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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

At the outset, I hope everyone is safe and doing well. I send strength and best wishes to everyone affected in these hard times.

Last year, at the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic some hard decisions had to be taken by the executive council of the Indian Academy of Cytologists. The foremost of which was the decision of treating the year 2020 as a Null year and the cancellation of the annual conference of the Academy which was to be held in New Delhi during the Golden Jubilee year.

Battling this disruption with creative avenues to sustain discourse and discussion in our field, we explored the route of Webinars. The executive council worked hard and launched the series of Webinars - 'Jewel-50 Series' starting November 2020. An opportunity to listen to leaders in the field of cytology, both from India and across the globe has been a treat. The overwhelming response that we received has only encouraged the team further. We have lined up more webinars in this series covering a range of topics for you, and are hoping for your continued support.

The grim reality is that the pandemic even after a year of its onset does not show any signs of abating. A year later, we are bang in the middle of a much severe and devastating second wave, with talks of a third wave following on its heels. As you can well imagine planning any events under such circumstances, is not only difficult but unadvisable. The annual conference planned for November in New Delhi this year thus cannot be held in its physical form. However, the organizers, the Delhi Chapter of the Indian Academy of Cytologists will be going ahead with an e-conference sometime in November 2021. The final announcements in this regard will be made once the details are finalized, so keep a watch.

I would like to take this opportunity to send a heartfelt thanks to all of you, along with our colleagues in health care who have been working tirelessly in this war against the pandemic. I am very optimistic that with science by our side, we shall overcome this challenge soon and come out triumphant on the road to recovery.

Best wishes to one and all.

Brig (Dr.) Vijay Shrawan Nijhawan

President, Indian Academy of Cytologists

# SECRETARY'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

A year has passed and what a year it has been! The pandemic continued into 2021 with the second wave or tsunami that is even more vicious than what was expected and what we encountered in the first wave in 2020. But when times are testing us, it is our opportunity to show our strength and resolve to beat the enemy by appropriate behavioural changes and of course the VACCINE. I sincerely hope that each and every one of us is fully vaccinated which at least provides some protection.

The second wave of COVID snatched away from us Dr. Monisha Choudhury in May 2019. Further we also lost Dr. Col. Satyanarayana, former secretary of the IAC in May. Our sincere condolences to these two wonderful persons who have given so much to the Academy. May God give their families and us, the strength to bear the loss.

The Indian Academy of Cytologists, in the month of April-May brought out the National Guidelines for Cytopathology Laboratories for handling COVID-positive and suspected samples. We can feel proud that we are one of the very few national bodies that came up with such specific guidelines. This was disseminated in the form of a Webinar in collaboration with the Dept. of Telemedicine, PGIMER which had a good response with nearly 2000 views on YouTube and is still available for viewing. I also received a good feedback from many of our members and other pathologists.

CYTOCON 2020, our Golden Jubilee conference was merged with the current year conference. So, in October 2020, I proposed a Web series to commemorate our Golden Jubilee year and named it JEWEL-50. This acronym stands for Golden (50) Jubilee E-Web Lecture Series. The EC accepted the proposal and I am thankful for the full support and encouragement received. We started on 21st November, 2020-the day we were supposed to have our CYTOCON 2020. I wish to place on record the support and help by Dr. Sandeep Mathur, AIIMS, New Delhi in execution of JEWEL-50series. The IAC YouTube channel was created by Dr. Sandeep for direct transmission of the talk to enable viewing by a worldwide audience. The shubhaarambh was by the Prof. Kusum Verma, one of India's greatest cytopathologists, a diagnostician and teacher par excellence. This was followed by other 'Jewels' like Prof. Syed Ali from the Johns Hopkins who deliberated on Pancreatic neoplasms, Prof. Andrew Field from Sydney, Australia who spoke on Breast FNA and the emerging International classifications and Prof. Nirag Jhala from Temple University, USA on EBUS-TBNA. The scheduled talks for May and June were deferred in view of the crushing second wave and will be rescheduled from July onwards. The response of the IAC members to this series of International experts speaking on state-of-art cytopathology has been just about satisfactory and can be far better. I urge you all to subscribe to the YouTube Channel, join the Telegram group for receiving updates and instant messages regarding the JEWEL-50 series. An email 'iac.jewel50@gmail.com' has also been created for this purpose. So, join in along with other friends and colleagues interested in this activity, and contribute to making this series an even greater success.

