

Message from NCG

Dear Members,

The NCG had organized several activities and events during this year. This issue briefly introduces NCG events / courses were conducted during the year and their outcomes. In last 6 months, twenty-nine centres - four International and 25 National Cancer Centers including one NGO and one professional association joined the National Grid. We welcome our new members and look forward to active participation of all members in NCG events and activities.

NEW MEMBERS (National)

1. Amrit Dhara Palliative Care Trust, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
2. Association of Radiation Oncologists of India, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (National)
3. Govt Stanley Medical College & Hospital, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
4. Government Medical College, Amritsar, Punjab
5. Govt Rajaji Hospital, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
6. Gudalur Adivasi Hospital, the Nilgiris Tamil Nadu
7. Jus' Onco – Affordable Cancer Care Center, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
8. Koita Centre For Digital Health at Ashoka University, Sonapat, Haryana
9. Krishna Shalby Multispecialty Hospital, Ahmedabad (A UNIT OF SHALBY LIMITED), Gujarat
10. Kshetrapal Hospital Multi-speciality and Research Centre, Ajmer
11. Mohonanada Cancer Hospital, Durgapur, West Bengal
12. Paras HEC Hospital (Unit of Paras Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., Ranchi, Jharkhand
13. Privaram Cancer and Research Institute, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
14. SRM Institutes for Medical Science (SIMS), Chennai, Tamil Nadu
15. Surat Oncology Centre, Surat, Gujarat

NCG EVENTS

4th National Pediatric Oncology Nursing Conference 2025

Dates: 17-19 Sept 2025

Organised by: Dept of Nursing, TMH in collaboration with NCG and ONAI

Venue: Khanolkar Shodhika, ACTREC, Kharghar

The conference aimed to strengthen the knowledge, skills and networking of nurses involved in pediatric oncology care across India. The conference witnessed a participation of 148 delegates across India. The theme of the conference was "Compassionate Care: Enhancing Outcomes in Paediatric Hematological Malignancies".

Key outputs/outcomes of the event:

- Identified the need of Competency based pediatric nursing course- expert nurses met during the event to deliberate on designing the curriculum for the same
- Launch of the IAPPHO (Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Chapter)
- The participants' feedback included suggestions to cover mental health, dietary education, healthy lifestyle and Psychotherapies for families.

NCG Travelling School of Oncology Nursing

Dates: 10th – 11th Nov. 2025

Venue: Mizoram State Cancer Institute, Aizwal

Dates: 13th -14th Nov 2025

Venue: Atal Bihari Vajpayee Regional Cancer Center, Agartala

Both the workshops at Aizawl and Agartala witnessed participation of nurses from many districts. The skill stations were well appreciated. In order to strengthen nursing practices, an exchange programme was suggested for Training of Trainers (TOT) at TMH.



International Palliative Care Course

Organised by : NCG in partnership with American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Curriculum (PCIC)

Dates 4-6 Nov 2025

Venue - TMH, Mumbai

The primary objective of this three-day workshop was to sensitize clinicians and medical administrators from various NCG cancer centres across India, especially those lacking specific palliative care facilities.

The program was chaired and moderated by palliative care specialists from both India and abroad. The course featured a mix of didactic lectures and hands-on experience. The lectures covered essential domains of palliative care—including symptom management, communication, end-of-life care, and advance care planning—alongside large and small group discussions. Introduction of dramas, mock communication sessions, and plays during hands-on experience sessions, made learning enjoyable. Over 90% attendance was observed in each session. The workshop inspired young clinicians toward capacity building and establishing palliative care services in their respective cancer centres.

Key outcomes

- The course sensitized young clinicians and medical administrators, particularly those from centres lacking dedicated palliative care.
- The workshop built capacity and inspired attendees towards initiating and integrating palliative care services within their respective institutions.
- Participants gained practical, in-depth knowledge across the core domains of palliative care, including: pain management, holistic symptom control effective communication and ethics, end of life care and advance care planning to guide family members through future care decisions.
- The course signifies a major step forward in expanding access to quality palliative care within the National Cancer Grid's network in India.

EQulP (Enable Quality Improve Patient Care) Workshop 2025

Venue – Kasturba Medical College, Manipal (EQulP in-person hands on workshop)

Dates: 8th–9th August 2025

Organized by: National Cancer Grid (NCG) – EQulP Program

The EQulP (Enable Quality Improve Patient Care) Program is a structured 7–10 month Quality Improvement (QI) capacity-building initiative aimed at strengthening cancer care delivery across India. Participating teams work on real institutional problems and are guided through structured QI methodologies via monthly virtual learning sessions, mentored project reviews, and practical application of QI tools. The objective of the EQulP 2025 workshop was to enhance practical QI competencies among healthcare professionals. The intensive learning was delivered by national and international faculty.

The workshop included 25 participants and 12 mentors and featured interactive sessions, case-based discussions, hands-on group activities, and guided mentoring focused on applying QI methods to real-world clinical challenges.

The program operates through two integrated tracks: training new clinical teams annually and strengthening QI-Hub centres that mentor multiple internal teams, thereby ensuring sustainability and scale. Currently, EQulP includes over 100 trained faculty members, 14 QI-Hub centres, and engages 10–15 new teams and 30–50 Hub teams each year, contributing to a robust national QI ecosystem.

The guest lecture by Mr. Jake Mickelsen, Director, Stanford Health Care University, and Faculty Fellow, Stanford Center for Innovation in Global Health, on “Leading the QI Journey and the Human Aspects of Leading Change” focused on practical strategies to obtain stakeholder buy-in, overcome resistance to change, and build a sustainable culture of quality improvement.

Key Outcomes :

The participants gained

practical skills in Quality Improvement (QI)

understanding of A3 methodology, systematically define problems, frame SMART aim statements, map existing processes, and identify root causes

skills - applying Pareto analysis, developing key driver diagrams, and designing targeted, feasible interventions, clearly defined, context-specific QI project plans and the skills to test and implement changes within their own settings.

Overall, the workshop enhanced participants' problem-solving abilities, leadership in change management, and readiness to act as QI champions, contributing to improved patient care and a sustained culture of quality improvement within their institutions.

APPEAL

- Update your membership details – All members are requested to submit updated Annexures (I, II, and III) and forward these to - ncg@tmc.gov.in Annexures are available at <https://www.ncgindia.org/hospitals-and-institutions/membership-process>
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