



# PACE 2025

Physician Associates Continuing Education



# ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

**Theme** - The Future of Healthcare: Advancements in Medicine and the Transformative Role of Physician Assistants.

**DATE**

**5 January 2025**

**VENUE**

**LE MERIDIEN, KOCHI**



# HALL A

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS	CHAIRPERSONS
09.00 am - 10.00 am	Session I : Digital Transformation in Healthcare		
	AI in Healthcare: Transforming Diagnosis and Treatment	Dr. Tanmay Acharia, Team Leader, CVTS, Fortis Hospital, Kolkata, West Bengal	Dr. Anand Kumar Vice Principal, Amrita School of Medicine and Clinical Professor, Department of Neurology, Amrita Hospital, Kochi
	From Data to Insights: Leveraging EHRs, Digital Twins, and Precision Medicine	Jayesh J Lead Consultant - Healthcare IBM, Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi	
	The Latest Trends in Wearable Technology for Healthcare	Seby Joseph Senior Physician Associate, Dept. of Cardiology, Medical Trust Hospital, Kochi	
10.00 am - 10:30 am	INAUGURATION , AWARDS		
10.30 am - 10.45 am	Dr. K K Haridas Memorial Oration		
	Charting the Future: Physician Associates at the Forefront of Healthcare Advancements	Dr K U Natarajan, Clinical Professor & Head- Electrophysiology Interventional Cardiologist, Cardiac Electro physiologist, Amrita Hospital, Kochi	
11.15 am - 12.15 Pm	Session II : Advances in Cancer Care		
	CAR T-cell therapy for Cancer	Dr. Neeraj Siddarthan, Professor and Head, Dept. of Clinical Hematology, Amrita Hospital, Kochi	Dr. K. Pavithran Clinical Professor and Head of Dept. of Medical Oncology, Amrita Hospital, Kochi
	Chemotherapy decision making in the wake of genomic techniques	Dr. Philip George Kuttikat, Consultant, Dept. of Medical Oncology, Apollo Hospitals, Angamaly	
	PA in Oncology: Bridging Patient Care and Advanced Treatment	Dr. Rakesh M P Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept. Medical Oncology, Amrita Hospital, Kochi	
12.15 pm - 01.00 pm	Session III : Neurology Update		
	Headache: Recent Innovations in Management	Dr. Nimish Vijayakumar, Senior Consultant, Dept. Neurology, Rajagiri Hospital, Kochi	Dr. R Suresh Kumar Professor, Department of Neurology, Renai Medicity, Kochi
	Acute ischaemic stroke: Recent advances in reperfusion treatment	Dr. Jithin Antony Bose, Consultant Interventional Neurologist – Dept. of Neurology, Rajagiri Hospital, Aluva	
	Code Stroke : Streamlining Acute Stroke Management for Better Outcomes	Sreekala C, Assistant Professor, Amrita PA Program, AIMS, Kochi	



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02.00 pm - 03.00 pm	Session VI : Cardiology Update		
	Latest advancements in Interventional Cardiology	<b>Dr. Deepak Davidson</b> Chief Interventional Cardiologist & Senior Consultant Caritas Heart Institute, Kottayam	<b>Dr. Sagy V. Kuruttukulam</b> Senior Consultant Cardiologist Medical Trust Hospital, Kochi
	The ST Elevated Myocardial Infarction	<b>Dr. Navin Mathew</b> Professor, Dept. of Cardiology, Amrita Hospital, Kochi	
	Recent Advances in cardiac electrophysiology	<b>Ms. Nalla Swapna</b> Specialist Physician Associate AIG hospital, Hyderabad	
03.00 pm - 04.00 pm	Session V : Update from the Gut		
	Update on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma	<b>Dr. Ramachandran N Menon</b> , Professor, Dept. of Gastrointestinal Surgery, Amrita Hospital, Kochi	<b>Dr. Sudhindran S</b> , Professor & Chief Transplant Surgeon, Dept. of Gastrointestinal Surgery, Amrita Hospital, Kochi
	Emerging role of Robotics in Gastrointestinal Surgery	<b>Dr. Unnikrishnan G</b> , Professor, Dept. of Gastrointestinal Surgery, Amrita Hospital, Kochi	
	Early Recognition and Initial Management of Sepsis	<b>Arun Ramaswami</b> , Senior Physician Associate, Critical Care , Narayana Health, Bangalore	
04.00 pm - 05.00 pm	Session VI: Kidney update		
	Novel techniques and treatment for the management of benign prostatic obstruction	<b>Dr. Tharun BK</b> , Senior Consultant, Dept. of Urology, Rajagiri Hospital, Kochi	<b>Dr. Sanjeevan K. V.</b> Professor and HoD, Department of Urology, Amrita School of Medicine, Kochi
	ABO incompatible renal transplantation	<b>Deepak N</b> , Senior Physician Associate, Dept. Nephrology, Rajagiri Hospital, Kochi	
	Minimally Invasive Urological Surgery	<b>Dilip Aravind</b> , Senior Physician Associate, Dept. Of Urology, Rajagiri Hospital , Kochi	
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Validatory session		
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Annual GB		
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Cultural Events		