CYTOCON-2021 dates have been announced and the hosts will be the Delhi Chapter of IAC and AIIMS, New Delhi. I sincerely thank Prof. Manjula Jain, President of the Delhi Chapter and Prof. Venkat Iyer and Prof. Sandeep Mathur for accepting to host this in these very challenging times. This will most likely be in a fully virtual mode although a hybrid mode is also being considered. All the usual award sessions, oral presentations and poster sessions will be conducted as per the SOPs. The Scientific deliberations will include pre-conference CME on 'Image-guided FNA- Learning from the experts' being moderated by Dr. Venkat Iyer, orations by Dr. Naresh Rai, Dr. Lucas Bubendorf and Dr. Ashish Chandra from UK from Switzerland, guest lectures by Dr. Vikram Deshpande from Boston and Dr. Kusum Kapila from Kuwait, slide seminar by Dr. Sandeep Mathur and symposium on Liver FNA by Dr. Prateek Kinra. This newsletter contains the announcements for all the annual awards and I urge you all to disseminate this information and encourage the meritorious youngsters to apply for them.

Dr. Manjula Jain had suggested bringing forth a booklet on the historical aspects of IAC and I request all IAC members to get in touch with her directly or through any of us and pen down your memories of IAC and its journey down the years. We also wish to honour all very senior members of the Academy during CYTOCON 2020, because of whose efforts, we stand here today. Kindly e-mail me to help us reach out to our seniors, our teachers and guides.

I wish to place on record the full support and encouragement I have received from our Hon'ble President, Dr. Brig. V.S.Nijhawan for sorting out so many complex issues and for helping conduct the EC meetings through video conferencing.

This pandemic has taught us many lessons including to introspect as to what life is all about and what is 'insaaniyat' or humanity. A positive outcome is the improvement in healthcare infrastructure. So, let us all stand united in this hour of crisis and yes, we shall overcome. To quote Shiv Khara 'Positive action combined with positive thinking results in success'.

Long Live IAC,

Radhika Srinivasan,  
Secretary, IAC  
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# CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

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It is with great sadness that we learnt about the tragic and untimely demise of Dr. Monisha Choudhury who fought bravely till the very end but succumbed to COVID on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021. She is survived by her two daughters and their families.

Dr. Monisha Choudhury retired as Professor from the Lady Hardinge Medical College after an illustrious career spanning 35 years and continued to work post-retirement. She achieved excellence as a cytopathologist having obtained the Dip RC path (Cyt) and the prestigious Fellowship of the International Academy of Cytology. Over a career spanning nearly 4 decades, she strived for improving cytopathology services at all levels. The Indian Academy of Cytologists would like to place on record her immense service to the Academy and to the cause of cytopathology. Dr. Monisha Choudhury served as the **President of the Indian Academy of Cytologists** for the year **2015**. She was awarded with the Ernest Fernandes Slide Seminar award for the year 2009 and delivered the prestigious Dr. P.N. Wahi oration in the year 2014. She was also the IAC representative to the Editorial board of the prestigious Acta Cytologica subsequently from 2016-19. She has conducted many CMEs and workshops besides delivering innumerable talks in Cytology and pathology conferences. She has trained and guided numerous students in Pathology and is a teacher of teachers.

In 2016, thanks to a generous donation by Madam, the Academy initiated the Dr. Panna Choudhury Memorial award for the best paper published in Journal of Cytology. Dr. Monisha took a very active part in the process of execution of this award and the IAC is indebted to her for her tremendous inputs in honing the SOPs for the same.

Above all, she was a very loving and caring person, always smiling and a wonderful human being.

In her demise, the Academy has lost a very eminent cytopathologist. We humbly pay our respects to the departed soul. May her soul rest in eternal peace and may God give the bereaved family the strength to bear the loss

Dr. Radhika Srinivasan  
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It is with profound grief that we learnt about the demise of Col S Satyanarayana. The Indian Academy of Cytologists express our sincere sympathies to his family during this difficult time.

Col S Satyanarayana was living proof of how fine a person can be. He was a good boss to the people in his charge, a loving husband to his wife, and a devoted father to his children. He was also a good friend to many of us and a great colleague. The character of the life he lived might be summed up in a few words: he was sincere, he was earnest, he was loyal. As the Editor-in Chief of Journal of Cytology and later as the Honorary Secretary of the Indian Academy of Cytologists, Col Satya, as he was fondly addressed, exemplified leadership. We remember him as one, who not only was cheerful in himself but who gave much cheerfulness to others. Col Satya was bright, logical and systematic in his thinking. He was always willing to share his ideas and information. He was passionately interested in academics, especially cytopathology and would advise us on its finer aspects. He gave energy, commitment and inspiration to his staff and to others with whom he worked. Many of us found him to be a splendid person of great intellect and big heart.

