

# FESTOMICS-2

## Save the Date

**30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY & 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2026**

**Venue: Indraprastha Hall, Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Centre, Rohini, Delhi**

**Admissions Limited/ Register Timely**

**Early Bird Registration Fee- 2500 INR Till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**From 1st January 2026 Registration Fee- 3500 INR**



**Dr. Col. (Retd.) Anurag Mehta**  
**Principal Director - Laboratory Services & Transfusion Medicine, RGCIRC, Delhi**

MBBS, MD Pathology

Fellowship (WHO), Lymph Node Pathology (MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, USA)

Certification course: Cancer Genomics and Precision Oncology (Harvard Medical School, USA)

Certification course: Genetic Testing and Sequencing Technology (Harvard Medical School, USA)

## Message from Organizing Chairman

“The integration of molecular techniques has enhanced our understanding of cancer etiopathogenesis and also opened new avenues for personalized medicine and targeted therapies, leading to improved patient outcomes.”

Building on the momentum of our efforts and success of FESTOMICS-1 (2025), we are excited to invite you again for: “FESTOMICS-2 (2026)”

## Organizing Committee :



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Senior Consultant, Pathology, RGCIRC



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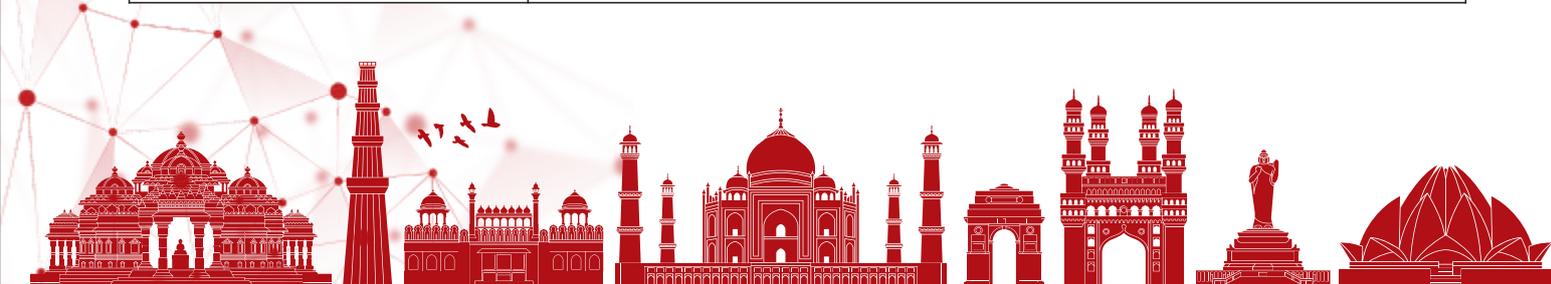
30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 (DAY - 1)

Time	Topic	Speaker
08:00 am to 08:55 am	Registration and Interaction with Faculty	
08:55 am to 09:00 am	Welcome address	Dr Anurag Mehta (RGCIRC, Delhi)
SESSION 1		
09:00 am to 09:25 am	Decoding Cancer Genomes: Classes of Genetic Alterations and Diagnostic Approaches	Dr Himanshi Diwan (RGCIRC, Delhi)
09:25 am to 09:50 am	The Enduring Role of PCR: Precision Tools for Urgent and Focused Diagnostics	Dr Manoj Panigrahi (RGCIRC, Delhi)
09:50 am to 10:15 am	Mapping Rearrangements in Solid Tumors: The Lasting Power of FISH	Dr Mayur Parihar (TMC, Kolkata)
10:15 am to 10:45 am	NGS Demystified: Nucleic acid to a report	Dr Omshee Shetty (TMH, Mumbai)
10:45 am to 11:00 am	Inaugural ceremony and Lamp lighting	Addresses by Chairman, CEO and MD, RGCIRC
11:00 am to 11:15 am	Tea Break	
SESSION 2		
11:15 am to 11:35 am	Rethinking Library Design for Purpose-Driven Sequencing	Dr Nikhil Patkar (TMH, Mumbai)
11:35 am to 11:55 am	NGS Data Analysis and Quality Control: From Raw Reads to Reliable Variants	Mr Hersh Parikh (Thermo, Gurugram)
11:55 am to 12:20 pm	Interpreting NGS Reports: Seeing Beyond the Variant Table	Dr Arun Kumar (GlaxoSmithKline, Delhi)
12:20 pm to 12:45 pm	Quality issues in Molecular Diagnostics	Dr Neeraj Arora (Unipath Diagnostics, Ahmedabad)



