



23rd National Conference of The Cochlear Implant Group of India

Theme : "Precision, Partnership & Progress
in Cochlear Implant Care"

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME



04th - 6th
September 2026



Jaypee Palace Hotel &
Convention, Centre, Agra



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	HALL A (Surgery)	HALL B (Audiology)	HALL C (Re) Habilitation	HALL D
08:00 am - 09:00 am	SESSION 1 : BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM Title : <u>Early Intervention - Surgical Concerns, Outcomes</u> Early Identification and Timely Referral : Dr Rajat Jain The Window of Opportunity: Neural Plasticity and the Science of Early Auditory Stimulation : Dr Mukesh Dagur When Is the Right Time? Defining the Optimal Age for Cochlear Implantation: Lt Col Dr Bharath M Surgical Considerations in Early Cochlear Implantation: Dr Naushad From Implantation to Impact: Factors Influencing Speech, Language, and Functional Outcomes: Dr Bini Faizal Chairpersons :	SESSION 2 : BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM Title : <u>Advanced Clinical Electrophysiology in Hearing Implants</u> Objective Decision-Making in Complex Implant Candidates - Trans Tympanic Electrically Evoked Auditory Brainstem Response (TT eABR) and Auditory Neural Test System (ANTS): Dr Parul Sud Clinical utility using Electrically Evoked Stapedial Reflex Threshold (eSRT) postoperatively: Dr Muthu Selvi T Insights with Cortical Auditory Evoked Potentials (CAEPs) in CI users: Dr Saravanan P Brain Electrical Evoked Potentials (BEEP) in Cochlear Implants: Dr Aninda Banik Chairpersons :	SESSION 3 : PANEL DISCUSSION Title : <u>Management of Children With Complex Needs Using CI - What Really Works?</u> Moderator : Dr Prathiba Dawson Panelists : Ms Shabnam Khan, Ms MaryKay Therres, Ms Amrithalakshmi, Ms Priyanka Gautam Endal, Mr Madhan C Chairpersons :	Oral Poster / Poster / Platform presentations
09:00 am - 10:00 am	SESSION 4 : PANEL DISCUSSION Title : <u>Was CI a Turning Point In Your Life? (Professional life)</u> Moderator : Dr Kalyani Mandke Panelists : Dr Naresh Panda, Dr Shankar Medikeri, Dr Michael Gluth, Ms. Aziza Tyabji, Dr Madhuri Gore, Mr MA Srikanth, Mr Sashidharan P Chairperson :			
10:00 am - 10:20 am	SESSION 5 : KEYNOTE ADDRESS Title : <u>Singing Before Speaking - Application in Babies and Toddlers</u> Faculty : Ms Svetlana Burnos			
10:20 am - 10:40 am	SESSION 6 : KEYNOTE ADDRESS Title : <u>A New Era for Cochlear Implants - Using Technology to Transform Access, Outcomes, and Lifelong Care</u> Faculty : Prof Helen Cullington			

10:40 am -
11:00 am

SESSION 7: KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Title : Cybernetics - A Paradigm Shift in Cochlear Implant Understanding

Faculty : Dr Anirvan Banerjee

11:00 am -
12:00 Noon

SESSION 8 : PANEL DISCUSSION

Title : Demystifying the Cochlear Spiral - Design Opportunities and Possibilities

Moderator : Dr Sunil Narayan Dutt

Panelists : Dr Neelam Vaid, Dr Sumit Agarwal, Dr Mit Bhavsar, Dr Chandan Saha, Dr Anandhan Dhanasingh, Mr Anil Patnala

Chairperson :

12:00 pm -
01:00 pm

Med-EI SYMPOSIUM

01:00 pm -
01:45 pm

LUNCH

01:45 pm -
02:45 pm

SESSION 9 : PANEL DISCUSSION

Title : Should We Have Said No?

