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President's Message



Dear Members,

Warm greetings to all of you.

It is a privilege and an honour to serve as the President of the Society of Onco Anaesthesia and Perioperative Care. As we bring you this first edition of our newsletter, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the enthusiasm and commitment of our members, who continue to strengthen our society.

Cancer care is evolving rapidly and so is the role of the onco-anaesthesiologist. Today, we are not merely providers of anaesthesia - we are integral members of the multidisciplinary cancer care team, contributing to improved perioperative outcomes, enhanced recovery, patient safety, research, education and innovation.

Our society has always believed that knowledge grows when it is shared. Through our webinars, academic meetings, workshops and collaborative educational initiatives, we remain committed to reaching colleagues across the country, including those in remote and resource-limited settings. Every interaction strengthens our collective expertise and ultimately benefits our patients.

Research continues to be one of our key priorities. While significant progress has been made, many important questions in onco-anaesthesia remain unanswered. I encourage every member - especially our young colleagues - to participate in clinical research, multicentre collaborations, audits and publications that will help shape the future of our specialty.

This newsletter reflects the energy of our members. It showcases society activities, achievements, educational initiatives, member contributions and future plans, serving as a platform to learn from one another and celebrate our collective accomplishments. It marks another important milestone in our journey.

I sincerely thank the Editorial Team, contributors, reviewers and every member whose efforts have made this newsletter possible. Your passion and commitment are the driving force behind our society's continued growth.

Together, let us continue to learn, lead and make a meaningful difference.

With warm regards,

Dr. Namrata Ranganath

President

Society of Onco Anaesthesia and Perioperative Care



Dear SOAPC Members,

Greetings from the SOAPC secretariat.

Society of OncoAnaesthesia and Perioperative Care or SOAPC as we fondly call it, has grown to be a vibrant and cohesive group of doctors committed to the perioperative care of cancer patients. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. J.V. Divatia, Dr. Jyotsna Goswami, Dr. Raghu Thota, Dr. Sohan Solanki and all the pioneers and leaders of SOAPC who have made this possible.

Today we are a society of nearly eight hundred life members, with eleven active SOAPC city branches. It is proud moment for each one of us as we release the first newsletter. I congratulate Dr Jeson Doctor, Dr Vibhavari Naik, Dr Swapnil Parab and other members of the newsletter core group in bringing out an excellent first edition.

This newsletter has been envisioned as an important framework for connecting our members. It will showcase various aspects of SOAPC functioning such as city branch inauguration, highlighting their activities, CMEs and workshops done under the aegis of SOAPC, celebrating achievements of our members, sharing updates on centres conducting Fellowship in oncoanaesthesia and perioperative medicine (FOAPM), and much more.

I hope that the newsletter continues to grow in scope and impact, fostering stronger engagement amongst members and creating greater opportunities of mentorship for young Oncoanaesthesiologists. It should also play an important role in enhancing the reach, visibility and collective identity of SOAPC.

Long live SOAPC.

Dr Basanth Rayani
Secretary, SOAPC National

Journal of Onco-Anaesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine - JOAPM Editor-in-Chief Message

It is a privilege and an honour to connect with the members of the Society of Onco-Anaesthesia and Perioperative Care (SOAPC) through this newsletter. We extend our congratulations to the newsletter team for producing this important publication, which will inform members about the various activities undertaken by the society.



It is a matter of pride to share the remarkable progress of the Journal of Onco-Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine (JOAPM), the official scientific publication of our society. The journal was included in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) during its second year itself. This recognition demonstrates our commitment to maintaining high standards of scientific quality, editorial integrity, ethical publishing, and global accessibility. We are confident that JOAPM will soon achieve additional milestones in indexing. JOAPM was established with the vision of providing a dedicated platform to advance knowledge in Onco-Anaesthesiology, perioperative medicine, critical care, pain, and palliative medicine.

Over the past three years, the journal has experienced notable growth in both the quality and diversity of submissions, attracting contributions from clinicians, researchers, educators, and trainees from India and internationally. Each published manuscript contributes to strengthening the evidence base that supports improved patient care.

The journey of JOAPM over the past three years has been fully supported by the Governing Body of SOAPC, whose unwavering trust, vision, and continuous support have been instrumental in developing the journal. We also acknowledge the great support from our dedicated Editorial Board, whose expertise and dedication maintain the scientific quality of each issue. We also appreciate our peer reviewers, whose careful and timely evaluations uphold the journal's rigour. Most importantly, we thank our authors; their confidence in JOAPM and their valuable scientific contributions are the cornerstone of the journal's ongoing success. With our vision for achieving greater visibility, international recognition, and advancement of the science, we invite researchers, clinicians, academics, and trainees to consider JOAPM as their preferred platform for disseminating high-quality research and scholarly work. Our shared goal is not only to publish rigorous science but also to foster collaboration, encourage innovation, support early-career researchers, and promote evidence-based clinical practice.

We urge the SOAPC community to contribute to JOAPM as an author, reviewer, and ambassador for the journal. Together, we can continue to strengthen JOAPM and advance the science and practice of onco-anaesthesiology and perioperative medicine.

We sincerely thank each one of you for the continued trust, encouragement, and kind support in this journey of JOAPM.

With warm regards,
Dr. (Prof.) Rakesh Garg
Editor-in-Chief JOAPM

On behalf of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Onco-Anaesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine (JOAPM)

From the Editorial Desk

It is with great pleasure that we present the inaugural issue of our Society of Oncoanaesthesia and Perioperative Care (SOAPC) Newsletter. This annual newsletter marks the beginning of a platform dedicated to sharing knowledge, celebrating achievements, and strengthening collaboration among our members committed to the evolving field of oncoanaesthesia.

Our specialty continues to play a pivotal role in delivering safe, evidence-based, and patient-centered perioperative care for patients undergoing cancer surgery. Through this newsletter, we aim to highlight recent branch activities, academic initiatives, educational programs, workshops, conferences, and noteworthy achievements of our members. We also hope to provide updates on new guidelines, research, innovations, and opportunities for professional development in the subsequent newsletters.

Over the past few years, our branch has witnessed encouraging growth in membership and enthusiastic participation in scientific meetings and continuing medical education programs. We warmly welcome our new members and express our gratitude to our senior colleagues, faculty, and office bearers whose guidance and dedication continue to inspire excellence within our specialty.

This newsletter belongs to every member of our branch. We encourage you to actively contribute by sharing articles, interesting case experiences, research highlights, photographs from branch events, and news of academic and professional accomplishments. Your contributions will ensure that this publication remains vibrant, informative, and representative of our collective journey.

As we launch this first issue, we look forward to building a strong tradition of communication, learning, and camaraderie. May this newsletter serve as a bridge connecting our members, fostering academic excellence, and inspiring continued growth in the field of oncoanaesthesia.

Happy reading, and we look forward to your continued support and valuable contributions in the issues to come.



Dr Jeson R Doctor



Dr Vibhavari Naik



Dr Swapnil Parab

Activities by SOAPC Mumbai City Branch

During the year 2025, the SOAPC Mumbai Branch successfully organized three academic and clinical educational events. These programs focused on advancing perioperative care, fostering clinical research skills, and demonstrating cutting-edge diagnostic modalities like Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing (CPET). The events utilized a hybrid format, successfully engaging healthcare professionals across both in-person and virtual platforms.