In his career as a soldier, an academic and an administrator he worked with passion, integrity and energy. By his death all the people who knew him will miss a highly intelligent, vibrant individual with a rare friendliness and charm of personality. Col Satya was a genuinely warm and wonderful individual—one we will miss greatly. Our sorrow is lessened only slightly with the comforting thought that we had the privilege to know him.

Mrs. Satyanarayana, Vishnu and Jahnvi, our hearts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.

We all at the Indian Academy of Cytologists will miss him. Goodbye Col Satya.

Dr. Radhika Srinivasan  
Secretary, IAC

Brig (Dr.) Vijay S Nijhawan  
President, IAC



## CALL FOR AWARDS 2020-2021

### NALINI BAI THAKKAR AWARD

For the best oral paper presented in a special award session at the Annual Conference of IAC by an MBBS doctor under the age of 35 years (as determined by his age as on 31st December 2020) who is either doing or has done post graduation in Pathology in India. Details about the award, eligibility and procedure are available on the IAC website ~~www.cytoindia.com~~ under the heading Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)>Part C-Orations, Lectures, Slide seminars, Awards>Nalini Bai Thakkar (NBT) Award.

### JWALA DEVI AWARD

For the best oral paper presented at the Annual Conference of IAC by a cytotechnician or a cytotechnologist working in India. Details about the award, eligibility and procedure are available on the IAC website ~~www.cytoindia.com~~ under the heading Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) >Part C- Orations, Lectures, Slide seminars, Awards>Jwala Devi Award.

### Col. D. B. NAYAR MEMORIAL AWARD

For the best oral paper on oncology presented in a special award session at the Annual Conference of IAC by an MBBS doctor under the age of 35 years (as determined by his age as on 31st December 2020) who is either doing or has done post graduation in Pathology in India. Details about the award, eligibility and procedure are available on the IAC website ~~www.cytoindia.com~~ under the heading Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)>Part C- Orations, Lectures, Slide seminars, Awards>Col. D. B. Nayar Memorial Award.

## CALL FOR AWARDS 2020-2021

### DR. SATYA MONGA AWARD

Awarded for the best paper published in the field of immunocytochemistry and/or molecular techniques in the calendar year 2019 and 2020 applied in cytology in an indexed journal for the awards for 2020 and 2021 respectively. Details about the award, eligibility and procedure are available on the IAC website ~~www.cytoindia.com~~ under the heading Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) >Part C- Orations, Lectures, Slide seminars, Awards> Dr. Satya Monga Award .

All papers must be submitted to the Secretary, IAC by E-mail which is [secty.iac@gmail.com](mailto:secty.iac@gmail.com). Last date for receipt of applications is 31st August 2021.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL FOR TOPICS FOR CYTOCON 2022

Call is made for submission of topics for CME, Symposium and Workshops for CYTOCON 2022. Details of the procedure are available on the IAC website ~~www.cytoindia.com~~ under the heading Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)>Annual National Conference>Continued Medical Education (CME) / Symposium / Workshops. The same is to be sent to the Secretary Indian Academy of Cytologists by E-mail Preferably E-mail: [secty.iac@gmail.com](mailto:secty.iac@gmail.com); CC the e-mail to [drsradhika@gmail.com](mailto:drsradhika@gmail.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR IAC FELLOWSHIP FOR 2022

- IAC Fellowship is offered to pathologists with MD in Pathology or DNB in Pathology or equivalent.
- Regarding number of fellowships, duration of fellowship, eligibility and award of fellowship, and procedure for getting the fellowship, the details are available on IAC website ~~www.cytoindia.com~~ under the link Standard Operating Procedure(SOP)>Part D-Miscellaneous >IAC Fellowship.
- (d) Regarding application form for fellowship and centres for doing fellowship, details are available on IAC website ~~www.cytoindia.com~~ under the link IAC Fellowship.
- The candidate should follow the details meticulously for rapid processing of the application.

### IAC EXAMINATION 2021

Indian Academy of Cytologists (IAC) National examination of Cytotechnicians and Cytotechnologists will be conducted on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 from 9am to 4pm at Regional Cancer Center, Trivandrum, Kerala. The exam will be conducted by Dr Jayasree K, Dr Rari P Moni, Dr Veena VS. The venue of the exam is Conference Hall (near Pathology Department A block), Department of Pathology, Regional Cancer Center, Medical college campus Trivandrum, Kerala 695011.