Moderator : Dr Mohnish Grover

Panelists : Prof Milind Kirtane, Prof Mohan Kameswaran, Prof Jitendra Mohan Hans, Prof Helen Cullington, Dr Anirvan Banerjee, Ms Meenakshi Wadhera, Dr N Banumathy

Chairperson :



02:45 pm -
03:45 pm

HALL A (Surgery)

SESSION 10 : ROUND TABLE

Title : Cochlear Malformation

Moderator : Dr Shalabh Sharma

Panelists :

Dr Deepak Dalmia, Dr Hetal Marfatia Patel
Dr Sumit Kumar Gaur, Dr Meenesh Juvekar
Dr Michael Gluth, Dr Sudhir Kadam

Chairpersons :

HALL B (Audiology)

SESSION 11 : ROUND TABLE

Title : When and Why would you Change
Default Parameters - Case-Based Scenarios

Moderator : Prof Aniket Saoji
Co -Moderator: Mr Sarath D Das

Panelists : Ms Priyanjali Harit,
Mr Pachiappan C, Dr Jawahar Anthony P,
Mr Sarath D Das, Mr Rishabh Kothari,
Mr Raja Suman Mk

Hypoplastic Nerve : **Ms Priyanjali Harit**

Inner Ear Malformations : **Mr Pachiappan C**

Auditory Nerve Spectrum Disorder :
Dr Jawahar Anthony P

Incomplete Insertion : **Mr Sarath D Das**

Non Auditory Stimulation : **Mr Rishabh Kothari**

Facial Nerve Stimulation : **Mr Raja Suman Mk**

Chairperson :

HALL C (Re) Habilitation

SESSION 12 :ROUND TABLE

Title : Distance (Re) Habilitation Services for
Hearing Implantees in India

Moderator : Ms Vahishtai Daboo

Panelists : Ms Ritu Nakra, Ms Mithila Poonacha,
Ms Shabnam Fathima, Ms Rupali Mathur

Challenges to Rehabilitation Service Delivery in
the Indian Context : **Ms Ritu Nakra**

Models of Tele-Rehabilitation Services in India :
Ms Mithila Poonacha

Outcomes of Tele- Rehabilitation Services :
Ms Shabnam Fathima

Factors Affecting the Tele-Rehabilitation
Models in India : **Ms Rupali Mathur**

Overall perspective of distance Re/habilitation :
Ms Vahishtai Daboo

Chairperson :

HALL D

Oral Poster / Poster /
Platform presentations

03:45 pm -
04:45 pm

HALL A (Surgery)

SESSION 13 : ROUND TABLE

Title : CI in Chronic Otitis Media

Moderator : Dr Gaurav Gupta

Panelists : Dr Abha Kumari,
Dr Madhuri Mehta, Dr Amit Keshri,
Dr Ram Babu, Dr Vinay Kumar EC

CI in OME & Recurrent AOM : **Dr Abha Kumari**

CI in Inactive Mucosal COM :
Dr Madhuri Mehta

CI in Active Mucosal COM : **Dr Amit Keshri**

CI in Inactive Squamosal COM : **Dr Ram Babu**

CI in Active Squamosal COM :
Dr Vinay Kumar EC

Chairpersons :

HALL B (Audiology)

SESSION 14 : ROUND TABLE

Title : Auditory Brainstem Implant (ABI) -
Science, Surgery and Hope

Moderator : Prof Ranjith Rajeswaran

Panelists : Prof Mohan Kameswaran,
Prof Ranjith Rajeswaran, Dr Amit Sahgal,
Prof Sanjay Munjal, Dr Anuradha Sharma

Refining ABI Care and Practice Through Two
Decades of Learning : **Prof Mohan Kameswaran**

Choosing the Right Candidate - Decision Making
and Candidacy for ABI : **Prof Ranjith Rajeswaran**

Navigating and Positioning of the ABI Electrode
Array in the Operating Room : **Dr Amit Sahgal**

Programming the Brainstem: Audiological
Challenges and Opportunities After ABI :
Prof Sanjay Munjal