Prehab: Proactive Recovery

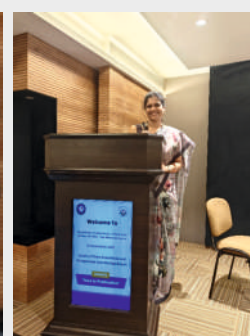
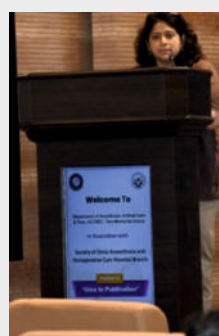
- Date: 26 April 2025
- Focus: Strategies for optimizing patient health and functional capacity prior to major oncological surgeries to improve postoperative outcomes.
- Participation:
 - o In-Person: 53
 - o Virtual: 36
 - o Total: 89 participants



Activities by SOAPC Mumbai City Branch

Idea to Publication

- Date: 26 July 2025
- Focus: Academic writing, research methodology, and navigating the clinical journal publication process for health care personnel.
- Participation:
 - o In-Person: 62
 - o Virtual: 34
 - o Total: 96 participants



Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing (CPET): Real-time Demo with Clinical Cases

- Date: 25 November 2025
- Focus: Practical, real-time clinical demonstration of CPET setup, data interpretation, and its application in risk-stratification for high-risk surgical candidates.
- Participation:
 - o In-Person: 19
 - o Virtual: 21
 - o Total: 40 participants



The events attracted a diverse cohort of healthcare professionals involved in the perioperative and oncological care continuum. The multidisciplinary attendee profile included:

- Consultants & Specialists: Attending physicians from Anaesthesia, Surgical Oncology, Medical Oncology and various other branches.
- Resident Trainees: Junior doctors and fellows pursuing specialization in anaesthesia and surgical disciplines.
- Nursing Staff: Perioperative, intensive care, and oncology nurses crucial to patient recovery and monitoring.
- Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapist
- Allied Healthcare Professionals: Anaesthesia technologists.

Activities by SOAPC Mumbai City Branch

This broad demographic highlights the multi-specialty appeal of the branch's educational initiatives and underscores the collaborative approach required for patient care.

Eminent national and international faculty led the sessions, sharing global benchmarks alongside practical, local clinical strategies. This ensured relevant learning for all participants.

In alignment with global healthcare standards, branch members developed an educational awareness video for Patient Safety Week in March 2026. The initiative successfully highlighted the pillars of perioperative safety emphasizing the systematic use of the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist to prevent avoidable adverse events in the operating theatre, redefining and promoting the role of the anesthesiologist beyond the operating room extending into preoperative optimization and comprehensive postoperative care, preventing medication errors, encouraging a transparent, no-blame institutional culture focused on reporting, analyzing, and learning from near-misses and demonstrating the value of routine data review and quality assessments to continuously improve clinical outcomes.



SOAPC Mumbai branch also organized a photography contest on the occasion of Woman's Day 2026 on the theme Give to Gain. The contest winner was awarded complimentary registration for the branch's upcoming flagship academic event, "Idea to Publication 2026".

Activities by SOAPC Hyderabad City Branch

ONCO-AIRWAY Workshop 2025 – Event Summary

Organized by:

Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital & Research Institute (BIACH&RI), Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, TS.

In collaboration with: **SOAPC National**

Date: 5 October 2025 | Venue: Auditorium, BIACH&RI.

The ONCO-AIRWAY Workshop 2025, themed "No-Desat", was successfully conducted at BIACH&RI in collaboration with SOAPC National, marking a significant milestone with the formal inauguration of the SOAPC Hyderabad Branch. Dr. D Padmaja (Chairperson), Dr. Venugopal Kulkarni (Secretary), Dr. Indira Gurajala (Treasurer) were sworn in along with Dr. Sunjoy Verma, Dr. Raja Viswanath, Dr. Aanchal Bharuka and Dr. Priyanka K as Executive committee members. Dr. Raghu Thota, founder secretary of SOAPC also graced the occasion. The program attracted postgraduate students, fellows, practicing anesthesiologists, intensivists, and emergency physicians; 50 delegates in total, offering them a comprehensive learning experience in advanced airway management in oncology. The workshop commenced with an introductory session by Dr. Vibhavari Naik, outlining the Why-What-How of oncology airway care. This was followed by a series of high-impact scientific talks delivered by eminent faculty including Dr. Murali Srivatsav, Dr. Kapil Dutt, Dr. Sohan Solanki and Dr. Harini Narayanan, covering critical topics such as airway assessment, strategic planning, apneic oxygenation, and challenges in extubation after cancer surgery.

A major highlight of the workshop was the 'Airway MAYDAY!! Simulation', conducted by the BIACH&RI team. This immersive, crisis-based simulation allowed participants to witness high-pressure airway scenarios, emphasizing calm communication, teamwork, and rapid decision-making. It was followed by an engaging debriefing with the delegates.

The Panel Discussion on "Challenging Airway Scenarios", moderated by Dr. M. Asiel Christopher, featured six distinguished experts — Dr. Namrata R, Dr. NK Vinod, Dr. Basanth K Rayani, Dr. Vibhavari Naik, Dr. B Narahari, and Dr. Poornachand Anne. The panel brought rich insights, practical reasoning, and diversified perspectives to real-world airway dilemmas.



Activities by SOAPC Hyderabad City Branch

Following the inauguration of the SOAPC Hyderabad Branch, the afternoon was dedicated to hands-on skill enhancement across five dynamic stations, each facilitated by expert faculty:

1. Airway Ultrasound (USG) - Dr. Poornachand Anne, Dr. M. Asiel Christopher
2. Supraglottic Airway Devices (SGAs) - Dr. Kapil Dutt, Dr. Murali Srivatsav
3. Video Laryngoscopes (VLS) & Airway Adjuncts – Dr. Sushma K, Dr. Sandeep V.D
4. Fiberoptic Bronchoscopy (FOB) - Dr. Aanchal Bharuka, Dr. Sravya Adda
5. e-FONA & Jet Ventilation Techniques – Dr. Nitya Reddy, Dr. Snigdha Bellapukonda

Participants praised the workshop for its structured format, practical depth, faculty expertise, and immersive learning approach. The event concluded with certificate and prize distribution. The ONCO-AIRWAY Workshop 2025 successfully achieved its objective of strengthening airway management skills in cancer patients, while also marking the beginning of SOAPC Hyderabad Branch supported by SOAPC National.



The Department of Anaesthesia, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad, in collaboration with the Society of Onco Anaesthesia and Perioperative Care (SOAPC), Hyderabad City Branch, and the ISA Hyderabad City Branch, successfully conducted a two-day hybrid academic programme on "Advanced Hemodynamic Monitoring in Onco-Anaesthesia" on 25–26 April 2026. Conceived as an advanced educational initiative for practising anaesthesiologists, the programme seamlessly integrated evidence-based didactic teaching with simulation-based experiential learning to enhance the understanding and clinical application of advanced hemodynamic monitoring in perioperative oncology.

Activities by SOAPC Hyderabad City Branch

The programme was hosted at the Advanced Critical Care Simulation Centre, Department of Anaesthesia, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad, under the leadership of the organizing committee comprising Dr. Padmaja (Organising Chairman), Dr. Nirmala (Organising Co-Chairman), Dr. Indira (Organising Secretary), and Dr. Rama Krishna (Treasurer).

Day 1 – Online Scientific Sessions

The academic programme commenced on 25 April 2026 with a four-hour virtual scientific session conducted via Zoom. The online platform brought together an eminent panel of distinguished national and international faculty who shared their expertise on contemporary concepts and emerging advances in perioperative hemodynamic monitoring.

The faculty included Dr. Padmaja Durga (Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad), Dr. Vijaya Patil (Head, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai), Dr. Vibhavari Naik (Basavatarakam Indo American Cancer Hospital & Research Institute, Hyderabad), Dr. Jyotsna Goswami (Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata), Dr. Raj Sahajanand (Sultan Qaboos Comprehensive Cancer Care Center, Muscat, Oman), Dr. Satheesh Kumar (Christian Medical College, Vellore), Dr. Venugopal Kulkarni (Sindhu Hospitals, Hyderabad), and Dr. Lakshmi Kumar (Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Kochi).

The lectures focused on clinically relevant aspects of advanced hemodynamic monitoring, including physiological principles, interpretation of advanced monitoring parameters, perioperative optimization strategies, cardiac output monitoring, echocardiography-guided management, and evidence-based approaches to managing high-risk oncological patients. The scientific sessions stimulated lively discussions and interactive question-and-answer sessions, with participation peaking at nearly 140 delegates, reflecting the keen interest in this rapidly evolving area of onco-anaesthesia.

