



## 3rd National NICPR-ECHO Online Certificate Course on Cervical Cancer Screening for Pathologists



8th FEB –31st MAR 2023  
(TWICE-A-WEEK , 2.30 - 4.30 PM)

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DEAR COLLEAGUE,

In the wake of WHO's global call for action to eliminate cervical cancer, screening assumes prime importance. Cytology-based cervical cancer screening has had an illustrious history of success in reducing morbidity and mortality. However, the paucity of trained cytopathologists is a deterrent for effective implementation of cervical cancer screening programs in developing nations.

The Division of Cytopathology, ICMR-NICPR is conducting the 3rd National NICPR-ECHO Online Certificate Course on Cervical Cancer Screening for Pathologists under the aegis of Indian Academy of Cytologists. The course shall be conducted solely on the online ECHO platform between 2:30PM to 4.30 PM on Wednesdays and Fridays. It includes talks by eminent experts on topics pertaining to various aspects of cervical cancer including epidemiology, screening strategies, recommendations for cervical cancer screening with major focus on cytology-based screening. The didactic deliberations shall be amply supplemented by interactive virtual slide sessions.

We look forward to your active participation in the course.

# ELIGIBILITY

- This training program is designed **ONLY** for healthcare professionals who are pursuing or completed MD/ DNB Pathology/ DCP .
- Number of seats: 50 (first-come first-serve basis)
- **A minimum of one short case presentation AND attendance in 12 of 15 sessions is mandatory to qualify for the grant of an e-certificate at the completion of the course.**
- The participants would be required to complete the pre-training and post-training online questionnaire-based evaluation with at least 70% score in the post-training evaluation.

# REGISTRATION

- Registration Fee: Rs. 1000/- payable by NEFT/ RTGS/ IMPS/ UPI only. Payment by cash/ cheque/ DD shall not be accepted
- **Please call the Convenor on +919582046313 (2.00PM –5.00PM) in case of doubt regarding the eligibility and to confirm availability of seats before making the transaction.**
- Candidates may confirm their seats by paying the registration fee and applying online by completing the Google Form at the link <https://forms.gle/GSZqAALYEniMgGyG>
- **Last date to apply: 15th January, 2023**
- Refund policy: In case of cancellation of registration or registration by a non-eligible candidate, **NO REFUND** shall be made.
- The link to virtual microscopic slides shall be shared with the participants before the course.
- The participants need to ensure a stable internet connection, preferably on large-screen devices.



# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

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**8 FEB**

WED

Introduction to the virtual course: learning objectives

Dr. Sanjay Gupta, ICMR-NICPR

Epidemiology of cervical cancer, magnitude of the problem, screening strategies & recommendations

Dr. Shalini Singh, Director, ICMR-NICPR

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**10 FEB**

FRI

Collection of cervical smear, Uniform approach to reporting cervical cytology (Bethesda 2014), Normal cervical smear

Dr. Neelam Sood  
DDU Hospital, Delhi

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**15 FEB**

WED

Benign cellular changes and specific infections in cervical smear  
Virtual interactive slide session

Dr. Sanjay Gupta

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**17 FEB**

FRI

Atypical Squamous Cells ( 'ASC' ) & 'Low grade squamous intraepithelial lesions': patterns & pitfalls  
Virtual interactive slide session

Dr.. Sanjay Gupta

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**22 FEB**

WED

Cytology of 'High grade squamous lesions of the cervix' (ASC-H, HSIL and SCC): patterns and pitfalls  
Virtual interactive slide session

Dr.. Sanjay Gupta

**24 FEB**

**FRI**

Cervical Cancer Pathogenesis:  
HPV and beyond

Dr. Radhika Srinivasan, PGIMER,  
Chandigarh

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**1 MAR**

**WED**

Glandular lesions of the cervix:  
cytomorphologic spectrum and  
discussion of interesting cases

Dr. Neeta Kumar, Jamia Millia Islamia,  
New Delhi

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**3 MAR**

**FRI**

Liquid based cytology in cervical  
pathology – specific infections and  
epithelial abnormalities

Prof. Nalini Gupta, PGIMER,  
Chandigarh

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**10 MAR**

**FRI**

- Grossing techniques relevant to  
cervical pathology
- Histopathologic panorama of cervical  
precancerous lesions and carcinoma

Dr. Sonal Sharma, UCMS & GTB Hospital,  
Delhi

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**15 MAR**

**WED**

Cyto-histological correlation in cervical  
pathology: The ASC guidelines

Dr. Ruchika Gupta, ICMR-NICPR

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**17 MAR**

**FRI**

- Alternative strategies for cervical  
cancer screening – Visual methods
- Overview of colposcopic evaluation
- Case-based discussions on  
colposcopic-histologic correlation of  
screen-positive cases

Dr. Kavitha Dhanasekaran, ICMR-NICPR  
Dr.. Sanjay Gupta

**22 MAR**

**WED**

HPV & other biomarkers in cervical cancer prevention

Dr. Ruchika Gupta

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**24 MAR**

**FRI**

Artificial Intelligence in Cervical Cytology

Dr. Ruchika Gupta

Medicolegal aspects in cervical smear reporting

Dr. Shamsuz Zaman, ICMR-NICPR

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**29 MAR**

**WED**

HPV vaccination – current scenario

Dr. Pakhee Aggarwal, Fortis Hospital, Delhi

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**31 MAR**

**FRI**

Concluding session – participants' feedback.

Dr. Sanjay Gupta

Dr. Ruchika Gupta

Dr. Shamsuz Zaman

Case presentations by the participants shall be held at the end of each session. The schedule for the presentations shall be shared with the participants before the start of the course.