For further details please visit IAC website ~~www.cytoindia.com~~

# **ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT: INDIAN ACADEMY OF CYTOLOGISTS for year 2022**

## **CALL FOR NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Nominations typed on plain sheet in the format given below are invited for the undermentioned posts. Duly filled and signed nomination form along with bio-data are to be sent by post (courier) to the following address so as to reach before due date.

E-mail: [secty.iac@gmail.com](mailto:secty.iac@gmail.com); CC it to [drsradhika@gmail.com](mailto:drsradhika@gmail.com) [For advance soft copy]

Mailing Address - Dr. Radhika Srinivasan, Professor, Dept. of Cytology & Gynec. Pathology, PGIMER, Chandigarh-160012; Tel: +919914208116

### **1. PRESIDENT ELECT:**

- (a) Number of post: 1
- (b) Tenure of post: 1 year
- (c) Eligibility criteria: -
  - (i) Should be an active life member of IAC for at least 15 years.
  - (ii) Should have served at least one full term of three years as an executive committee member prior to his/her nomination.
  - (iii) Should have attended three or more GBMs in the immediate past 5 years.

### **2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER:**

- (a) Number of posts: 3
- (b) Tenure of post: 3 years
- (c) Eligibility criteria:
  - (i) Should be an active life member of IAC for at least 10 years.
  - (ii) Should have attended three or more GBMs in the immediate past 5 years.



# **ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT: INDIAN ACADEMY OF CYTOLOGISTS for year 2022**

## **Format For Bio-Data Of Candidate**

It should be under the following headings:

1. Name of the candidate:
2. Duration and type of membership:
3. Contribution to IAC :
4. Contribution in the field of Cytology :
5. Address for Correspondence (off & res):
6. Telephone No : landline and mobile
7. E-mail id
8. Number of GBMs of IAC attended in immediate past 5 years:

Date :

Signature of Candidate

## **Standard Format For Nomination Form**

I propose the name of Dr....., having IAC membership No..... for the post of .....of IAC executive body

Name & Signature of the Proposer

IAC membership No of Proposer

I, Dr.....second the above proposal Name, Signature of the Proposer IAC membership No of Proposer I, Dr.....having IAC membership no.....accept the above proposal.

Name, Signature of the Proposer

IAC membership No of Proposer

I, Dr.....having IAC membership no.....accept the above proposal.

Name, Signature of the Candidate

IAC membership No of candidate

# **ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT: INDIAN ACADEMY OF CYTOLOGISTS for year 2022**

## **Time Table For Election**

Receipt of nominations by Secretary's Office: 15.07.21

Information to contestants after scrutiny: 31.07.21

Withdrawal of nomination: 14.08.21 by 1700 hours

Dispatch of ballot papers by post on / before: 01.09.21

Return of ballot papers by: 15.10.21

Scrutiny and counting: 20.10.21

Declaration of results will be done at the time of Annual General Body/Executive Committee Meeting to be held during 50th Annual Conference of IAC at Delhi.

## **Criteria for Rejection of Application**

Application form shall be rejected under the following circumstances: -

(a) Incomplete nomination form

(b) Nomination form without appropriate signature

(c) Nomination form received after due date

(d) Nomination form received electronically

(e) One member can file nomination for only post at one time – if more than one nomination is received from a candidate then all his nominations shall be rejected.

(f) Life associate member and honorary members are not eligible for election/nomination for any post.

Once rejected, application from the given candidate shall not be entertained again in the same year.

Welcome to  
**CYTOCON 2021**

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of: Indian Academy of Cytologists**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: CME & Conference**

**Organizing Committee**



**DR. MANJULA JAIN**  
Organizing Chairman



**DR. V.K. IYER**  
Organizing Secretary



**DR. SANDEEP MATHUR**  
Organizing Secretary

**Team “Delhi Chapter of Indian Academy of Cytologists”**

## Events & Honours 2020-21



Dr Pranab Dey, Prof. PGIMER Chandigarh has the honour of being in the list of the Worlds top 5 leading authors of books

He has been selected by the Editorial Board of Doodys Review Service Database. They reviewed 2712 books published in Pathology

Dr Vinay Kumar is no 1, Dr Pranab Dey is no 5



Dr RG Wiseman Pinto has been appointed President Asian Society of Cytopathology (ASC). Further, he has been appointed as the International Executive Organising Committee Member of the European Congress of Cytology, 2021, Poland and has been invited as a Faculty and Chairman of the Scientific sessions of ECC 2021. Dr Pinto organised 12 International CMEs in Pathology from 18 June 2020. The topics were varied and included histopathology and cytopathology of many interesting lesions with eminent International and National faculty. Also 2 more CMEs are in the pipeline All the Virtual CMEs in Pathology organised were/are free of cost for anyone interested.