Day 2 – Simulation-Based Clinical Learning

The second day of the programme was conducted at the Advanced Critical Care Simulation Centre, NIMS, Hyderabad, and was devoted entirely to simulation-based clinical learning. Six meticulously designed, high-fidelity clinical scenarios recreated complex perioperative situations commonly encountered in onco-anaesthesia, enabling participants to apply theoretical concepts in a realistic yet safe learning environment.

Each simulation station was led by an experienced faculty member and supported by consultant facilitators, promoting active participation, collaborative decision-making, and structured debriefing.

The simulation scenarios included:

- Massive Intraoperative Blood Loss – Team Lead: Dr. Vibhavari Naik
- Intraoperative Venous Air Embolism – Team Lead: Dr. Padmaja Durga
- Postoperative Myocardial Infarction – Team Lead: Dr. Shibani
- Postoperative Sepsis – Team Lead: Dr. Sailaja Kamabathula
- Right Ventricular Failure after Lung Cancer Surgery – Team Lead: Dr. Venugopal Kulkarni
- Vasoplegia after Cytoreductive Surgery with Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) - Team Lead: Dr. Aanchal Bharuka

Activities by SOAPC Hyderabad City Branch

The simulation exercises emphasized systematic clinical assessment, advanced hemodynamic interpretation, focused perioperative ultrasonography and echocardiography, cardiac output monitoring, goal-directed fluid therapy, vasoactive drug management, and crisis resource management. Faculty-led debriefing after each scenario facilitated reflective learning, reinforced evidence-based clinical practice, and encouraged multidisciplinary discussion. The immersive learning environment enabled participants to strengthen both cognitive and technical skills while enhancing confidence in managing complex perioperative oncological emergencies.

Participant Feedback

The programme received excellent feedback, with over 95% overall satisfaction. Participants appreciated the interactive, simulation-based learning, expert faculty, practical case discussions, hands-on training, and reported greater confidence in applying advanced hemodynamic monitoring in clinical practice.

The Organising Committee thanks the faculty, delegates, and NIMS Simulation Centre, reaffirming SOAPC's commitment to excellence in perioperative education and simulation-based learning.



Activities by SOAPC Lucknow City Branch

“SOAPC Lucknow City Branch Inaugural CME”

The inaugural Onco-Anaesthesia Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme of the SOAPC Lucknow City Branch was successfully organised at the Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGIMS), Lucknow, on 6 April 2025. The CME was organised by Dr Sandeep Sahu and Dr Indubala Maurya and featured eminent national faculty members who shared their knowledge and clinical experience. The programme was conducted in a hybrid mode, allowing participants to attend either in person or online. The scientific sessions focused on the latest innovations, current challenges, and evidence-based practices in the perioperative care of patients undergoing cancer surgery.

Topics included preoperative assessment, intraoperative anaesthetic management, postoperative pain management, critical care, enhanced recovery after surgery, and multidisciplinary approaches to improving patient outcomes. Dr Jyotsna Goswami, President of the Society of Onco-Anaesthesia and Perioperative Care (SOAPC), and Dr Sohan Solanki, Secretary of SOAPC, highlighted the increasing importance of specialised anaesthesia care for cancer patients. They emphasised the need for continuous medical education, research, and collaboration to improve perioperative care and patient safety in oncology. One of the major highlights of the event was the release of the Textbook of Onco-Anaesthesia and Critical Care, a comprehensive reference book authored by leading experts in the speciality. The textbook covers key aspects of onco-anaesthesia and critical care, drawing on current evidence and practical clinical guidance.

Another significant achievement during the event was the formal inauguration of the Lucknow City Branch of the Society of Onco-Anaesthesia and Perioperative Care (SOAPC).



Activities by SOAPC Lucknow City Branch

The Society of Onco-Anaesthesia and Perioperative Care (SOAPC), Lucknow City Branch, in collaboration with The Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists (ISA), Lucknow City Branch, successfully organised a focused academic meeting on 17 September 2025 at the Trauma Centre Auditorium, KGMU, Lucknow.

Anaesthesia in Gynaec-oncological Surgeries: Challenges & Perspectives

The scientific session was centred on the theme, “Anaesthesia in Gynaecological Oncological Surgeries: Challenges & Perspectives,” highlighting the evolving role of anaesthesiologists in the multidisciplinary management of women with gynaecological cancers. The programme brought together experts from anaesthesiology, oncology, and surgery to discuss current evidence and practical approaches to perioperative care. Dr Ashish Khanna delivered an insightful lecture on the impact of radiotherapy and chemotherapy on anaesthetic management, while Dr. Kriti Nagar highlighted the role of Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) protocols in improving patient outcomes. Dr Abhishek Kumar discussed the anaesthetic challenges associated with cytoreductive surgery and HIPEC, with special emphasis on fluid and temperature management. Dr. Nisha Singh provided the surgeon's perspective on recent advances in gynaecological oncology, enabling participants to better understand evolving surgical practices.

The programme concluded with an enlightening session by Dr. Sarita Singh on the expanding role of anaesthesiologists in palliative care beyond the operating theatre. The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony and networking over tea.



Activities by SOAPC Kolkata City Branch

Pain & Oncoanaesthesia Update 2025

Department of Anaesthesiology, Perioperative Care and Pain Management, Medica Superspeciality Hospital, Kolkata (A unit of Manipal Hospitals) organised in collaboration of two societies, the West Bengal Society for the Study of Pain (WBSSP) and the Society of Oncoanaesthesia and Perioperative Care (SOAPC) Kolkata city branch a gala event titled "PAIN & ONCOANAESTHESIA UPDATE 2025". It was held on 7th of June, 2025 Saturday evening and more than 220 registrants including ONLINE and OFFLINE witnessed this academic feast as it was transmitted online via CLIRNET platform for the national and international delegates. The CME was based on hip pain and eminent faculty members went through its various sessions which clarified the related anatomy, various associated pain syndromes, pharmacological, non pharmacological, and interventional aspects of pain management. Live ultrasound demonstration on volunteers by experts made the discussion more lucid and interesting. An august gathering of around 120 delegates and faculty members enjoyed the unique, interesting and thought-provoking sessions like surgeon's perspective, role of onco-anaesthesiologists, important aspects of consent, explanation and litigations in pain and anaesthesia practice. Respected National office bearers (Presidents) of Indian society for the study of pain (ISSP) and Society of onco-anaesthesia and perioperative care (SOAPC) deliberated and mentioned the contribution of these societies towards the development of better future world. Thank you everyone for making a successful program.



Activities by SOAPC Kolkata City Branch

The 3rd state level annual hybrid conference of Society of Oncoanaesthesia & Perioperative care, Kolkata city branch was held this year in two phases, the WORKSHOP on 26th October and the CME on 16th November at Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Research Institute, Thakurpukur, Kolkata.

About 70-odd delegates participated in the WORKSHOP on 26th October at IPGMER & SSKM Hospital where various aspects of onco-anesthesia practice were shown hands-on on volunteers/ manikins for a comprehensive understanding. Hemodynamic monitoring, lung ultrasound, airway ultrasound, transthoracic echocardiography (TTE) & transoesophageal echocardiography (TEE) were taught at length to the participants by eminent state/ national faculties. It was a landmark event where TEE was demonstrated first time ever beyond cardiac anaesthesia arena in Kolkata.

The event was ended in very high note with sheer appreciation from the participants.



Activities by SOAPC Kolkata City Branch

About 150 offline delegates and 40 online delegates participated in the CME on the 16th November, which started at 8.30 am and concluded at 6 pm. Apart from scientific deliberations on various subjects of Oncoanaesthesia, pain management, critical care, palliative care, and ethical issues, e-posters were presented by the PG students through a competition, and there was a display of photographic skills of delegates which kept the visitors awestruck. Industry participation in the form of exhibition stalls, banner display and other audiovisual aids was satisfactory.