Beyond Detection: Building Listening, Language
and Social Participation After ABI : **Dr Anuradha
Sharma**

Chairperson :

HALL C (Re) Habilitation

SESSION 15 : ROUND TABLE

Title : From Hearing to Thriving - Real Life
Success in CI Users

Moderator : Ms Rashmi Deshpande

Panelists : Dr Navneet Gupta, Ms Neelu Somani,
Mr Kabi Raj Khanal, Dr Chandani Jain,
Ms Asha Aggarwal

Strategies for Maximising Device Usage and
Support : **Dr Navneet Gupta**

Family Involvement: **Ms Neelu Somani**
Improving Social Integration: **Mr Kabi Raj
Khanal**

Promoting Independence and Self-Advocacy:
Dr Chandani Jain

Employment Outcomes and Workplace
Integration: **Ms Asha Aggarwal**

Summarising the overall perspectives:
Ms Rashmi Deshpande

Chairperson :

HALL D

Oral Poster / Poster /
Platform presentations

04:45 pm -
05:45 pm

HALL A (Surgery)

SESSION 16 : INVITED LECTURE

Session : Radiology for CI

1. Title : Mapping clinical outcomes using advanced methods - Functional Near Infrared Spectroscopy and Cortical Auditory Evoked Potentials

Faculty : Dr Kranti Bhavana

2. Title : Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Cochlear Implants with Diffusion Tensor Imaging to map central auditory pathway

Faculty : Dr Ashima Saxena

3. Title : Unlocking the Cochlea with Synchrotron Imaging

Faculty : Dr Sumit Agarwal

4. Title : CI candidacy protocol for the Indian subcontinent

Faculty :

HALL B (Audiology)

SESSION 17 : INVITED LECTURE

Session : Radiology for CI

1. Title : Auditory Deprivation - Stages and Ages for Changes!

Faculty : Dr Uttam Kumar

2. Title : Optimising the Top End - Cochlear Implant Low Frequency for Improved Sound Quality

Faculty : Dr Mariia Pazi

3. Title : Next Generation Bimodal Benefits and Deep Neural Networks - What New Technology Delivers!

Faculty : Mr Avinash Grubb

4. Title : Electrode Measurement Matrix: Patterns & Implications!

Faculty : Dr Manjula P

Chairperson:

HALL C (Re) Habilitation

SESSION 18 : PANEL DISCUSSION

Title : Optimising Rehabilitation Outcomes in Places with Limited Resources.

Moderator : Dr Suman Kumar

Panelists : Ms Shwetha Despande, Dr Ruchika Mittal, Ms Prabha Dawadee, Dr Srinivas G, Ms Manashi Sarmah, Mr Karan Vasnani

Chairperson :

HALL D

Oral Poster / Poster / Platform presentations

08:00 pm
Onwards

WELCOME DINNER

07:00 am -
08:00 am

SESSION 19 : WAH WAH TAJ! BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM

BREAKFAST AND COFFEE WITH LEGENDS

Interviewers : Dr Saumitra Shah & Dr Vikrant Patil

Legends : Professor Mohan Kameswaran, Professor Milind Kirtane, Dr Kalyani Mandke, Ms Aziza Tyabji

09:00 am -
09:20 am

SESSION 20 : KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Title : Detection of Cell Occupation on Cochlear Implants for Long-Term Monitoring of Stimulation Efficiency

Faculty : Dr Mit B Bhavsar

09:20 am -
09:40 am

SESSION 21 : KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Title : The Acoustic Side of Implants – Bone Conduction Devices and Active Middle Ear Implants

Faculty : Dr Hannes Maier

09:40 am -
10:00 am

SESSION 22 : KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Title : Soft Tissue Optimisation in Cochlear Implantation - Subgaleal Pocket and Other Surgical Pearls

