



KERALA CANCER CONCLAVE

JUNE 2025

UNITING MINDS, SHAPING FUTURES, CONQUERING CANCER

2025 JUNE 28-29

HYATT REGENCY • TRIVANDRUM



Saturday | June 28 |



SESSION 1

State of Kerala: Cancer Landscape

9.00 AM – 10.00 AM

This session will explore the current epidemiology of cancer in Kerala, along with emerging trends and projections. It will offer a comprehensive overview of the cancer burden in the state, with a special emphasis on preparedness and future strategies for cancer control.

Moderator: Dr Prashant Mathur
Panellists: Dr S S Lal
Dr V Ramankutty
Dr Narayanankutty Warriar
Dr Aleyamma Mathew
Coordinators: Dr Sunu Cyriac
Dr Gayatri Gopan

SESSION 2

Delivering Cancer Care Services – Challenges and Scope for Improvement

10.00 AM - 11.00 AM

This session will examine the cancer care landscape across diverse healthcare settings in India, with a particular focus on Kerala. Key discussions will include reducing barriers to access, ensuring uniformity and quality in care delivery, and addressing challenges within both public and private healthcare systems. The session aims to identify actionable strategies to strengthen cancer care services and sharpen our collective response to the cancer burden in the country.

Moderator: Dr Prasad Narayanan
Panellists: Dr Satheesan Balasubramanian
Fr Julious Arakkal
Dr Hari Menon
Dr Geeta Kadayaprath
Dr Nalanda Jayadev
Dr MR Rajagopal

Coordinators: Dr Mathews Jose
Dr Bhavya Manu

11.00 AM - 11.30 AM

Tea Break

11.30 AM – 12.30 PM

Inaugural Function

12.30 PM – 1.30 PM

Lunch

SESSION 3

Use and Misuse of Media in Cancer Control Efforts

1.30 PM – 2.30 PM

This session will explore the power and pitfalls of media in a free society, particularly in the context of cancer control. It will address how we can ensure that both traditional media (print and electronic) and modern social media platforms disseminate accurate, evidence-based information rather than myths or misinformation. The session will also delve into the challenges posed by alternative therapies promoted through media and discuss strategies to manage their impact on cancer care.

Moderator: Dr Sanju Cyriac
Panellists: Ms Faye D'Souza
Mr Jayant Mammen Mathew
Dr Muralee Thummarukudy
Dr CS Pramesh
Dr Neena E Thomas

Coordinators: Dr Prasanth Parameswaran
Dr Roja Joseph



SESSION 4

The SWOT of Pharmaceuticals in Cancer Care

2.30 PM – 3.30 PM

This session will explore the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) of the cancer pharmaceutical landscape in India. It will highlight the critical role of the pharma industry in enhancing cancer care, while also addressing the challenges it faces, including regulatory hurdles, accessibility, affordability, and innovation. The discussion aims to identify actionable opportunities to improve patient outcomes through better alignment of industry capabilities with healthcare needs.

Moderator: Adv Prashant Reddy

Panellists: Mr Ashish Kumar
Dr Manoj Kumar
Dr Monika Puri
Dr Manzoor Koyakutty
Dr Sewanti Limaye

Coordinators: Dr Rahul Ravind
Dr Thomas Babu

3.30 PM – 4.00 PM

Tea Break

SESSION 5

Access and Affordability of Cancer Care: Payer, Payee, and System Perspectives

4.00 PM – 5.00 PM

This session will focus on the complex issue of affordability in cancer care by exploring the perspectives of all key stakeholders — the payer (insurance/government), the payee (patient), and the healthcare system. The discussion will aim to identify barriers, assess existing support mechanisms, and suggest policy-level interventions and systemic reforms needed to make cancer treatment more accessible and financially sustainable for all.

Moderator: Dr Senthil J Rajappa
Panellists: Ms Viji Venkatesh
Dr Ajith K Joy
Dr Bhawna Sirohi
Mr Vinodkrishna Poyyale
Ms Priya Deshmukh Gilbile

Coordinators: Dr Abdul Shahid
Dr Anju Abraham

SESSION 6

Role of Policymakers in Cancer Control & Release of Cancer Opinion Survey

5.00 PM – 6.00 PM

This session will highlight the key findings of the AMPOK Kerala Cancer Opinion Survey. Drawing on insights from the survey and discussions held during the conclave, policymakers and stakeholders will deliberate on practical strategies to reduce the cancer burden in Kerala. The focus will be on translating data into action, shaping policy, and implementing region-specific interventions to improve cancer control across the state.

Moderator: Dr Boben Thomas
Release of cancer opinion survey

Panellists: Mr Shaffi Parambil MP
Dr John Brittas MP
Mr N K Premachandran MP
Mr Rajeev Chandrasekhar
Dr Rijo M John

Coordinators: Dr Praveen Shenoy
Dr Gopika P

7.00 PM – 9.00 PM

Networking & Dinner

SESSION 1

Research in Kerala: What is the Missing Link?

9.00 AM -10.00 AM

This session will delve into the current landscape of cancer research in Kerala. It aims to identify the key gaps hindering progress and explore strategies to foster a more robust research ecosystem. "How can we build a culture of innovation and collaboration? What infrastructure, policy, or mindset shifts are needed?" The discussion will also explore how best practices from global research hubs can be adapted and implemented effectively within Kerala's unique healthcare context.

Moderator: Dr Moni Abraham Kuriakose
Panellists: Dr Saby George
Dr Shaji Kumar
Dr Vidya H Veldore
Dr Aju Mathew
Prof Chandrabhas Narayana

Coordinators: Dr Arun Philip
Dr Lakshmi Haridas

11.00 AM - 11. 40 AM

Coffee Break

SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

11:40 AM - 12:00 PM

CAR-Ts and Bispecifics : The Next Frontiers of Oncology

Dr Shaji Kumar

12:00 PM - 12:20 PM

Antibody Drug Conjugates Gamechangers in Oncology

Dr Saby George

SESSION 2

Genomics and Precision Medicine in Cancer Care: Unraveling Its Fullest Potential

10.00 AM – 11.00 AM

This session will explore the transformative role of genomics and precision medicine in cancer care. It will address the challenges in implementing these advanced technologies, discuss emerging opportunities for individualized treatment strategies, and highlight the immense potential for discovery, clinical application, and reverse translation. How can we move from promise to practice—and ensure equitable access across health-care systems?

Moderator: Dr Sewanti Limaye
Panellists: Mr Sam Santhosh
Dr Ramesh Hariharan
Dr Amol Akhade
Dr Suruchi Aggarwal
Dr Prasanth Ganesan

Coordinators: Dr Nikhil Haridas
Dr Akhil Santhosh

12:20 PM - 12:40 PM

The Future in Radiation Oncology : Innovations in Particles and Delivery

Dr Rakesh Jalali

12:40 PM – 1:00 PM

Surgical Oncology in the AI era

Dr Shailesh V Shrikande

1.30 PM

Lunch