Prof. (Dr) Arnab Gupta, Director, SGCCRI, Thakurpukur graced the inaugural session as the chief guest, while Dr. Namrata Ranganath, National President, SOAPC addressed through online platform. Other eminent faculties, including departmental HODs from AIIMS Kalyani, TMC Kolkata, Apollo Multispeciality Hospital, Manipal E.M.Bypass Hospital, Manipal Dhakuria Hospital, Midnapore Medical College, R G Kar Medical College and many others were present during the discourse. All the delegates / faculties shared their satisfaction and praised the conduct of the CME and the picturesque ambience of the SGCCRI premises.

After the valedictory function, a cultural program was held at the same auditorium, where senior members of the society took part, along with Dr Arnab Gupta himself. It all ended on a happy note and with a promise to meet again in upcoming years.



Activities by SOAPC Chennai City Branch

The Chennai City Chapter of the Society of Oncoanaesthesia and Perioperative Care (SOAPC) has consistently been at the forefront of academic excellence, fostering innovation and advancing education in oncoanaesthesia through a series of landmark scientific events over the past decade.

A significant milestone in this journey was OASyS 2023 – OncoAnaesthesia Symposium and Synopsis, held on 24 September 2023 at Hotel Ramada under the leadership of Dr. Kalpana Balakrishnan and under the aegis of SOAPC. The symposium marked a historic occasion with the inauguration of the SOAPC Chennai City Chapter by the then President, Dr. Jyotsna Goswami, and the then Secretary, Dr. Sohan Solanki. The chapter is led by its founding President, Dr. Punitha Chockalingam. OASyS 2023 featured engaging case-based discussions and innovative "Snippet" presentations, providing an interactive platform for knowledge sharing and clinical learning.

Adding another proud milestone to this journey, the Cancer Institute, Adyar has been accredited with two seats for the Fellowship in Onco Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine (FOAPM) from this year onwards. Building on this momentum, the Chennai City Chapter proudly hosted SOAPCCON 2025, the annual international conference of SOAPC, at the IIT Madras Research Park. The two-day scientific extravaganza brought together distinguished national and international faculty, showcasing the latest advances in oncoanaesthesia and perioperative care.

Complementing the conference were a series of hands-on workshops conducted across leading institutions in Chennai, including a High-Fidelity Simulation Workshop at the Simulation Centre, Apollo Hospitals, Vanagaram; CPET and Airway Workshops at the Cancer Institute (WIA); a Chronic Pain Management Workshop at GEM Hospital; and an OncoPOCUS Workshop at Gleneagles Global Health City. These workshops provided participants with invaluable practical experience under expert guidance.

Continuing its commitment to advancing airway education, the Chennai City Chapter organized B.R.E.A.T.H.E – Let the Oxygen Flow In on 21 June 2026, an exclusive airway workshop that combined academic rigor with immersive hands-on learning. The programme featured insightful lectures by eminent faculty from Christian Medical College, Vellore and Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, alongside a first-of-its-kind Airway Radiology session utilizing the Medsynapse platform, expertly delivered by Dr. Sahitya. Participants also benefited from hands-on training with advanced airway devices, high-fidelity airway simulation scenarios, and structured debriefing sessions that reinforced critical decision-making and team-based crisis management.

From the inception of the Chennai City Chapter to the successful organization of international conferences, innovative workshops, and cutting-edge simulation programmes, the journey has been defined by academic excellence, collaboration, and an unwavering commitment to improving perioperative care for patients with cancer. As the chapter continues to grow, it remains dedicated to creating meaningful learning opportunities and inspiring the next generation of oncoanaesthesiologists.

Activities by SOAPC Chennai City Branch



SOAPCCON 2025 at IIT Madras Research Park



Interactive audience during the Q& A sessions during the SOAPCCON 2025

Activities by SOAPC Chennai City Branch



Dr J. Balavenkatasubramanian, Secretary World Federation Of Society Of Anesthesiologists and Senior Consultant Anesthetist & Academic Director, Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore is seen inaugurating the SOAPCCON 2025 at Chennai along with senior dignitaries namely Dr Sohan Solanki, Professor, Department Of Anesthesia, Tata Memorial Hospital Mumbai, Dr Jyotsna Goswami, Head Of the Department of Anesthesia, Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata, Dr Kalpana Balakrishnan , Director and CEO , Cancer Institute (WIA), Chennai and Dr Jayaprakash Indian Society OF Anesthesia (ISA) Chennai city branch secretary.

A glimpse at the B.R.E.A.T.H.E : Airway Workshop



Activities by SOAPC Chennai City Branch



The enthusiastic airway workshop participants and faculty:

Activities by SOAPC Nagpur City Branch

OPAL 2026 SOAPC Nagpur City Branch Inaugural CME

The Department of Anaesthesiology, AIIMS Nagpur, proudly hosted OPAL 2026 (Oncoanaesthesia, Pain and Palliative/Life Care) on 25–26 April 2026, marking a significant milestone in advancing perioperative cancer care and pain management. The event also witnessed the formal inauguration of the SOAPC Nagpur Chapter, strengthening the society's growing academic footprint in central India.

The two-day academic programme brought together distinguished national faculty, experts in oncoanaesthesia, pain medicine, and perioperative care, who shared their experience through insightful lectures, panel discussions, and interactive sessions. The meeting highlighted contemporary concepts in multidisciplinary cancer pain management, enhanced recovery pathways, regional anaesthesia, and palliative care, fostering meaningful academic exchange among anaesthesiologists, surgeons, residents, and allied specialists. The presence and encouragement of the national SOAPC leadership further reinforced the society's commitment to promoting excellence in education and research.

A major highlight of OPAL 2026 was the hands-on Cadaveric Workshop conducted on the second day. Participants received practical training in ultrasound- and C-arm-guided pain interventions, including stellate ganglion and coeliac plexus blocks, under the guidance of experienced faculty. The workshop provided an invaluable opportunity for residents and faculty to refine procedural skills essential for modern cancer pain management.

The formal installation of the SOAPC Nagpur chapter marked the beginning of a new era for regional academic collaboration. Under the leadership of Chairman Dr. Vivek Bhargava, Secretary Dr. Deepali Jamgade, Treasurer Dr. Revanth Challa, along with the executive committee members, the chapter aims to promote education, research, skill development, and multidisciplinary collaboration in oncoanaesthesia, perioperative medicine, and cancer pain management.

OPAL 2026 reflected AIIMS Nagpur's commitment to advancing patient-centred perioperative cancer care through innovation, education, and collaboration. With the successful launch of the SOAPC Nagpur chapter, the organising team looks forward to building a vibrant academic platform that will continue to inspire learning, foster research, and improve the quality of cancer care across the region.



Activities by SOAPC Nagpur City Branch



OPAL (Oncoanaesthesia, Pain, Palliative care/Life Care) with a theme Cancer pain was conducted.

A landmark milestone for oncoanaesthesia at AIIMS Nagpur!

We are thrilled to share the successful inauguration of OPAL 2026 and the formal installation of the SOAPC Nagpur chapter. The event was a true academic feast, enriched by the presence of our national leadership and esteemed faculty.

A special thank you to our SOAPC office bearers for their guidance and participation:

- Dr. Basanth Rayani, Secretary, SOAPC
- Dr. NK Vinod, Treasurer, SOAPC

Activities by SOAPC Nagpur City Branch

• We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to our distinguished guest faculty who graced the occasion with their expertise: **Dr. Raghu Thota (TMH)**, **Dr. Sheetal Gaikwad (TMH)**, **Dr. Rampal Singh (AIIMS Raipur)**, **Dr. Mithilesh Kumar (Gangaram)**, and **Dr. Anjali Pingle (Hinduja)**.



The momentum continued with a highly successful Cadaveric Workshop on April 26th, providing vital hands-on training in C-arm and USG-guided interventions (including stellate ganglion and coeliac plexus blocks) to a dedicated pool of JRs, SRs, and faculty.

Onward to better perioperative care!

