AVATAR 2018
INTERVENTIONAL NEPHROLOGY CONFERENCE

- Vascular Access - Complication Management, Innovations & Technology

- Role of Extracorporeal Therapies in the management of Sepsis - Hands on training and experience sharing

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- 19-22 July, 2018
  The Lalit, New Delhi
AVATAR 2018, Interventional Nephrology Conference took place from 19th-22nd July at New Delhi.

This year's event was organised by India's Pioneer Nephrology Institute PGIMER Chandigarh. AVATAR hosted 7 workshops, 1st South East Asia Intervention Nephrology Assessment Meeting and Special session on Extracorporeal therapies.
First time AVATAR Foundation took an initiative to access the Ground Status of Interventional Nephrology in South East Asia. National Nephrology Society Presidents or their representatives of 15 out of 17 invited Countries participated. (Namely- Bangladesh, Brunei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Vietnam, Pakistan).

The symposium was supervised and moderated by Prof Vivekanand Jha (President Elect ISN), Prof Maurizio Gallieni (Editor JVA) and Dr. Tushar Vachharajani (ISN Chair for Interventional Nephrology).

Broad overview of Interventional Nephrology from Gulf region was presented Dr. Ali Alsahow (President GCC) and African region by Dr. Gloria E. Ashuntantang Some.
Dr. Girish Sahni, Director General, CSIR and Secretary, DSIR, New Delhi, launched the coffee table book ‘DELHI DELIGHTS AVATAR’ during the AVATAR 2018 - Interventional Nephrology Conference on 20 July, 2018. The launch event recognises the outstanding contributions of individuals in their respective fields to enrich the content of Coffee Table Book.

Ms. Sangita Reddy, Executive Director - Apollo Hospitals Groups along with Dr. Anupam Sibal, Group Director Medical Services, Apollo Hospitals interacted with audience by sharing Word of Wisdom.

Padma Shri. D. S. Rana concluded the event with Vote of Thanks.
It is only befitting that the most loved teachers & professors be thanked for their service to nephrology education & research in India.

As a tradition, we felicitated 15 Nephrology teachers from India with Guru Dronacharya Award.

AVATAR conveys its gratitude to professors who have dedicated their lives to nephrology.

The main Congress started on 20th July was attended by 600 delegates. 450 Delegate Registrations, 150 Special Invitees including Speakers, Chairpersons and Guests. In addition, there was 100 participants from Delhi Nephrology society and super specialty trainees from National capital region.

Foundation offered Free registration travel and accommodation to 24 Students recommended by their departments. All poster/paper presenting candidates were also given free registrations.

This year AVATAR was endorsed by 16 societies / Organisations from across the world including International Society of Nephrology, Vascular Access Society of America, American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology & Vascular Access Society.
Nephrologists from across the world shared unique experience/technique innovation as review lecture or case report for AVATAR podium/paper presentation which were broadly categorised under vascular access and extracorporeal therapies. We received more than 50 abstracts out of which 48 were valid.

**Abstract Results**

All submitted abstracts were compiled and shared with abstract jury members for the selection of best papers for podium presentation. Out of 48 abstracts, top 8 ranked abstracts were chosen for podium presentation.

**Podium Presentation**

**Top 8 Abstracts for Podium Presentation**

- Immediate redo & cannulation of AVF following secondary failure due to acute thrombosis: A single center experience.
- Prediction model for successful radio-cephalic AV fistula creation in patients with diabetic nephropathy.
- Application of a novel intermittent pneumatic compression enlarges fistulas: The first renal wearable.
- Intervention nephrology: Current practices among Indian nephrologists.
- A prospective randomized controlled trial: To assess the effectiveness of prevention of CRBSI associated with uncuffed HD catheters by using cefotaxime lock.
- A single centre experience of 438 chronic TCC insertions.
- Outcomes of tunnelled dialysis catheters in hemodialysis patients.
- Life saving vascular access in access exhaustion: Single center experience with surgically placed intra atrial catheter.
AVATAR 2018 offered 7 High End Skill Enhancing Workshops for young nephrologists, trainees & technicians.

AV Fistula Simulation Workshop was in collaboration with Vascular International and is one of its kind workshop happened first time in India.

### HIGH END WORKSHOPS

- **1.** High End Cath Lab Procedures (Cath Lab Workshop)
- **2.** Use of Duplex in regional practice (Sono Lab Workshop)
- **3.** AV Fistula Simulation Workshop in collaboration with Vascular International (Switzerland)
- **4.** Vascular Access Surveillance Clinical Trial Workshop
- **5.** AVATAR Classroom (PD Catheter Placement, AV Fistula & TCC Placement only for trainee nephrologists)
- **6.** AV Fistula Cannulation Techniques and use of doppler – Special Training Session for Nurses & Technicians
- **7.** Retrograde TCC Placement Technique Training for selected senior Nephrologists
On 22nd Sunday, Special Dedicated Session for Extracorporeal Therapies was carried out in collaboration with ISCCM (India Society of Critical Care Medicine) Delhi Chapter. CRRT, Extra Corporeal Therapies, newer management techniques to manage sepsis and controversies in Sepsis were discussed.
Session
EXTRACORPOREAL THERAPIES
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On 22nd Sunday, Special Dedicated Session for Extracorporeal Therapies was organised by Department of Nephrology, PGIMER, Chandigarh & AVATAR Foundation in collaboration with ISCCM (India Society of Critical Care Medicine) Delhi Chapter.

We discussed, key areas of immuno modulation in sepsis and their role, positioning of CRRT with relevant organ dysfunction, role of extra corporeal therapies in sepsis. Choice of conditioned based selection of Extracorporeal Therapy was theme of the program.

A special symposium was dedicated to Liver Support Systems in ALF / ACLF & Chronic Liver Disease.

This program was attended by people from 30 countries and members of Indian Society of Nephrology, Delhi Nephrology Society and Members of Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine particularly Delhi Chapter.

The rich scientific content was delivered by our Faculty from England, USA, Germany, Taiwan, Singapore and India.

The Program Content was selected, supervised by Dr. Yatin Mehta, Dr. Yash Zaveri & Dr. Prashant Kumar Singh.

Overall, It was well appreciated and attended program.
Social Media Outreach

#NephAVATAR Twitter Participants

Twitter Activity

1.164M Impressions
1,161 Tweets
114 Participants
24 Avg Tweets/Hour
10 Avg Tweets/Participant

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Conference Venue

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The LaLiT New Delhi is located in central Delhi in close proximity to key commercial and business locations. The hotel operates 461 rooms and suites and offers over 39,000 square feet of conference and banqueting space. It also includes an art gallery and a variety of shops. The LaLiT New Delhi operates three restaurants, namely, Baluchi, The Grill Room and 24/7, which offer various cuisines.