30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 (DAY - 1)

Time	Topic	Speaker
12:45 pm to 01:15 pm	What Are You Really Looking For? The Art of Choosing NGS Panel	Dr. Anurag Mehta (RGCIRC, Delhi)
01:15 pm to 02:15 pm	Lunch	
SESSION 3		
02:15 pm to 02:45 pm	Liquid Biopsy in Oncology: Timing and Effectiveness	Dr Trupti Pai (TMH, Mumbai)
02:45 pm to 03:05 pm	Merits of Methylation Classifiers in CNS Tumors	Dr Shilpa Rao (NIMHANS, Bengaluru)
03:05 pm to 03:30 pm	Metabolomics for Early Cancer Detection: Are We There Yet?	Dr Kanuri Rao (Predomix, Gurugram)
03:30 pm to 03:50 pm	From Inherited Risk to Informed Care	Dr Aparna Dhar (Max Saket, Delhi)
03:50 pm to 04:10 pm	Tea Break	
SESSION 4		
04:10 pm to 04:30 pm	Metagenomics and Cancer: Exploring the Gut Microbiome Connection	Dr Rupal Tripathi (RGCIRC, Delhi)
04:30 pm to 04:50 pm	Role of Molecular Tumor Boards	Dr Amit Verma (AV Cancer Institute, Gurugram)
04:50 pm to 05:20 pm	Case presentations: Molecular inputs showing therapeutic implications (10 min/case)	Case 1: Dr. Shobhana Sharma (Fortis, Delhi) Case 2: Dr. Meenakshi Kamboj (RGCIRC, Delhi) Case3: Dr. Parul Sobti (Apollo Hospital, Delhi)
05:20 pm	Adjourn	



**31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2026 (DAY - 2)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
08:30 am to 09:00 am	Interaction with faculty	
<b>SESSION 1</b>		
09:00 am to 09:20 am	Precision Oncology in Prostate Cancer	Dr Vineet Talwar (RGCIRC, Delhi)
09:20 am to 09:40 am	Clinical-Molecular Integration in Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcomas	Dr Sameer Rastogi (AIIMS, Delhi)
09:40 am to 10:00 am	Updates on Her2 Interpretation in Breast Cancer and other Solid Tumors	Dr Sunil Pasricha (RGCIRC, Delhi)
10:00 am to 10:20 am	Extended Biomarker Evaluation for Metastatic Breast Cancer	Dr Pankaj Goyal (RGCIRC, Delhi)
10:20 am to 10.:50 am	Breast Cancer Panel discussion	Moderator : Dr Pankaj Goyal (RGCIRC, Delhi)
10:50 am to 11:20 am	Tea Break	
<b>SESSION 2</b>		
11:20 am to 11:40 am	Pediatric Oncology and Molecular Diagnosis: Inseparable in Modern Times	Dr Sameer Bakshi (AIIMS, Delhi)
11:40 am to 12:00 pm	Role of molecular testing in Thyroid Cancer	Dr Anurag Mehta (RGCIRC, Delhi)
12:00 pm to 12:20 pm	Lung Cancer: Established and Emerging biomarkers	Dr Prabhat Malik (AIIMS, Delhi)
12:20 pm to 12:40 pm	Lung Cancer: Resistant mechanism to TKI-Achilles Heel	Dr Ullas Batra (RGCIRC, Delhi)
<b>SESSION 3</b> Case-based Panel Discussion		
12:40 pm to 01:30 pm	Panel 1 (25 min): Lung Cancer  Panel 2 (25 min): Urogenital Cancer	Moderator : Dr Ullas Batra (RGCIRC, Delhi)  Moderator : Dr Amitabh Singh (RGCIRC, Delhi)
01:30 pm to 01:35 pm	Closing Remarks	Dr Sunil Pasricha (RGCIRC, Delhi)
01:35 pm	Lunch	

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