Activities by SOAPC Nagpur City Branch



Dr Mithilesh kumar and Dr Rampal sir, Dr Radhika Dr Sheetal Gaikwad teaching students the C-ARM and USG guided blocks. Dr Tarnekar HOD anatomy showing cut specimens and Dr Basanth, Dr Vinod having a keen look



THE SOCIETY OF ONCOANAESTHESIA AND PERIOPERATIVE CARE (SOAPC)

Installation Ceremony

Date : 25th April 2026

Under The Guidance of

Dr. Namrata Rangnath
SOAPC National President

By The Hands of

Dr. Basanth Rayani
SOAPC National Secretary

Dr. A. K. Vinod
SOAPC National Treasurer

New Team for the SOAPC Nagpur City Branch

Dr. Vivek Bhargava
Chairman

Dr. Deepali Jamgade
Secretary

Dr. Revanth Challa
Treasurer

Executive Members

Dr. Bhuvaneshwari Balasubramanian

Dr. Neha Gulkari

Dr. Snehal Naik

Dr. Nikhil Bhalerao



In the evening The Nagpur Chapter of SOAPC was installed

Oncopulse 2026 Inaugural CME of SOAPC Thiruvananthapuram

The Department of Anaesthesiology proudly hosted Oncopulse 2026, a one-day academic conference at the Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, on 26 January 2026. Held at Level 8 Auditorium (B Block) from 08:00 to 17:00, the conference also marked the formal inauguration of the Thiruvananthapuram City Branch of the Society of OncoAnaesthesia and Perioperative Care (SOAPC).

The event was inaugurated by our esteemed Director, Dr. Rejnish Kumar, and drew exceptional engagement: 91 delegates attended in person and 49 participated virtually. Under the stewardship of Organising Chairperson Dr. Mary Thomas (Professor & Head), Organising Secretary Dr. Subha R (Additional Professor), and Treasurer Dr. Venugopal A, the conference showcased rigorous scientific discourse and flawless organization. The scientific programme was curated by Dr. Bhagyalakshmi Ramesh and Dr. Deepthi J. Prabhu, whose contributions ensured a high-quality academic experience and was attended by SOAPC members from all over Kerala and adjacent state of Tamilnadu.

Oncopulse 2026 concluded as both a scholarly and institutional success, generating a net surplus of Rs.1.71 lakh for the RCC Project Cell. The highlight of the day was the formal inauguration of the Thiruvananthapuram City Branch of SOAPC by National President Dr. Namrata Ranganath and National Secretary Dr. Basanth Kumar Rayani - an important milestone in the advancement of perioperative care and oncological anaesthesia in the region.

Leadership of the newly established city branch comprises:

Chairperson: Dr. Mary Thomas
Secretary: Dr. Mallika Balakrishnan
Treasurer: Dr. Subha R

Executive committee members:

Dr. Viji S. Pillai
Dr. Rajasree O.
Dr. Frenny Ann Philip
Dr. Aravinthan Mamallan (Representative outside RCC)

The establishment of the Thiruvananthapuram City Branch of SOAPC marks a major step forward in the advancement of oncological anaesthesia and perioperative care, poised to strengthen collaboration, education, and patient-centred practice across the city.

The SOAPC Thiruvananthapuram City Branch convened its first city branch meeting on 2nd May 2026 at the Classic Pavilion Hotel, Killippalam, Thiruvananthapuram. The academic programme attracted a strong turnout of consultants and postgraduate students.

Dr. Mary Thomas, President of the SOAPC Thiruvananthapuram City Branch, warmly welcomed all delegates and set the tone for an engaging session. Expert talks by Dr. Viji S. Pillai and Dr. Bhagyalakshmi Ramesh explored advanced topics in thoracic anaesthesia, focusing on bronchial blockers and the management of hypoxaemia during one-lung ventilation. Their presentations were followed by a practical, hands-on workshop covering bronchoscopy techniques, insertion of bronchial blockers, and front-of-neck access (FONA).

Activities by SOAPC Thirvananthapuram City Branch

Dr. Mallika Balakrishnan, Secretary of the city branch, expressed the vote of thanks. The meeting concluded at midday and was followed by a delightful lunch.



Oncosurgery and Anaesthesia: Bridging the Divide for Better Outcomes



The Vellore City Branch of the Society of Oncoanaesthesia and Perioperative Care (SOAPC) successfully conducted its inaugural Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on 11 April 2026 at Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore. The meeting was themed “Oncosurgery and Anaesthesia: Bridging the Divide for Better Outcomes,” reflecting the importance of collaborative, multidisciplinary perioperative care for patients undergoing cancer surgery.

The newly formed branch is led by Dr. Tony Chandy, Head of the Department of Anaesthesia, CMC Vellore, as Chairperson, with Dr. Satish D. serving as Vice-Chairperson. Dr. Amit Mathew assumed office as Secretary, while Dr. Samuel David Chandran took over as Treasurer. The Executive Committee also includes Dr. Nitish Vijayanand and Dr. Bernice Theodore.

The one-day academic programme brought together anaesthesiologists, surgeons, perioperative physicians, and trainees, fostering meaningful dialogue across specialties to strengthen multidisciplinary cancer care. Expert faculty delivered focused lectures on perioperative risk stratification, anaesthetic management of major oncological resections, the interaction between anaesthesia and oncologic therapies, blood conservation strategies, and perioperative pain management.

Interactive panel discussions addressed practical challenges including airway and vascular access in complex oncological procedures, optimisation of frail and immunocompromised patients, and strategies to enhance communication and coordination between surgical and anaesthesia teams. The coming together of senior surgeons, physicians, and anaesthesiologists from diverse specialties was the defining highlight of the meeting, laying a strong foundation for future multidisciplinary collaborations and further advancing the field of oncoanaesthesia.

The CME received excellent feedback from participants, who rated the sessions highly for their clinical relevance and immediate applicability to day-to-day practice. The organising committee gratefully acknowledges the leadership, guidance, and academic support of the national SOAPC office bearers—Dr. Sohan Solanki, Dr. Namrata R., and Dr. Basanth K. Rayani—whose presence significantly contributed to the success of the inaugural meeting. A special note of appreciation is extended to Dr. Aravind and Dr. Punitha for sharing numerous practical, high-yield clinical insights drawn from their extensive experience in oncoanaesthesia.

Activities by SOAPC Vellore City Branch

The Vellore City Branch of SOAPC looks forward to building on this successful beginning through future CMEs, hands-on workshops, multidisciplinary forums, and collaborative research initiatives. Through these educational activities, the branch aims to translate shared knowledge into improved perioperative outcomes and continually enhance the quality and effectiveness of anaesthetic care delivered to patients with cancer.



CANCON Onco Anaesthesia Edition - 1 day CME program on 17/5/2025

The CME was conducted by CYTE CARE hospital Bengaluru under the aegis of SOAPC city chapter Bengaluru on 17/5/2025. It was one day program, nearly 65 delegates and faculties from Bengaluru attended the CME which covered major topics on Onco- Anaesthesia. The CME was awarded with 2 credit points from Karnataka Medical council.

A CME on pain and Palliative Care (1/11/2025)

A continuing medical education programme on "Pain and Palliative Care - Empowering Comfort; Advances in Pain and Palliative Care" was held on November 1, 2025 at Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital research Centre Bengaluru. It was organised by Department of Pain and Palliative Care headed by Dr Vinod N K organising chairman, Dr Prashanth R. Putran, organising secretary and Dr Sumita B S organising co-secretary under the aegis of Society of Onco - Anaesthesia and Preoperative Care, Bengaluru City Chapter.

The CME featured a lineup of distinguished faculty from various institutions across the country. The sessions covered a wide range of topics, including neurobiology of pain, neuropathic pain management, ethical challenges in EOLC, paediatric Palliative Care and the role of psychological support debates and final discussion on the use of cannabinoids under the role of terminal sedation and decision-making in ICU. Live role play on communication in Palliative Care made the event highly interactive and impactful.