**Honourable Director, Prof. Rajwanshi, on the occasion of Women's day celebration at AIIMS Raebareli**



## 108<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Function

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY  
KING GEORGE'S MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, LUCKNOW



### FOUNDATION DAY ORATION -1

TITLE – Ancillary techniques in diagnostic cytopathology

**Prof. Arvind Rajwanshi, MD, FRCP(Th)**

Executive Director AIIMS, Raebareli



### FOUNDATION DAY ORATION -2

TITLE – The Paradigm of Screening cancer of the uterine cervix in India

**Prof. Nuzhat Husain, MD, IFCAP, FICP**

HOD & Dean, RMLIMS, Luck





## Events & Honours 2020-21



The **4th Annual Conference of Association of Cytologists of Maharashtra, MACyCON 2021** was organized by the Department of Pathology, T. N. Medical College and B.Y.L. Nair Charitable Hospital, Mumbai. In an attempt to continue the academic attempt, despite the Corona pandemic, the conference was held virtually on web, with the guidance of Dr. Ramesh Bharmal, Dean and Director (ME & MH) and Dr. Kusum Jashnani, Professor and Head of Pathology Department and the organizing secretary, Dr. Vikas S. Kavishwar, and the joint organizing secretary, Dr. Sangeeta Kini. The program was planned to include topics of interest for postgraduate (PG) students, Pathologists in academic Institutes as well as private laboratories and hospitals.

The conference was inaugurated with a keynote address by Dr. Radhika Srinivasan, Professor and Head, Department of Cytology & Gynecological Pathology, PGIMER, Chandigarh and Secretary IAC on the topic: Best practices in cytology-MAM is a way to go!. Dr. Shobha Grover Oration was delivered by Dr. Nirag Jhala, Director of Anatomic Pathology and Cytology at Temple University Hospital, USA on the topic: Cytologic atypia: How to minimize indeterminate diagnosis on Pancreatic FNA). A digital workshop on LBC slides of Cervical Pap smears, conducted by Dr. M. Kamal; a multidisciplinary panel discussion on thyroid disorders by Dr. Ravi with Dr. P. Vartakavi, Dr. Manisha J, Dr. Vikas Kavishwar and Dr. Sangeeta Kini, and the PG quiz, conducted by Dr. Rasika Gadkari were some of the other highlights.

There were excellent scientific talks by the eminent speakers, Dr. Roshan Chinoy (Breast lump-A to D via B to C), Dr. Asha Shenoy (Squash cytology of CNS- Its role today), Dr. Kusum Jashnani (Endometrial cytology- Adequately ripened to shed light on endometrial cancer-..!), Dr. Shubada V. Kane (Cracking the nut of unknown primary malignancy by fine needle- A fruitful experience), Dr. Leena Naik( Resolving dilemmas in cytology of effusion), Dr. Bharat Rekhi (Potpourri of interesting soft tissue lesions, reflecting the role and scope of cytology-How much far we have come!), and by Mr. Saleem Pathuthara. There was Slide seminar of interesting and unusual cases conducted by Dr. Kanchan Kothari and Dr. Mona Agnihotri.

There was an overwhelming response with about 100 scientific papers and posters from all over the country and more than 500 delegates from Maharashtra; rest of India, and even abroad

# MACyCON 2021

**MACyCON** On the Web  
4th Annual Conference of Cytology 2021

**Best Practices in Cytopathology –  
MAM is a way to go!**



**Dr Radhika Srinivasan**  
PGIMER, Chandigarh

Zoom Meeting

Participants: Bharat Rekhi, Shruti Java, n, n

Chat

pancreatic cancer, an easy miss to identify diagnosis is straightforward... a typical Indian scenario

From Rishi Gokul in Bangalore: Used the terminology during histology

From varunika in Bangalore: Correct Dr Mohandas Madan. But we did come across (PMN) pseudocyst/SPN on EUS, so EUS is picking up in all pancreatic lesions

From Anshu Shinde in Bangalore: Fantastic image!


From Mohandas Madan in Bangalore: SPNs of course have always been coming in EUS guided FNA even before the era of EUS guided core... my 10+ years experience in all variety cystic and solid small lesions

From Anshu Shinde in Bangalore: Inspiring presentation by Prof. Rishi in this very inspiring prestigious session.

From VANDI KAGAN in Bangalore: Superb oration.