# HALL B

TIME	Up-Skill- I	
09.00 am - 10.00 am	Basic Pacemaker Interrogation	Course Director - <b>Dr K U Natarajan</b> Faculty - <b>Sandya S K</b> Senior Physician Associate, Department of Cardiology, Amrita Hospital, Kochi

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS	CHAIRPERSONS
11.15 am - 01.00 Pm	<b>Cardiac Symposium</b>		
	<i>Advances and Innovations: Symposia on Trends in Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery</i>		
	The Future of Cardiac Surgery: A PA-Centered Surgical Unit	<b>Dr. Tanmay Acharia</b> , Team Leader CVTS, Fortis ,Kolkata, West Bengal.	<b>Dr. Kirun Gopal</b> , Professor, Department of CVTS, Amrita Hospital , Kochi  <b>Dr. Jeevesh J. Thomas</b> Consultant, CVTS, Lisie Hospital, Kochi
	The evolving role of PAs Minimally Invasive cardiac surgery	<b>Dr. Austin Raj R S</b> , Consultant, Cardiac Surgeon , Jubilee Mission Medical College, Thrissur, Kerala.	
	Sutureless Aortic Valve Replacement - Our Experience	<b>Rajee Ramesh</b> , Senior Physician Associate, Lisie Hospital, Kochi	
	Insights into Saphenous Vein Graft Failure and Its Prevention: Open vs. Endoscopic Vein Harvesting	<b>Mahalakshmi Shanmugam</b> , Senior Physician Associate GKNM Hospital, Coimbatore, TN	
	Renal Denervation for the Treatment of Hypertension	<b>Jasmit Jham</b> - RDN lead , Medtronic India	

TIME	Bee Postive	
02.00 pm - 03.00 pm	Medical Spelling bee competition	<b>Pronouncer and Judge</b> <b>Dr Remya S</b> Assistant Professor Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, School of Medicine, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Kochi

TIME	Pace Quiz	
02.00 pm - 03.00 pm	PACE Quiz - Quiz Competition	<b>Quiz Master</b> <b>Ranjith Vasudevan</b> Senior Manager Planning & Resource Management ICON Clinical Research

04.00 pm - 05.00 pm	A w a r d P a p e r S e s s i o n	
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# HALL C

TIME	Up-Skill-II - ABG	
09.00 am - 10.00 am	Arterial Blood Gas Analysis	<b>Arun Ramaswami ,</b> Senior Physician Associate, Critical Care , Narayana Health, Bangalore
TIME	Up-Skill-III - Laparoscopic	
11.15 am - 01.00 pm	Basic Laparoscopic Skills	<b>Dr. Sudheer O. V.</b> Professor, Department of Gastrointestinal Surgery, Amrita School of Medicine, Kochi.  Instructor – <b>Prakash babu</b>
TIME	Up-Skill- IV - Electrosurgery	
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Playing with Fire: Basic Principles and Safe Practices in Electrosurgery	Medtronic Team
TIME	Up-Skill- V - EVH	
02.00 pm- 03.00 pm	Endoscopic vessel harvesting (EVH)	<b>Jose SL</b> Senior Physician Associate Depart of CVTS, Caritas Hospital, Kottayam
TIME	Up-Skill- VI - Advanced Suturing Skills	
03.00 pm- 04.00 pm	Abdominal Closure	<b>Dr. Sreekumar B</b> Dept. of Gastrointestinal Surgery, Amrita Hospital, Kochi
TIME	Up-Skill- VII - Basic Suturing Skills	
04.00 pm- 05.00 pm	Basic Suturing and Knotting Skills	<b>Dr. Aadithya Rangarajan</b> Consultant Plastic Reconstruction, Aesthetic & Hand Surgery, Apollo Adlux Hospital, Angamaly.



# HALL D

TIME	PRESENT
09.00 am - 10.00 am	Poster Presentation – Students
11.05 am - 01.00 pm	<b>Scientific Poster Presentation</b>  Poster Presentation - Staffs
02.00 pm- 04.00 pm	<b>SPARK</b>  SPARK- Students Research Presentation
04.00 pm- 05.00 pm	<b>Dry Lab</b>  Dry Lab - sutureless valve implantation technique

## Highlights of PACE 2025

- **Workshops:** Hands-on training, including Basic Suturing and Knotting Skills, Laparoscopic Techniques, and more.
- **Special Cardiac Symposium:** Focused discussions on innovations in cardiac care and endoscopic vessel harvesting.
- **Poster and Oral Presentations:** Showcase of groundbreaking research by students and professionals.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with healthcare leaders, clinicians, and industry experts.
- **Exhibitions:** Explore the latest medical equipment, technologies, and solutions from leading companies.
- **Cultural Program:** Celebrate the spirit of collaboration and diversity through vibrant performances.
- **Awards Ceremony:** Recognition of excellence in healthcare and education, including “PA of the Year 2025.”



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