Dr B S Srinath Senior consultant, surgical oncologist and head of the institution was a part of the CME. His address reflected his visionary commitment to holistic Cancer care emphasising that fighting cancer extends beyond curative intent, it encompasses comfort, dignity, and quality of life. His words set a deeply human tone for the scientific session that followed.

A Special highlight of the day was the official release of "A handbook on Essentials of Palliative Care" authored by Mrs Sailaja Busi and Dr Prashanth R Putran. The book serves as a concise and practical guide for healthcare professionals committed to improving the quality of life for patients with life-limiting illness, the same was a hybrid one with consultants, postgraduate and student across various institutions with 90 registrations.

"Challenges in Head and Neck Onco-Anesthesia" CME & Workshop on 8th Nov 2025

We are happy to share that we had successfully conducted "Challenges in Head and Neck Onco-Anesthesia" CME & Workshop on 8th Nov 2025 as a part of Foundation of Head and Neck Oncology (FHNO) International conference (6th to 9th Nov, 2025) held at Hilton Manyatha Embassy Park, Bengaluru. The conference was organized under the chairmanship of Dr Dinesh Raju (President SOAPC city chapter) and Coordinator Dr. Shashidhar G S (Secretary SOAPC city chapter). The meeting was graced by Dr Namrata Ranganth (President National SOAPC), Dr. Rajesh Holalu (VP National SOAPC), and Dr Vinod N K (Treasurer National SOAPC).

The conference included lecturers from renowned speakers across the city, panel discussion and hands on training to delegates related to head and neck onco-anesthesia.

Activities by SOAPC Bengaluru City Branch

The hands-on workshop stations were on Fiberoptic intubation, Videolaryngoscopy, THRIVE and jet ventilation, needle cricothyrotomy and surgical airway. More than 35 delegates and 23 faculty members were part of this program. It was a platform for the delegates to experience hands on training on airway gadgets and the skills, techniques and knowledge shared by well-known anaesthesiologists.

The conference was in coordination with five hospitals who exclusively cater to oncosurgeries like Kidwai Memorial Institute of oncology, HCG hospitals, shankara cancer hospital and Research institute, Cytecure hospital and Zymus hospital.

Ultrasound Guided Trunk Blocks, Essential for preoperative Pain management in Anaesthesia (22/3/2026)

HCG hospital Bengaluru conducted workshop on trunk blocks for peri operative excellence. It was a workshop cum CME program focused on ultrasound guided trunk blocks, essential for preoperative pain management in Anaesthesia, as well as in many other surgical procedures, It comprised of 2 sessions. Morning session was based on interactive lectures by practicing Senior Anaesthesia doctors highlighting the practical aspects of each block. Discussions were assisted by audiovisual demonstrations. Second session in the afternoon was a workshop on ultrasound based and on practices guided by senior faculty, needing practice on dummy and needing practice on actual tissues. All of this was guided by faculty to build proficiency in trunk block techniques.

The program was inaugurated by Dr Namrata Ranganath, President National SOAPC, Dr Rajesh Holalu, Vice-president National SOAPC, Dr Vinod, Treasurer National SOAPC, Dr Dinesh, President Bengaluru SOAPC, Dr Shashidhar G S, Secretary Bengaluru SOAPC and Dr Raghavendra, Treasurer Bengaluru SOAPC. There were about 45 delegates from Bangalore city and Karnataka with eight invited faculties.



Activities by SOAPC Bhubaneswar City Branch

Inaugural CME SOAPC Bhubaneswar City Branch

The SOAPC Bhubaneswar City Branch was formally established on 22 June 2025 with the objective of fostering academic excellence, professional development, and collaborative learning among anaesthesiologists and perioperative physicians in the region.

Following its inception, the branch successfully organized its Inaugural Continuing Medical Education (CME) Programme, which brought together faculty members, consultants, postgraduate trainees, and practitioners from across Odisha. The CME featured expert lectures and interactive academic discussions on contemporary topics in perioperative care, providing an excellent platform for knowledge exchange and professional networking.

Continuing its commitment to academic advancement, the branch organized its Annual CME on 21 March 2026. The programme included lectures by eminent national and regional faculty, evidence-based updates in perioperative medicine, and discussions on recent advances in anaesthesia and critical care. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from delegates across the state and further strengthened the academic presence of the branch.

Within its first year of establishment, the SOAPC Bhubaneswar City Branch has successfully laid a strong academic foundation through high-quality educational activities. The branch remains committed to conducting regular CMEs, workshops, and collaborative academic programmes to promote excellence in perioperative medicine and contribute meaningfully to the mission and vision of SOAPC.



Activities by SOAPC Delhi Branch

SOAPC Delhi branch organized an Update **"Oncoanesthesia- challenges, innovations and solutions"** on 15th December in the auditorium, Sir Gangaram Hospital. With over 100 delegates in attendance, the update provided a comprehensive platform to explore the latest developments, challenges, and innovations in oncoanesthesia. The Sessions covered critical topics such as anesthetic management during HIPEC, prehabilitation, perioperative pain relief techniques, and the integration of new technologies in the anesthesia workflow for oncology patients. The panel discussion on Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) in onco-anesthesia emphasized the importance of developing standardized protocols across all institutions, with a strong focus on ensuring that these protocols are consistently followed by all members of the team. The discussion also highlighted the significance of preoperative counseling, feedback, and auditing for patients. Additionally, it emphasized the crucial role of administrators in ensuring the effective implementation of ERAS protocols.



Dedicated talks on thoracic and pediatric oncoanesthesia were very informative and well appreciated by the attendees.

Scientific session included dedicated lecture on ethics in onco-anesthesia and research which is very vital for all healthcare professionals.

The talks were followed by hands on workshops on difficult airway assessment and management. The conference also facilitated networking opportunities, enabling attendees to exchange knowledge and experiences, fostering a collaborative environment for future advancements in oncoanesthesia.

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many highlighting the event's high-quality content and practical relevance to their clinical practice. The Update was an excellent opportunity for professional growth, offering valuable insights in the vital area of onco-anaesthesia.



Activities by SOAPC Delhi Branch

SOAPC Delhi branch will be conducting academic meeting once every 3 months. The first meeting was on 25 July at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. The SOAPC Update on Cytoreductive Surgery (CRS) and Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) was attended by more than 50 participants, including consultants, residents, surgeons. The program covered key aspects of perioperative management and multidisciplinary care. The event was highly appreciated for its academic content, interactive discussions, and practical insights.



Advances, Challenges & Best Practices

Overview

A two-day Continuing Medical Education programme on oncoanaesthesia, titled “Advances, Challenges & Best Practices,” was held on 7- 8 March 2026 in Lecture Theatre 1 of the Nehru Hospital, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh. Organised jointly under the auspices of the Indian Society of Anaesthesiologists and the Society of Onco-Anaesthesia and Perioperative Care, the meeting was accredited for 7 CME credit hours by the Punjab Medical Council. Conceived as a focused academic gathering rather than a large convention, it combined expert lectures, structured panel discussions, high-impact case discussions, hands-on skill stations and an ePoster presentation track, drawing a full house of faculty, consultants, senior residents and postgraduate trainees from across the region and beyond.



The programme opened with a traditional ceremonial lamp-lighting attended by the Dean (PGIMER), Prof YK Batra, Prof Kajal Jain, Prof Neerja Bharti, Dr Tanvir Samra and invited dignitaries: Dr Namrata Ranganath and Prof Vijaya Patil, setting a warm and collegial tone that carried through both days. The tightly scheduled agenda-ten thematic modules, over 70 eminent faculty, three parallel workshops and a resident quiz-reflected the growing clinical importance of anaesthesia and perioperative care tailored specifically to the cancer patient, whose physiology, comorbidities and treatment history pose distinctive perioperative challenges.

