GANSID CONGRESS ON SICKLE CELL & OTHER INHERITED BLOOD DISORDERS 2026

OCT. 23-25 HYDERABAD INDIA

# DAY ONE - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

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| **7:00 AM - 5:30 PM** | **REGISTRATION DESK OPEN** | |
| **8:00 - 8:30 AM**<br>**Hall 1** | **OFFICIAL OPENING & WELCOME CEREMONY** | **Speakers:**<br>Congress Leadership / Invited Dignitaries<br>Ms. Lanre Tunji-Ajayi. GANSID CEO<br>Ms. Vinita Srivastava - NHA, India<br>Drs. Dipty Jain & Jameela Sathar - Congress Co-Chairs<br>Pfizer Inc. |
| **8:35- 9:35 AM**<br>**Hall 1** | **PLENARY SESSION**<br>**Updates in Non-Factor Therapies in Hemophilia**<br>• Balancing Bleeding & Clotting: Thrombosis Risk in Evolving Hemophilia Treatment<br>• Innovations in Hemophilia: From Rebalancing Agents to Gene Therapy | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Alok Srivastava (India)<br>Dr. Johnny Mahlangu (South Africa)<br><br>**Moderator:** Dr. Sandhya Vaddadi (India) |
| **9:40- 10:00 AM**<br>**Exhibition** | **COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING** | |
| **10:00 - 11:00 AM**<br>**Hall 1**<br>**Hall 2**<br>**Room 6** | **ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS**<br>Abstract Presentation Hall 1<br>Abstract Presentation Hall 2<br>Abstract Presentation Room 6 | **Speakers:** Selected Abstract Authors<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Deepika Darbari (USA)<br><br>**Speakers:** Selected Abstract Authors<br>**Moderator:** Mr. Prabhat Sinha (India)<br><br>**Speakers:** Selected Abstract Authors<br>**Moderator:** Delaney Hines (Canada) |
| **11:05 - 12:05 PM**<br>**Room 6** | **PARALLEL SESSIONS**<br>**Local Trainees and Fellows' Abstract Presentations** | **Speakers:**<br>Selected Authors<br><br>**Moderator:** Ms. Anubha Taneja (India) |
| **Hall 1** | **GANSID MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**<br>Two Years of Advancing Clinician Capacity Building<br>• Reflections from a GANSID Mentor & Mentee | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Prantar Chakrabarti (India)<br>Dr. Shabnam Arsiwala (USA)<br><br>**Moderator:** Dr. Jennifer Bryan (Canada) |
| **Room 5** | **Advances in Thrombosis Management: From Anticoagulation to Emerging Targeted Therapies**<br>• Current anticoagulation strategies and clinical challenges (including real-world implementation and special populations)<br>• Emerging targeted therapies (e.g., factor XI/XIa inhibitors, novel pathways) | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Jameela Sathar (Malaysia)<br>Dr. Vasiliki Danilatou (Cyprus)<br><br>**Moderator:** Dr. Len Valentino (USA) |
| **12:05 - 1:30 PM**<br>**Exhibition** | **LUNCH / EXHIBITION HALL**<br>**INTERACTIVE POSTER VIEWING SESSION** | |
| | **AFTERNOON SESSIONS** | |
| **1:30 - 2:30 PM**<br>**Hall 2** | **PLENARY SESSION**<br>**Aging Well with Thalassemia: Navigating the Transition from Pediatric to Adult & Geriatric Care**<br>• Efficacy & Safety of Novel Agents in Thalassemia Treatment<br>• Bridging Gaps in Transitioning Thalassemia Programs — Pediatric to Adult & Geriatric Care<br>• Healthy Transitions Across the Lifespan: What Patients Need to Know | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Shruti Kakkar (India)<br>Dr. Nita Radhakrishnan (India)<br>Mr. Carl Lander (UK)<br><br>**Moderator:** Dr. Mandy Yap (Malaysia) |