From Anshu Shinde in Bangalore: replied the presentation... amazing

From varunika in Bangalore: delegates lovely note





GEORGINA PAPANICOLAOU

**Cracking the nut of UPM by fine needle  
Is it a fruitful exercise?**

**Dr Shubhada Kane**  
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**Dr Shobha Grover Oration**

Participants: Manisha Khare, Dr. Pooja Khand..., Dr. RUCHI AGA..., Dr. Shivani Vora, Vivek Paramesh..., Dr. Vikas Kumar, Anjana Hosang..., Yasmeen Khatib, Vidya Viswanat...

**SQUASH CYTOLOGY OF CNS LESIONS - ITS ROLE TODAY**

**ASHA SHENQ**  
Professor, Dept of Pathology  
Seth G. S. Medical College  
Mumbai

Participants: Shruti Java, Roshan Chitroy, Bharat Rekhi

**Indian Scenario**

**FNAC Practical for us Indians..**

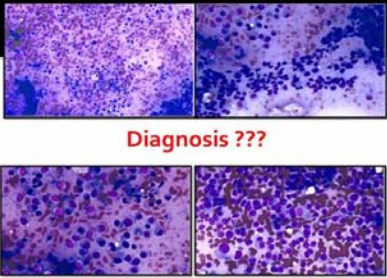
- ❖ FNAC is still the first diagnostic modality for breast lesions in most Indian centers
- ❖ Most benign lesions & frankly malignant lesions are diagnosed reliably by FNAC
- ❖ Many of our Pts are young, & in our country, a cancer Dx is followed by a mastectomy
- ❖ **MRM is the norm: BCT the exception**
- ❖ Clinical inputs & mammogram information is often lacking in the requisition form: **This is our greatest weakness**
- ❖ Our main safety net therefore is... **ourselves**

**RESOLVING THE DILEMMAS IN SEROUS EFFUSION CYTOLOGY**

**Dr Leena Naik**  
Prof and Head  
Dept of Pathology  
LTMMC and GH, Sion, Mumbai

## Postgraduate quiz

**Diagnosis ???**



**Potpouri of Interesting Soft Tissue Lesions, reflecting the role and scope of cytology: How far we have come!**

**Dr Bharat Rekhi**  
Professor, Dept of Surgical Histopathology  
Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai



Senior faculty and experienced speakers –

**Dr.Roshan Chinoy, Dr.Asha Shenoy, Dr. Shubhada Kane, Dr.Leena Naik, Dr. Bharat Rekhi , Dr. Kusum Jashnani**

**Dr. Meherbano Kamal** – LBC gynaec cytology workshop

**Dr. Rasika Gadkari, Dr. Nisha Meshram and Dr.Fatima Kamal with team** – PG quiz

**Dr. R. Ravi, Dr. Prema Vartakavi , Dr. Manisha Joshi, Dr.Sangeeta Kini** – Thyroid cytology Panel discussion

**Ms Neelam Prabhudesai and Mr. Saleem P.** - Insights in Cytotechnological aspects



**Dr. Kanchan Kothari, Dr. Mona Agnihotri** – Slide seminar

**Dr Leena Naik, Dr Kusum Jashnani** – judging oral papers

**Dr. Chitra Madiwale , Dr. Bharat Rekhi** – judging posters

**Dr. Kanchan, Dr. Mona, Dr. Yasmeen , Dr. Vibhuti** – judging free oral papers and **Dr.Satish, Dr.Niyati, Dr.Juhi, Dr.Nikita** for help in recording there


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**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Study type/setting: Tertiary care hospital based, Retrospective case series

Sample size: 40 cases (15 ALK positive and 25 ALK negative). NSCLC-adenocarcinoma phenotype-Testing for ALK protein expression performed on corresponding histology sample.

Histopathology evaluation and IHC typing: Cases were diagnosed on histology with or without aid of immunohistochemistry using napsin-A, TTF-1 and p-40

**Table 1. Univariate analysis of potential prognostic factors in lung cancer**

Characteristics	No. of cases	Median survival (months)	P-value
Age	40	10.1 (9.1-11.2)	0.538
Gender	40	10.1 (9.1-11.2)	0.708
Histological type	40	10.1 (9.1-11.2)	0.708
Complete response	40	10.1 (9.1-11.2)	0.708
PIR	40	10.1 (9.1-11.2)	0.708
ALK	40	10.1 (9.1-11.2)	0.708
EGFR	40	10.1 (9.1-11.2)	0.708

Continuous data: significant factor for prognosis (Kaplan-Meier survival analysis)  
1.564, 95% confidence interval: 1.124-2.176, p = 0.007

**Results and discussion**



IHC as method for testing EGFR mutation expression is cost effective, fast, however it is not an approved method for EGFR expression as per the CAP/ASCO/ASTC guidelines and should not be used as of today in clinical reporting.