Day One: From Risk Stratification to Thoracic Onco-surgery

After registration, the first day advanced sequentially through the perioperative journey. Module 1 addressed risk stratification and patient readiness, with talks on the current evidence for cardiopulmonary exercise testing and on the emerging role of the frailty index in predicting surgical outcomes. Module 2 turned to pre-operative assessment and service delivery, covering the anaesthetic implications of neoadjuvant chemotherapy and immunotherapy and the optimisation of the high-risk lung cancer patient. These sessions fed naturally into a panel discussion asking whether prehabilitation before major cancer surgery is being done adequately, a question of increasing relevance as multimodal cancer therapy expands the pool of surgically fit-but-fragile patients.



The afternoon moved into acute intraoperative territory. Module 3 tackled airway challenges specific to oncology, including advanced airway management in oral cancers and the frequently overlooked risk of extubation failure in oncosurgical patients. Module 4 examined intraoperative care through the lenses of patient-centred, precision oncoanaesthesia and the management of massive blood loss. The day closed with Module 5 on thoracic onco-surgery, featuring a candid “How I Did It” account of achieving one-lung ventilation without panic and a discussion of perioperative anaesthetic concerns in video- and robot-assisted thoracoscopic surgery. A dedicated discussion slot and a networking dinner rounded off the evening.

Day Two: Complex Surgery, Critical Care, Pain and Palliation

The second day began informally with a “Meet the Experts” tea session, giving delegates the chance to clarify doubts before the formal sessions resumed. Module 6 addressed complex onco-surgical procedures, with clinical pearls on hepatectomies, complex bone tumours and the airway management of the anterior mediastinal mass. Following a mid-morning inauguration and high tea, Module 7 focused on perioperative care, reviewing the contested evidence linking anaesthesia to cancer recurrence and the principles of fluid therapy after major abdominal oncosurgery, before a panel considered how strategies must differ across tumour types in modern oncologic surgery.

Module 8 broadened the scope to onco-critical care under the theme of “bridging recovery and compassion,” with sessions on point-of-care ultrasound for the anaesthesiologist and on the risk factors, early identification and management of perioperative pulmonary thromboembolism. The programme then gave welcome attention to two areas often underrepresented at technical meetings. Module 9 was devoted to cancer pain, including the management of pain from bone metastasis and interventional approaches for cancer pain patients. Module 10 addressed palliative care, covering a multidisciplinary approach to improving patient outcomes and the management of surgical site infection, and concluded with a panel on perioperative care in HIPEC, PIPAC and cytoreductive surgery.

Hands-on Workshops and Interactive Learning

A distinguishing feature of the meeting was its emphasis on practical, hands-on learning. Photographs from the venue capture faculty and delegates gathered around skill stations, working closely with airway trainers, video laryngoscopes, ultrasound probes and manikin models-small-group teaching that let participants handle equipment directly rather than observe from a distance. On the afternoon of the second day, three parallel workshops ran across the lecture theatres: advanced haemodynamic monitoring, lung isolation techniques and blood gas analysis. A parallel case-presentation session and an ePoster track (over 20 participants) provided a platform for residents and younger colleagues to present their work, while a resident quiz added a spirited competitive element before the valedictory session.



The CME brought together speakers from leading oncology and teaching institutions across the country, lending the sessions both breadth of perspective and depth of specialist experience. Several sessions were structured around real, high-impact challenging cases, encouraging delegates to reason through management dilemmas alongside experienced clinicians rather than simply receive conclusions. This case-based, problem-solving orientation-reinforced by the moderated panels that closed most modules-ensured that even complex or controversial topics, such as the influence of anaesthetic technique on cancer recurrence, were examined from multiple viewpoints and left delegates with a balanced sense of where the evidence currently stands and where uncertainty remains. Throughout both days the lecture theatre was consistently well attended, with engaged audiences of clinicians of all seniorities taking notes and participating actively in discussion. The blend of didactic lectures, expert panels and tactile skill stations kept the energy high and made the abstract concepts of oncoanaesthesia concrete and immediately applicable to practice.

Closing Reflections

The CME concluded with a valedictory function and a feedback session, followed by high tea. Across two full days the programme succeeded in mapping the entire perioperative arc of the cancer patient-from pre-operative risk assessment and prehabilitation, through airway and intraoperative management, complex surgery and critical care, to pain control and palliation. The draw of a strong national faculty, the deliberately interactive format, and the inclusion of pain and palliative care alongside high-technology surgical anaesthesia together made for a comprehensive and well-received academic event. For the anaesthesia and critical-care community, the meeting reaffirmed oncoanaesthesia as a maturing subspecialty and offered practical, evidence-informed guidance that delegates could carry directly back to the operating room, the intensive care unit and the pain clinic.

“ONCO YENHANCE: Excellence in Onco Anaesthesia and Care”

Introduction:

The Department of Anaesthesiology, Yenepoya Medical College, organized a CME titled “Onco YENhance: Excellence in Onco anaesthesia and Care” on 11th May, 2025. The CME was conducted in association with the Society of OncoAnaesthesia and Palliative Care (SOAPC) and the ISA Mangaluru Branch. The program aimed to provide insights into modern oncoanaesthetic practices.

Objectives of the CME:

- To enhance understanding of perioperative care in oncology patients.
- To share evidence-based practices in onco-anaesthesia and peri-operative care.
- To bridge interdisciplinary gaps between anaesthesiologists, oncologists, and palliative care providers.
- To encourage research and academic collaboration in cancer care.

Highlights of the CME:

- Date: 11th May 2025
- Participants: 145 delegates from various medical institutions & hospitals across the southern states of India.
- Audience: Postgraduates, faculty members, practicing anaesthesiologists, Oncosurgeons and pain specialists.

Scientific Program Overview:

Time	Topic		Moderators
8:00 - 8:30am	Registration and Breakfast		
8:30 - 9:00am	Airway Dilemma in head and neck surgeries : Strategies for success	Dr. Anand Bangera	Dr. Radhesh Hegde Dr. Raveendra U.S.
9:00 - 9:30am	The Road to Recovery Begins before Surgery : Preoperative optimization in Oncology	Dr. Rashmi NR	Dr. Rohan Shetty Dr. Gurudatt Rao
9:30-10:00am	“From Therapy to Table : Anaesthetic consideration in Post Chemo and Radiation”	Dr. Namratha Ranganath	Dr. Kishan Shetty Dr. Habib Rahaman
10:00-10:30am	Heat of the moment : Anaesthetic challenges in CRS and HIPEC	Dr. Jyotsna Goswami	Dr. Harish Hegde Dr. Mariam Anjum Iftikhar
10:30-11:30am	Inauguration and Tea		
11:30 - 12:00pm	The Art of Balance : Anaesthesia for complex microvascular and free flap surgery (Evidence Based)	Dr. Punita C	Dr. Vincent Mathias Dr. Devi Prasad S
12:00-12:30pm	Implementation : Bridging the gap between evidence and practice	Dr. Vinod N K	Dr. Jyotsna Goswami Dr. Jalaluddin Akbar K.C.
12:30-1:15pm	Panel Discussion: Bridging the gap - Collaboration between Oncologist and Anaesthetist : Patient Centered Cancer Care	Panelists: Dr. M Vijayakumar Dr. Dinesh M Dr. Namrata Ranganath Dr. Sripada Mehandale	Dr. Thippeswamy H.G. Dr. Priti
1:15-2:00pm	Lunch		
2:00-2:30pm	Cancer Pain Management : Newer Frontiers and Paradigm shifts	Dr. Milon V Mitragotri	Dr. Ananth Prasad Rao Dr. Shankaranarayana P
2:30-3:00pm	Co-creating quality - Oncology and Palliative care Interference	Dr. Seema Rajesh Rao	Dr. Prajna Kini Dr. Punita C
3:00-3:30pm	Post operative Critical Care in Onco-Surgical Patients : Predicting and Managing Complications	Dr. Sunil R	Dr. Harshvardhan Dr. Anish Sharma
3:30-4:00pm	Beyond the Operating room: Research Revolution in Onco- Anaesthesia	Dr. Sumesh T Rao	Dr. Abhay Nirgude Dr. Smita Musti
	HIGH TEA		

