh Vyas, Dr Jayesh Sonvani, Dr. Pankaj M. Buch **Speaker:** Dr. Nita Radhakrishnan
12:35 - 12:55	Precision in childhood cancers-update from PICK4kids **Chairperson:** Dr. Bhadresh Vyas, Dr Jayesh Sonvani, Dr. Pankaj M. Buch **Speaker:** Dr. Shweta Bansal
12:55 - 13:30	Panel Discussion: Beyond Lifelong Transfusions: Transplant as a Cure in Thalassemia **Chairperson:** Dr. Bhadresh Vyas, Dr Jayesh Sonvani, Dr. Pankaj M. Buch **Moderator:** Dr. Velu Nair (Lt. Gen) **Panelist:** Dr. Sujay Rainchwar, Dr. Santanu Sen, Dr. Jay Dhirwani, Dr. Shweta Bansal, Dr. Juhi Shah, Dr. Geeta Khatwani, Dr. Chandani Shah, Dr. Hasmukh Balar
13:30 - 13:50	Childhood Leukemia: Recognise Early, Refer Right, Cure More. (Sponsor Session) **Chairperson:** Dr. Bhadresh Vyas, Dr Jayesh Sonvani, Dr. Pankaj M. Buch **Speaker:** Dr. Akshay Kamle
	LUNCH BREAK • 13:50 - 14:50
14:50 - 15:10	Unravelling the role of OCT4, CD44 and N-cadherin in early-stage recurrent oral cavity squmous cell carcinoma **Convenor:** **Speaker:** Dr. Kishan Patel
15:10 - 15:40	Panel Discussion
15:40 - 16:00	Advances in Targeted Radionuclide Therapy with Imaging pearls: Transforming the Management of Prostate, Neuroendocrine, Thyroid and Other Malignancies **Convenor:** Dr. Gaurang Raval **Speaker:** Dr. Shibiraj Hemant Patel
16:00 - 16:30	Panel Discussion: Tumour board discussion **Convenor:** Dr. Gaurang Raval **Chairperson:**
	TEA BREAK • 16:30 - 16:40

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Where Heritage Meets Hospitality

Rajkot, the cultural heart of Saurashtra, is one of Gujarat's fastest-growing cities, known for its rich history, warm hospitality, and vibrant traditions. Once the capital of the princely state of Rajkot, the city has strong ties to Mahatma Gandhi, who spent part of his childhood here.

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Must-Visit Places

Around Rajkot

- **Kaba Gandhi No Delo** - *Childhood home of Mahatma Gandhi*
- **Watson Museum** - *Rajkot's premier museum showcasing Gujarat's history*
- **Nyari Dam** - *Scenic picnic destination near Rajkot*
- **Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary** - *Paradise for bird watchers and nature lovers*
- **Gir National Park** - *Home of the majestic Asiatic Lion*
- **Somnath Temple** - *One of the twelve Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva*
- **Dwarkadhish Temple** - *Sacred pilgrimage site associated with Lord Krishna*
- **Junagadh - Uparkot Fort** - *Ancient fort with over 2,000 years of history*