The proposed method for detection of EGFR mutations is direct sequencing and not the PCR and digital signal PCR are superior methods.

There is experience, needs high expertise, and requires least skills of all DNA samples and can be affected by degraded and poor nucleic acid quality obtained from FFPE material.

PCR is limited by being able to detect only the two common mutations in EGFR. Therefore, the molecular methods are required to check for other mutations.









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**EBUS-FNA for Lung tumors: Emerging opportunities**

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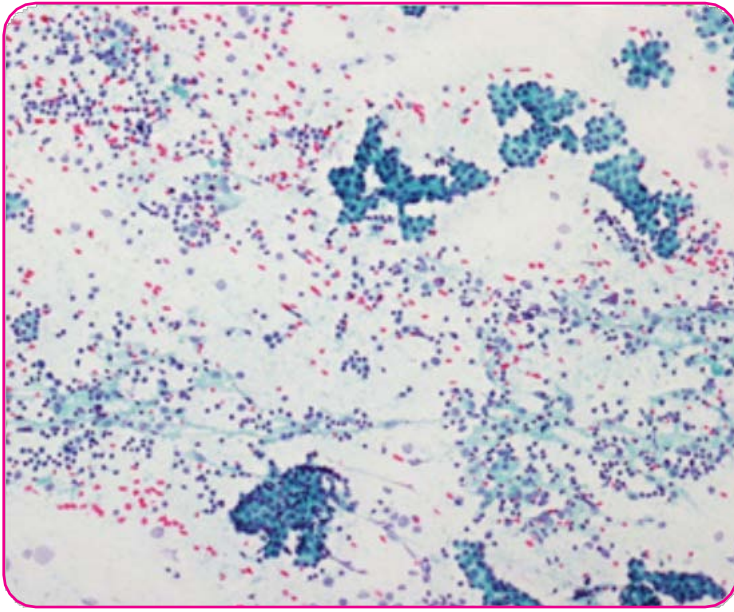
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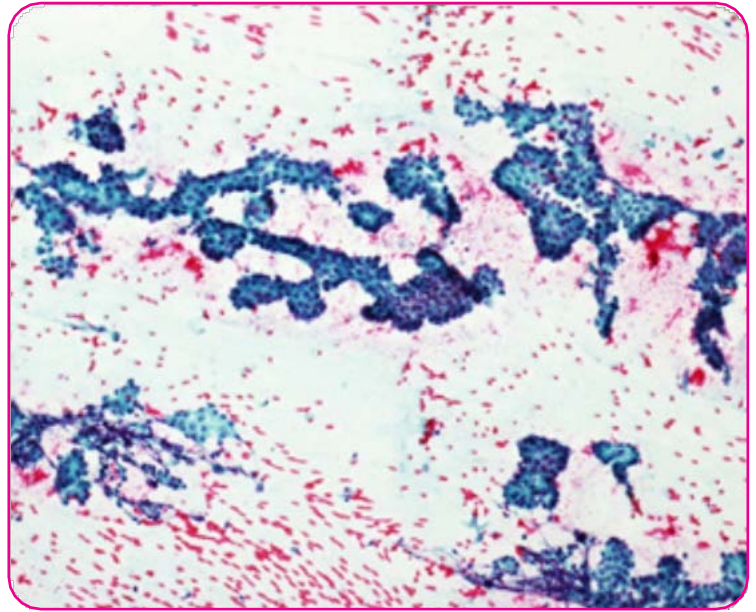
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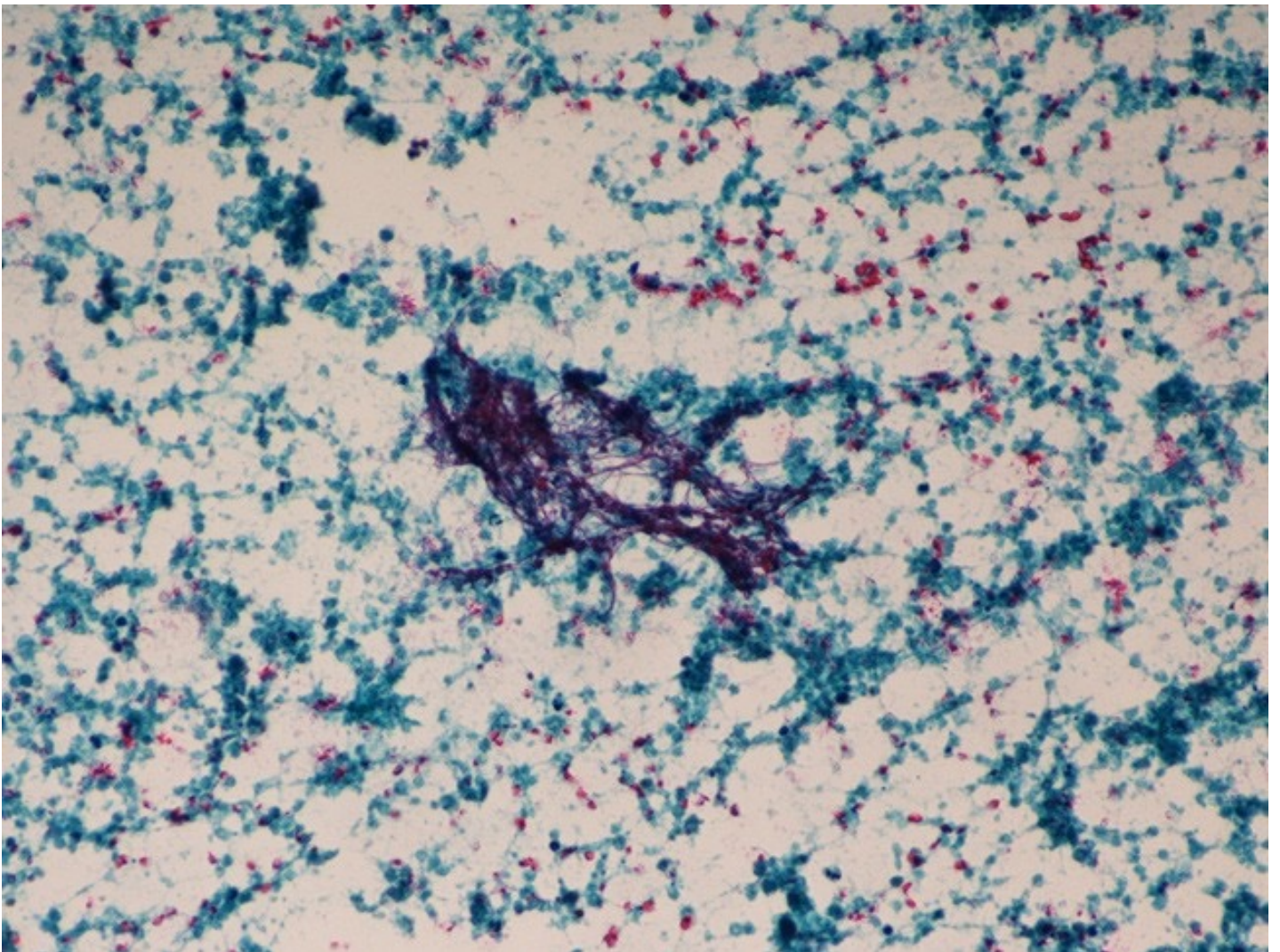
## Answer to quiz in last newsletter