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| **2:35 - 3:35 PM**<br>**Room 6** | **PARALLEL SESSIONS**<br>Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase Deficiency:<br>• Advances in Screening, Diagnosis, and Risk Stratification<br>• Drug-Induced Haemolysis in G6PD Deficiency | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Jacob Pendergrast (Canada)<br>Dr. Yaddanapudi Ravindranath (USA)<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Jennifer Bryan (Canada) |
| **Room 5** | Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia: Advances in Diagnosis, Management, and Systemic Therapies<br>• Diagnosis and Multidisciplinary Management of HHT: Current Evidence and Global Standards | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Raj Kasthuri (USA)<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Mandy Yap (Malaysia)<br>**Session Chair:** Dr. Udayakumar (India) |
| **Hall 1** | **PATIENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION**<br>Understanding Health Risks in Hemoglobinopathies and Bleeding Disorders Trait<br>• Genetic Counselling and Family Planning in Hemoglobinopathy Traits<br>• Health Risks and Clinical Implications of Sickle Cell Trait<br>• Patient Organizations' Role in Reducing Unplanned Bleeding Disorders Births | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Catherine Chunda-Liyoka (Zambia)<br>Dr. Dipty Jain (India)<br>Ms. Andrea Trinidad (Philippines)<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Samuel Mbunya (Kenya) |
| **3:35 - 3:55 PM**<br>**Exhibition** | **COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING** | |
| **4:00 - 5:00 PM**<br>**Hall 2** | **PLENARY SESSION**<br>Blood Health is Bone Health<br>• Blood Health in Inherited Blood Disorders<br>• Osteoporosis - A Neglected Consequence of Blood Disorders | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Jameela Sathar (Malaysia)<br>Dr. Lynn Azura (Malaysia)<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Johnny Mahlangu (South Africa) |
| **6:00 - 8:30 PM**<br>**Room 4**<br>**Room 6** | **ANCILLIARY MEETINGS**<br>Pfizer Inc.<br>Novo Nordisk Inc. HCP Meeting\| PAG Meeting | |

## DAY TWO - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

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| **7:00 AM - 6:30 PM** | **REGISTRATION DESK OPEN** | |
| **8:00 - 9:00 AM**<br>**Hall 1** | **PARALLEL SESSIONS**<br>**Comprehensive Approaches to Iron Overload Prevention in Thalassemia**<br>• Clinical Impact of Ineffective Erythropoiesis & Anemia<br>• Stepwise Laboratory Evaluation of Thalassemia<br>• Iron Toxicity in Thalassemia: Key Concepts in Iron Overload Management | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Mandy Yap (Malaysia)<br>Dr. Sitalakshmi Subramanian (India)<br>Dr. Varun Bafna (India)<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Suman Jain (India) |
| **Room 5** | **Diagnostic Pitfalls in Mild and Atypical Hereditary Spherocytosis & Red Cell Membrane Disorder**<br>• Modern Diagnostic Approaches to Hereditary Spherocytosis and Overlapping Membrane Disorders<br>• Atypical and Mild Presentations of Red Cell Membrane Disorders: Avoiding Misdiagnosis in Clinical Practice | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Theodosia Kalfa (USA)<br>Dr. Reena Das (India)<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Dipty Jain (India) |
| **Room 6**<br>**8:00 - 8:30 AM** | **Legal Issues in Medical Practice - Current Perspectives** | **Speaker:**<br>Dr. Heena Tabassum (India)<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Akshat Jain (USA) |
| **8:35 - 9:00 AM** | **Africa CDC Continental Plan on Sickle Cell Disease and Other Inherited Blood Disorders** | **Speaker:** Dr Abdulaziz Mohammed<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Akshat Jain (USA) |
| **9:05 – 10:05 AM**<br>**Hall 2** | **PLENARY SESSION**<br>**Comprehensive Management of Pregnancy in Sickle Cell Disease: Therapeutic Strategies & Maternal–Fetal Outcomes**<br>• Hydroxyurea, Transfusion & Beyond: Treatment Decisions in Pregnancy with SCD<br>• Pregnancy in SCD: Optimizing Maternal & Fetal Outcomes | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Fenella Kirkham (UK)<br>Dr. Eugene Oteng-Ntim (UK)<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Biree Andemariam (USA) |
| **10:05 – 10:25 AM** | **COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING** | |
| **10:30- 11:30 AM**<br>**Hall 1**<br>**Hall 2**<br>**Room 6** | **ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS**<br>Abstract Presentation Hall 1Abstract Presentation Hall 2<br>Abstract Presentation Room 6 | **Speakers:** Selected Abstract Authors<br>**Moderator:** Delaney Hines (Canada)<br>**Speakers:** Selected Abstract Authors<br>**Moderator:** Dr. K.K.Radhika (India)<br>**Speakers:** Selected Abstract Authors<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Len Valentino (USA) |

