

Message from NCG

Dear Members

The NCG has launched several new initiatives. This issue briefly introduces initiatives and provides information on upcoming events and new programs. Please visit NCG website for more details and we look forward to your active participation. Four International and Seven National Cancer Centers including one NGO have joined the National Grid. We welcome our new members and look forward to their active participation.

NEW MEMBERS (National)

- Bagchi Sri Shankara Cancer Centre & Research Institute, Madurai, TN
- Career Institute of Medical Sciences and Cancer Research Institute, Bhopal, MP
- Gunvati Jagannath Kapoor Foundation, Mumbai Maharashtra
- Parul Sevashram Hospital, Parul Institute of Medical Science and Research, Parul University. Vadodara, Gujarat
- Rohilkhand Medical College and Hospital, Bareilly, UP
- Shantilal Shanghvi Cancer Center, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Vedanta Super -speciality hospital, Jaipur, Rajasthan

NEW MEMBERS (International)

- African Research Group for Oncology, (Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospitals Complex) Nigeria
- Bhaktapur Cancer Hospital, Bhaktapur, Nepal
- Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital, Jakarta, Indonesia
- Nairobi West Hospital, Kenya, Nairobi

UPCOMING EVENTS !



Block Your Dates !

NCG ANNUAL MEETING - 2-3 AUGUST 2025

The National Cancer Grid Annual Meeting 2025 is scheduled on 2nd -3rd , August 2025

The annual meeting will present the major initiatives of the NCG, planned new initiatives and brainstorming sessions to plan for the future. This will be an excellent opportunity for all members to get familiar with the various NCG activities and get more involved in them.

In case if your centre has not nominated any representative for this meeting, please do so by writing to ncg@tmc.gov.in. For more details, please write to ncg@tmc.gov.in

CReDO workshop

The dates for another season of CREDO has been announced. The workshop is scheduled on 2-7 March 2026 . It is a unique opportunity to hone your knowledge and skills in cancer research methods . The last date for application is 15th July 2025. For more details visit <https://credo.ncgindia.org/> .

The EQulP India Project

A training program completed its round of application of experiential training program to improve competencies of clinical teams within Oncology and Palliative care. For more details about this programme visit - <https://www.ncgindia.org/key-initiatives/qivideos>

What's New ?

NCG Fellowships for Training and Capacity Building

As commitment to promote delivery of high-quality cancer care through training of oncologists and allied healthcare professionals NCG has initiated two Fellowships viz., Fellowships for training in oncology and allied specialties and Grants for trainees/early career faculty to participate in conferences / workshops

These fellowships aim to support training of early career clinicians, researchers and allied health personnel aiming at building capacity in cancer control within India and other low- and middle- income countries (LMICs).

Interested applicants are requested to submit the applications any time of the year as per the details and format listed under each fellowship. For more details visit <https://www.ncgindia.org/key-initiatives/ncg-fellowships>

NCG's Initiative on Health Promotion through behaviour driven IEC

The National Cancer Grid (NCG) has launched a targeted initiative focused on strengthening cancer awareness and prevention through behaviour-driven Information, Education & Communication (IEC) materials. The initiative targets awareness gaps in rural and underserved communities by creating culturally sensitive, scientifically based communication tools that inspire action. This initiative brings together behavioural scientists, public health experts, technical teams, and content creators. NCG is also exploring vendor partnerships to ensure the delivery platform is intuitive, accessible, and sustainable. To learn more about this write to _ncg.healthpromotion@tmc.gov.in

COMING SOON !

Virtual Tobacco Cessation Program

In collaboration with the Department of Preventive Oncology at Tata Memorial Hospital, NCG will soon launch a biannual Online Tobacco Control and Cessation Certificate Program. This course will train healthcare professionals, educators, and community workers in tobacco screening, counselling, and cessation strategies—supporting India's national tobacco control goals through scalable digital learning.

For more information, collaboration opportunities, or access to our resources, Visit us at: www.ncgindia.org . and / or Email us at: ncg.healthpromotion@tmc.gov.in

Call for Proposals

Cancer AI & Technology Challenge (CATCH) Grant Program

Background and Purpose of this Call

In recent years, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) have emerged as transformative tools in oncology, offering promising solutions across the cancer care continuum—from early screening and diagnostics to treatment planning, monitoring, and system-level optimisation. Despite a surge in AI research and prototype

development, the real-world adoption of these technologies has been slow, impeded by the lack of clinical validation, data silos, integration challenges, and limited deployment at scale.

To bridge this gap, the National Cancer Grid (NCG) and Koita Centre for Digital Oncology (KCDO) are launching the Cancer AI & Technology Challenge (CATCH) Grant. This initiative is designed to accelerate the adoption of proven or promising AI solutions within NCG hospitals through structured validation, piloting, and integration into clinical workflows. The program will support solutions that leverage emerging technologies—including AI, ML, and large language models (LLMs)—to address high-priority use cases such as cancer screening, diagnostics, treatment support, patient engagement, and administrative efficiency.

The call will soon be announced on <https://www.kcdo.in/>.

APPEAL

- Update your membership details – NCG has circulated an appeal for updated information. 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>
- Verify your institutional details at - <https://www.ncgindia.org/hospitals-and-institutions/membership-process>. For any changes / corrections write to joshi.mva@gmail.com
- Write to us, if you wish to have a special webinar on how to search and / use databases, Akshara – NCG Discovery tool, and other resources.