Inaugural Session:

CME was inaugurated by our Chief Guest Dr M Vijayakumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Yenepoya (Deemed to be university) and leading Onco-surgeon who addressed the gathering, emphasized on the importance of CME and collaborative working for better outcome of oncology patient. Dr. Namrata Ranganath, Professor and former Head Department of Anaesthesia, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Guest of Honour highlighted the emergence of Onco-anaesthesia as a distinct super speciality branch. Dr. M.S Moosabba, Principal, YMC, gave the presidential address. Dr. Harish Hegde B, Professor and Head of the Department, organizing chairman, stressed on the need for more number of onco-anesthesiologists for better care of oncology patients. Dr. Habib Rehaman A A, Medical superintendent YMCH, Dr. Kishan Shetty, President, ISA Mangaluru chapter, and Dr Shankarnarayan P graced the occasion. Welcome address was by Dr. Thippeswamy H.G, Associate Professor, Organizing secretary and vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Priti Sherikar, Assistant Professor & Onco-anaesthesiologist, YMC and Organizing secretary. Dr. Swati Kumari K was the treasurer of the event and Dr. Mitalee Parik and Dr. Ashitha shetty, Senior Residents, YMC, anchored the programme.

Participation & Feedback:

The programme was well appreciated and placed on high estimates by all attending delegates with special accolades to the impactful academic feast, venue and delicious food and other overall arrangements. The success of this workshop can be attributed to the contribution of all postgraduates and faculty, department of Anaesthesiology, YMC, Mangaluru.

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- ISA, Mangaluru branch
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- The Organizing Committee and volunteers for their dedication.
- Management and administrators of Yenepoya (Deemed to be University) for providing the platform, infrastructure and all their support.

Annexures



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In Association with
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EVENT DETAILS: 11th May 2025, Sunday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
5th Floor, Auditorium, Yenepoya Dental College Hospital

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Theme: Newer Clinical, Operative and Supportive (Palliative) Strategies in Oncology

Cancer care is undergoing a remarkable transformation, driven by rapid advances in perioperative anaesthesia, precision surgery, systemic therapies, precision medicine, and palliative care. Modern oncology demands a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach that seamlessly integrates innovation with compassionate, patient-centred care to achieve optimal clinical outcomes while improving patients' quality of life.

ONCOS 2026 provided a premier academic platform that brought together experts, clinicians, surgeons, anaesthesiologists, intensivists, oncologists, palliative care specialists, nursing professionals, researchers, and students to deliberate on the latest developments in comprehensive perioperative cancer management. The conference witnessed the participation of more than 100 registered delegates from across the country.

The Organising Chairman, Prof. (Dr.) Santosh Kumar Sharma, delivered the welcome address, emphasizing the importance of academic excellence and highlighting the need to develop dedicated training programmes and specialised courses in perioperative cancer care to strengthen multidisciplinary oncology services. The conference was formally inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Vibha Dutta, SM (Retd.), Executive Director, AIIMS Gorakhpur, in the presence of the Guest of Honour, Air Commodore (Dr.) Pradeep Jaiswal, Head and Consultant, Department of Surgical Oncology, Army Hospital (Research & Referral), New Delhi, the Special Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Mukesh Tripathi, Director, ANIIMS, Port Blair and the President of the Society of Onco-Anaesthesia and Perioperative Care (SOAPC), Prof. (Dr.) Namrata Ranganath.

In the vote of thanks, the Organising Secretary, Dr. Ankita Kabi, underscored the importance of continuous academic updates and skill enhancement in perioperative oncology. She highlighted that AIIMS Gorakhpur serves the Purvanchal region, catering to a substantial oncological surgical workload of approximately 70 cancer surgeries every month, thereby reinforcing the need for regular academic initiatives such as ONCOS to enhance patient care and clinical outcomes.

The conference aimed to bridge the gap between evolving scientific evidence and day-to-day clinical practice through evidence-based lectures, expert panel discussions, hands-on workshops, interactive case-based learning, and multidisciplinary deliberations.

The scientific programme featured 24 distinguished faculty members from 17 cities, representing AIIMS institutions, Institutes of National Importance (INIs), and other premier hospitals across India. The President of SOAPC, Prof. (Dr.) Namrata Ranganath, shared her vast experience in managing difficult airways in head and neck oncology through engaging visual demonstrations. Past President Prof. Jyotsna Goswami highlighted the importance of prehabilitation and perioperative risk stratification in enhancing surgical outcomes, while Prof. (Dr.) Sohan Solanki presented the latest advances in Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) and Hyperthermic Intrathoracic Chemotherapy (HITHOC).

The scientific programme was meticulously designed by the Scientific Committee, comprising Dr. Ganesh Nimje and Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, under the supervision of the Co-Organising Chairman, Dr. Bhupendra Singh. The sessions comprehensively encompassed the entire continuum of perioperative oncology care, ensuring a balanced integration of contemporary evidence, practical expertise, and multidisciplinary perspectives. Special emphasis was placed on patient optimisation, prehabilitation, advanced airway management techniques, anaesthetic considerations in robotic surgery, Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) protocols, multimodal analgesia, cancer pain management, ultrasound-guided interventions, supportive therapies, and the integration of palliative care into routine oncological practice, providing delegates with a holistic understanding of modern perioperative cancer care.

One of the most innovative and highly appreciated sessions was "Case Bullets," where anaesthesiologists and surgeons jointly discussed complex clinical scenarios-including Wilms' tumour, Whipple's procedure, awake craniotomy, pulmonary thromboembolism, and several other challenging oncological cases-providing valuable multidisciplinary insights and stimulating interactive discussions among delegates.

A thought-provoking panel discussion on "Vision of Palliative Care in India," moderated by Dr. Himanshu Prince, with eminent panellists Prof. Sanjay Dhiraaj and Prof. Sachidanand Jee Bharti, explored current challenges, future opportunities, innovative strategies, and practical approaches for expanding access to quality palliative care services across the country.

The second day of the scientific programme featured expert masterclasses delivered by national faculty, followed by a series of hands-on workshops designed to enhance practical skills in perioperative oncology. The workshops included cadaveric demonstrations under fluoroscopic guidance, ultrasound-guided cancer pain interventions, airway ultrasonography and airway blocks, and chemoport and central venous catheter insertion techniques. The workshop sessions were meticulously coordinated by Dr. Vijeta Bajpai, Workshop Coordinator, along with Dr. Priyanka Dwivedi, Co-Organising Secretary, ensuring the seamless conduct of multiple parallel skill stations and providing participants with a highquality, interactive learning experience.

A landmark highlight of the conference was the introduction of India's first workshop on Nutritional Ultrasonography, reflecting ONCOS's commitment to incorporating emerging technologies and innovative concepts into clinical practice. In addition, a dedicated nursing workshop focusing on advanced palliative care competencies further reinforced the conference's multidisciplinary philosophy by strengthening the role of nursing professionals in delivering comprehensive and compassionate cancer care.

ONCOS 2026 also served as an excellent platform for young researchers and healthcare professionals to showcase their academic work through free paper presentations, e-posters, photography competitions, and PICOT research question competitions. The conference received over 35 scientific abstracts, demonstrating the growing enthusiasm for research and innovation among future leaders in oncology.

Beyond scientific deliberations, ONCOS 2026 successfully fostered meaningful academic collaborations, encouraged the exchange of innovative ideas, and strengthened professional networks among healthcare providers committed to advancing comprehensive, evidence based, and compassionate cancer care. The conference reaffirmed its vision of integrating

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clinical excellence, perioperative safety, supportive care, and palliative medicine to improve outcomes for patients living with cancer.

The overwhelming response from delegates, distinguished faculty, and participants established ONCOS 1.0 as a landmark academic initiative in perioperative oncology. By integrating evidence-based science with practical skill development and multidisciplinary collaboration, the conference laid a strong foundation for future editions and reaffirmed AIIMS Gorakhpur's commitment to advancing excellence in oncology education, research, and patient care.



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