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| **11:35- 12:35 PM**<br>**Hall 2** | **PARALLEL SESSIONS**<br>**Industry Symposia: Novo Nordisk** | **Speakers:** Industry Speakers<br>**Moderator:** Novo Nordisk |
| **Room 5** | **Inclusive Clinical Trials for Global Impact: The Role of GANSID in Driving Change**<br>• Designing Inclusive Clinical Trials in Rare Hematological Disorders: From Eligibility Criteria to Real-World Representation<br>• Global Equity in Hematology Trials: Bridging Gaps in Access, Participation, and Impact | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Fenella Kirkham (UK)<br>Dr. Catherine Chunda-Liyoka (Zambia)<br><br>**Moderator:** Dr. Vasiliki Danilatou (Cyprus) |
| **Room 6** | **Von Willebrand Disease in the 21st Century:**<br>• VWD: The Global Challenge<br>• Integrating Molecular Science with Clinical Care | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Len Valentino (USA)<br>Dr. Sitalakshmi Subramanian (India)<br><br>**Moderator:** Dr. Jameela Sathar (Malaysia) |
| **12:40 - 2:00 PM**<br>**Exhibition** | **LUNCH / EXHIBITION HALL**<br>**INTERACTIVE POSTER VIEWING SESSION** | |
| **2:00 - 3:15 PM**<br>**Hall 1** | **PLENARY SESSION**<br>**Addressing Pain in Inherited Blood Disorders: From Acute Crises to Chronic Care**<br>• Beyond Opioids: Modern Pharmacological Management of Chronic Pain<br>• Rethinking Pain Care: Non-Pharmacological Interventions in SCD<br>• Understanding the Lived Experience of Pain in Bleeding Disorder | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Tulika Seth (India)<br>Dr. Deepika Darbari (USA)<br>Mr. Prem Alva (India)<br><br>**Moderator:** Dr. Baba Inusa (UK) |
| **3:20 - 4:20 PM** | **PARALLEL SESSIONS** | |
| **Room 6** | **Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation in Aplastic Anemia**<br>• HSCT in Aplastic Anemia: Patient Selection, Timing & Outcomes<br>• Evolving Indications & Outcomes in Aplastic Transplantation | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. K.K.Radhika (India)<br>Dr. Akshat Jain (USA)<br><br>**Moderator:**<br>Dr. Deepa Anantha Laxmi N.V (India) |
| **Room 5** | **Pipeline Therapies for Inherited Blood Disorders**<br>• Pipeline Therapies: What Is the Need?<br>• Investigational Therapies for SCD & Thalassemia<br>• Investigational Therapies for Inherited Bleeding Disorders | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Biree Andemariam (USA)<br>Dr. Miguel Abboud (Lebanon)<br>Dr. Tulika Seth (India)<br><br>**Moderator:**<br>Dr. Biree Andemariam (USA) |
| **Hall 2** | **PATIENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION**<br>**Patient-Driven Session: Expanding Access to Innovative & Curative Therapies in Inherited Blood Disorders (IBDs) within the WHO Universal Health Care Framework**<br>• Patient Experiences with Innovative and Curative Therapies Across Health Systems<br>• From Advocacy to Policy: Leveraging the WHO Universal Health Care Framework to Drive Equitable Access for Sickle Cell Communities<br>• Building Comprehensive Thalassemia Care Within National Health Systems<br>• Inherited Blood Disorder Programs That Work: A Bahrain Experience | **Speakers:**<br>Mr. Carl Lander (UK)<br>Mr. Lalit Pargi (India)<br>Ms. Anubha Taneja (India)<br>Mr. Zakareya Ebrahim Alkadem (Bahrain)<br><br>**Moderator:**<br>Dr. Len Valentino (USA) |
| **4:25 - 4:45 PM**<br>**Exhibition** | **COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING** | |
| **4:50 - 5:50 PM**<br>**Hall 1** | **PLENARY SESSION**<br>**One Data Platform, Many Voices: Co-Creating a Global Registry for Sickle Cell Disease**<br>• Update on the GANSID SCD Global Registry<br>• The Indian Experience in Setting up a SCD Registry<br>• Real-Life Challenges in Establishing an SCD Registry | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Adekunle Adekile (Nigeria)<br>Dr. Bhupesh Jain (India)<br>Dr. Catherine Chunda-Liyoka (Zambia)<br><br>**Moderator:** Dr. Jennifer Bryan (Canada) |
| **6:30 - 8:00 PM**<br>**Halls 1 & 2** | **NETWORKING RECEPTION** | |