Faculty : Dr Michael Gluth

10:00 am -
11:00 am

INAUGURATION

11:00 pm -
11:45 pm

CIGI ORATION

11:45 pm -
12:45 pm

CIGI AWARDS

12:45 pm -
01:30 pm

SESSION 23 : PANEL DISCUSSION

Title : Limited Usable Hearing Unilaterally (LUHU)

Moderator : Dr Ameet Kishore

Panelists : Dr Himanshu Swami, Col Dr Sunil Goyal, Dr Sampurna Ghosh, Dr Neevita Narayan, Dr Aniket Saoji, Mr Amit Anand

Chairperson :

01:30 pm -
02:15 pm

LUNCH

02:15 pm -
03:00 pm

ADVANCED BIONICS SYMPOSIUM

03:00 pm -
04:00 pm

SESSION 24 : PANEL DISCUSSION

Title : AI(Artificial Intelligence) and PI(Professional Intelligence) in CI

Moderator : Mr Apurv Kumar

Panelists : Prof Helen Cullington, Dr Rohit Prasad, Mr Prem Ranjan, Mr Shivaprasad P Boddupally, Mr Fernando Chapa

Chairperson :

04:00 pm -
05:30 pm

HALL A (Surgery)

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HALL D

Platform(8 each) (8+2)

Platform

Platform

Oral Poster /Platform

05:30 pm -
08:00 pm

GBM

08:00 pm
Onwards

GALA DINNER

09:00 am -
10:00 am

HALL A (Surgery)	HALL B (Audiology)	HALL C (Re) Habilitation	HALL D
SESSION 25 : PANEL DISCUSSION <u>Title : Surgical Complications</u> Moderator : Dr Rajeev Pachauri Panelists : Dr K K Handa, Dr S P Dubey, Dr K P S Verma, Dr Neeraj Suri, Dr Neha Sood, Dr Grace Budhiraja Chairpersons :	SESSION 26 : INVITED LECTURES <u>1 Title : Precision Programming in Cochlear Implant Users - The Role of Image-Guided Mapping</u> Faculty : Ms Shefali KC <u>2 Title : Global Trends in Hearing Loss - World Health Perspective</u> Faculty : Mr Sameer Poothari <u>3 Title : Speech Coding Strategies in Cochlear Implants, BSE and How They Influence Outcomes</u> Faculty : Dr Patrick Boyle <u>4 Title : Association Between Auditory Late Latency Responses and Mapping Parameters in Cochlear Implant Users</u> Faculty : Dr Prawin Kumar Chairperson :	SESSION 27 : INVITED LECTURES <u>1 Title : Indigenous Materials for Evaluating and Monitoring Progress in Audiology and Rehabilitation</u> Faculty : Dr Jaya V <u>2 Title : Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) - A Bridge to Communication for Implantable Device Users</u> Faculty : Dr Lakshmi Venkatesh <u>3 Title : Service Delivery Models for Rehabilitation in India - What Works Best for Us</u> Faculty : Ms Deepika Jaychandran <u>4 Title : The influence of music Training on Speech & Language Development</u> Faculty : Ms MaryKay Therres Chairperson :	08:30-10:00 am Platform/eposters/Poster

HALL A (Surgery)

SESSION 28 : ROUND TABLE

Title : Hearing Preservation

Moderator : Dr Rajesh Viswakarma

Panelists : Dr Amit Goyal, Dr Milind Navalakhe
Dr Ramandeep Virk, Dr Gyanranjan Nayak
Dr Basharat Nadeem, Dr Ravi Bhatia

Chairpersons :

HALL B (Audiology)

SESSION 29 : ROUND TABLE

Title : Refining Pre- and Post-Operative Protocols in Bone Conduction Implants

Moderator : Dr Chandrakant Vishwakarma

Panelists : Dr Sampath Chandra Prasad, Ms Parul Kajalia, Dr Chandrakant Vishwakarma, Mr Srikanth Indlamuri, Dr Hannes Maier

Artefact Reduction Sequences in MRI after Cochlear and Osia Implants - A Total Game Changer : **Dr Sampath Chandra Prasad**