Case 1: 35-year-old female parotid swelling



Answer: Secretory Carcinoma



Case 2: 54 old male, fna smear from bilateral ground glass opacities and nodular masses in lung

Answer: Nocardia



## From the Editor's Desk



Dear Members of the Academy,

As I write this editorial, I realize we have emerged from the most cruel and devastating wave of COVID thus far. Our normal routine and interactions on even virtual mode have been disrupted as most of us were engaged in helping our relatives, friends and people at large. This wave has indeed left us wounded and battered and it will take all of us some time to recuperate!

But on the positive side the Academy has been involved in organizing some excellent lectures by global experts in the field of Cytopathology through the JEWEL 50 series. We are grateful to our President and secretary for having the vision to conduct this series. I thank one and all who have enthusiastically participated and made this series so popular.

E-conferences and webinars will be the norm in the days to come. You will be glad to know that National Cytocon will be held this year in a fully virtual mode. The related detailed announcements will be made soon.

It's my request to all members to please send me a brief write up and share pictures of webinars or e-conferences you may be organising or even information of upcoming events. Please send me this information on my email [mathuraiims@gmail.com](mailto:mathuraiims@gmail.com).

I will repeat my concluding statement of last newsletter and say that, please stay positive, stay safe and keep in touch, as mental well-being is also a key to success and survival in these otherwise gloomy times. But this too shall pass and till we meet again!

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