# DAY THREE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

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| **07:00 AM - 4:00 PM** | **REGISTRATION DESK OPEN** | |
| **8:00 - 9:00 AM** | **PARALLEL SESSIONS** | |
| **Room 6** | **Redefining Diagnosis & Management in Inherited Thrombocytopenia**<br>• Recognizing Inherited Thrombocytopenia: Diagnosis, Clinical Clues & First-Line Lab Tests<br>• Management Essentials: When to Treat, When to Refer & Avoiding Common Pitfalls | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Varun Bafna (India)<br>Dr. K.K.Radhika (India)<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Shabnam Arsiwala (USA) |
| **Hall 1** | **Inflammation & Complement Activation: Mechanistic Drivers of Disease Severity in SCD**<br>• Inflammation & Complement in SCD: Drivers of Vaso-Occlusion & Organ Damage<br>• Genetic Modifiers of the SCD Phenotype | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Baba Inusa (UK)<br>Prof. Adekunle Adekile (Nigeria)<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Tulika Seth (India) |
| **Room 5** | **Disparities in Access to Lifelong Care for Thalassemia: A Global Lens**<br>• Bridging Gaps in Access to Diagnosis, Transfusion & Treatment Across High- & Low-Resource Settings<br>• Resolving System-Level Barriers to Continuity of Care | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Deepa Anantha Laxmi N.V (India)<br>Dr. Ravindra Kumar (India)<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Saroja K. (India) |
| **9:05 - 10:05 AM** | **PLENARY SESSION** | |
| **Hall 2** | **Integrating Artificial Intelligence into Clinical Practice: Opportunities & Challenges in Inherited Blood Disorders Care**<br>• Can AI Improve Clinical Care in Inherited Blood Disorders? From Diagnosis to Decision-Making<br>• Can We Trust AI in Rare Hematology? Ethical Challenges in Inherited Blood Disorders | **Speakers:**<br>Prof. Prantar Chakrabarti (India)<br>Dr. Vasiliki Danilatou (Cyprus)<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Vasiliki Danilatou (Cyprus)<br>**Session Chair:** Dr. Bodapati Sridhar (India) |
| **10:05 - 10:25 AM**<br>**Exhibition** | **COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING** | |
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| **11:30 - 12:30 PM**<br>**Room 6** | **PARALLEL SESSIONS**<br>**Local Trainees and Fellows' Abstract Presentations** | **Speakers:** Selected Authors<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Shabnam Arsiwala (USA) |
| **Hall 1** | **Clinical & Operational Challenges in Blood Safety: Balancing Demand, Supply & Patient Outcomes**<br>• Hemovigilance & Transfusion Safety: From Adverse Event Reporting to Quality Improvement<br>• Blood Supply Shortfalls in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Structural Barriers & Pragmatic Solutions | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Manisha Shivastava (India)<br>Dr. Jacob Pendergrast (Canada)<br>**Moderator:** Ms. Vinita Srivastava (India)<br>**Session Chair:** Dr. Yizdi Italia (India) |
| **Room 5** | **Targeted Therapy in Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (PKD): PK Activators & Beyond**<br>• **Genetic therapies in PKD: the platinum standard, but even rarer.**<br>• **PK activators, their function, and impact** | **Speakers:**<br>Dr. Yaddanapudi Ravindranath (USA)<br>Mr. Carl Lander (UK)<br>**Moderator:** Mr. Carl Lander(UK) |
| **12:35 - 1:35 PM**<br>**Exhibition** | **LUNCH / EXHIBITION HALL**<br>**INTERACTIVE POSTER VIEWING SESSION** | |
| **1:35 - 2:35 PM**<br>**Hall 2** | **PLENARY SESSION** | |
| | **Cardiopulmonary & Renal Complications in Sickle Cell Disease**<br>• Renal Screening: Early Detection & Management Strategies<br>• Pulmonary Hypertension & Recognition & Management of Acute Chest Syndrome in SCD | **Speakers:**<br>Prof. Prantar Chakrabarti (India)<br>Dr. Elizabeth Klings (USA)<br>**Moderator:** Dr. Baba Inusa (UK) |

## CONT. DAY THREE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

**2:40 - 3:40 PM**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**Room 5**

**Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes: From Molecular Pathogenesis to Curative Strategies**

- Key Molecular Mechanisms Underlying Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes
- From Diagnosis to Cure: Management & Curative Options Including Transplant & Emerging Therapies

**Speakers:**
Dr. Joseph M. John (India)
Dr. Miguel Abboud (Lebanon)

**Moderator:** Dr. K.K.Radhika (India)
**Session Chair:** Dr. Ganesh Jaishetwar (India)

**Hall 1**

**Emerging & Long-Term Toxicities of Gene & Cell Therapies: What Clinicians Need to Know**

- Early & Delayed Toxicities: Identifying, Monitoring & Managing Adverse Effects
- Safety, Surveillance & Risk Mitigation: Long-Term Follow-Up & Registries

**Speakers:**
Dr. Akshat Jain (USA)
Dr. Daima Bukini (Tanzania)

**Moderator:** Dr. Jameela Sathar (Malaysia)

**Hall 2**

**PATIENT ENGAGEMENT**

**Advancing Social Justice & Human Rights in Inherited Blood Disorders: Addressing Work, Disability & Social Participation**

- From Policy to Impact: Building Centres of Competence and Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Inherited Blood Disorders.
- Social Justice Framework: Rights, Recognition, and Representation in IBD
- Beyond the Disease: Social Participation, Community Belonging, and Quality of Life in IBD Communities

**Speakers:**
Ms. Vinita Srivastava (India)
Mr. Kareem Karassery (India)
Mr. Delaney Hines (Canada)

**Moderator:** Dr. Mary Ampomah (Ghana)

**3:45 PM**
**Exhibition**

**COFFEE & NETWORKING**

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