Pre-Operative Evaluation for Bone Conduction Implants : **Ms Parul Kajalia**

Audiological Considerations in the Selection of Different Bone Conduction Devices, Care and Management : **Dr Chandrakant Vishwakarma**

Measuring Real-World Benefit in Bone Conduction Implant Users : **Mr Srikanth Indlamuri**

European Perspectives on Bone Conduction Implant Care: What Should We Standardise and Individualise? : **Dr Hannes Maier**

Chairperson :

HALL C (Re) Habilitation

SESSION 30 : ROUND TABLE

Title : Digital Innovations in CI Rehabilitation : Computer-Based Auditory Training (CBAT)

Moderator : Dr Geetha C

Panelists : Ms Leena Vishwakarma, Ms Pooja Behra, Ms Usha M, Mr Sanjeev Kanchan, Mr Chandhan Saha

Rationale for CBAT : **Ms Leena Vishwakarma**

Targeted auditory skills and components of CBAT : **Ms Usha M**

Open resources available on digital platforms : **Ms Pooja Behra**

Tele-Rehabilitation and remote auditory training : **Mr Sanjeev Kanchan**

Future trends & Scope of CBAT in India : **Mr Chandhan Saha**

Chairperson :

HALL D

Oral Poster / Poster / Platform presentations

10:00 am
- 11:00 am

SESSION 31 : PANEL DISCUSSION

Title : Labyrinthine Ossification (LO)

Moderator : Dr Sumit Mrig

Panelists : Dr Alok Thakar, Dr NVK Mohan, Dr Jaskaran Singh, Dr Subba Rayudu, Dr Aanchal Aggarwal Mittal, Ms Neha Banerjee

Chairpersons :

SESSION 32

Panel : Rapid Fire Tech Updates

In Progress

SESSION 33 : PANEL DISCUSSION

Title : Retraining of adult brains post CI - Challenges and Reality

Moderator : Dr Rupali Mathur

Panelists : Ms Ranju Verma, Ms Usha M, Ms Sherlyn Kerketta, Ms Saranyaa G, Ms Anusha Rao, Mr Mohd Eliyas

Chairpersons :

11:00 am -
11:45 am

08:30-10:00 am
Platform/eposters/Poster

11:45 pm -
12:15 pm

SESSION 34 : CONSENSUS CAFÉ STATEMENT

1. Title : Building Consensus: Surgical Training in Implantation Otology

Moderator : Dr Manoj Manikoth

2. Title : Building Consensus: Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder (ANSD) in CI space: Timelines and Guidelines

Moderator : Dr Aparna Nandurkar

3. Title : Building Consensus: Adult CI Rehabilitation in India

Moderator : Ms Janani Jeyaram

12:15 pm -
12:30 pm

SESSION 35 : KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Title : Opportunities and Challenges in the Development of a Novel Fully Implantable Cochlear Implant

Faculty : Prof Aniket Saoji

12:30 pm -
12:45 pm

SESSION 36 : KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Title : Modelling Auditory Neuroplasticity in Patient-Derived Brain Organoids - Towards Precision Medicine in Sensorineural Hearing Loss

Faculty : Dr Maryada Sharma

12:45 pm -
01:30 pm

SESSION 37 : PANEL DISCUSSION

Title : Where We Stand with Indigenous/ Make in India Implants (10-minute talk each)

Moderator : Dr Shomeshwar Singh

Panelists : DRDO: Mr Raghuram T, IIT Guwahati: Mr Subramani Kanagaraj

Chairperson :

01:30 pm -
02:30 pm

LUNCH

02:30 pm -
03:00 pm

SESSION 38 CIGI QUIZ

QUIZ MASTERS

Dr Karan Bhatia
Surgery

Dr Nitin Damam
Audiology

Ms Mani Bansal
(Re) Habilitation

03:00 pm -
03:30 pm

VALEDICTORY FUNCTION