

PROFILE OF THE CANDIDATE AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

Name: Dr. Dinesh Bhurani



Profile:

Dr. Dinesh Bhurani is one of the leading Haematologist in India with special interest in Bone Marrow Transplant. He is having more than 20 years of experience in Stem Cell Transplant including Allogeneic, Autologous, MUD (Matched Unrelated Donor) and Haplo Stem Cell Transplant.

He received training & fellowship in Bone Marrow Transplantation from CMC Vellore and Australia. He has done more than 1,100 Bone Marrow Transplants at Rajiv Gandhi cancer institute & Research centre.

He performed first Haplo transplant of North India.

He is the First DM of Haematology in India from Christian Medical College, Vellore and heading the department since 2007.

Professional Journey

Specialized areas

- Matched Sibling donor Stem Cell Transplant
- Matched Unrelated Donor Stem Cell Transplant
- Haplo (half matched) Stem cell Transplant
- Haematological disorders including Aplastic Anemia and Thalassemia Major

Achievements

- First DM of Haematology in India
- First to perform Haplo transplant in North India
- Credited with maximum number of MUD Transplants in North India
- Credited with the start of multiple pioneer works in the field of Haemato-oncology and organized much training in this field at global level

Statement of intent:

My intent is to serve the society

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Name: Dr. Sunil Bhat



After completing MD in Pediatrics, I did train in Pediatric Hematology Oncology at the prestigious Sri Ganga Ram Hospital Delhi and further went for a Fellowship in Pediatric Oncology at the Westmead Children's Hospital Sydney. Further to that I did fellowship in Pediatric Marrow and Stem Cell Transplant from Westmead Children's Hospital Sydney before moving back to India in 2013. Since Feb 2013, I have been associated with Narayana Health City, Bengaluru in the capacity of Incharge of Pediatric Hematology Oncology and BMT initially, and since 2019 in capacity of the Group Director and Clinical Lead for the Pediatric Marrow and Stem Cell Transplant Programme for the whole group.

I have established the Ped Hem / Onc/BMT department here at the Narayana Health City, Bengaluru and the department has emerged as one of the largest and state of the art facility for all the pediatric hem onc conditions providing every possible treatment including stem cell transplants and cellular therapies. We have also developed a robust training programme under aegis of DNB, IAP and also provide institutional fellowships in Pediatric Stem Cell Transplant. Centre has done more than 1600 transplants with more than one thousand Pediatric transplants till now and Pediatric Annual Transplants are more than 110-120. Transplants are done both for malignant and non-malignant conditions including a considerable number of Haplo-identical transplants with outcomes comparable to good centres in the world. Department has huge interest in research and papers have been presented at all major national and international conferences. Latest achievement has been starting of the CART clinical trial for B cell ALL.

I have been in personal capacity served as Executive Member Chair of the Stem Cell Transplant working group, as well as National Secretary of the PHO Chapter of IAP. Currently I hold the position of the Secretary of the Karnataka Pediatric Hematology Oncology Society and the National Coordinator of NTPPO of IAP. I have adequate clinical expertise and administrative experience to be associated with the ISBMT as an Executive Member.

I have been part of all the ISBMT meetings for the last 9 years and also served on the Program Committee to put together the scientific agenda of the ISBMT and the APBMT meetings.

If I am elected to the Executive Committee of the ISBMT, I would contribute to take ISBMT to greater heights and take the excellent work started by the seniors forwards.

Following are few of the areas I would like to contribute:

1. Working groups for various disease subgroups
2. Promote multicenter collaborative studies
3. Develop an infrastructure within ISBMT to provide statistical/data managers to help the member institutions
4. Contribute to the development of training modules for the residents in training
5. Advocacy at various levels to improve stem cell transplant outcomes
6. Contribute towards development of support groups as well as platforms to address psycho-social needs of the patients
7. Engagement and collaboration with the other Stem Cell Transplant Societies in the world

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Name: Dr. Sameer R Melinkeri



My intention of becoming a part of the executive committee is as follows:

1. To act as a bridge between senior members of the ISBMT and younger/newer members in order to maintain good harmony within the ISBMT. I have a good connect with the junior members and would strive to ensure that rifts do not arise in this presently small but rapidly expanding society.
2. To help and contribute to other aspects of the EC including academic activities.

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Name: Dr. Gaurav Kharya



Have been actively involved in BMT activity in India for over a decade now. Have keen interest in optimising the outcomes of alternate donor transplants. Optimized protocols for SCD, TDT & SAA to suit the needs of resource limited countries. Actively involved in research and academics. Initiated a formal training program in BMT for post graduates. To give ISBMT the projection it deserves, we need to work in tandem and I feel I can help bring in people together so that we can form and work together as multiple consortiums trying to address various challenges pertaining to HSCT in India under the umbrella of ISBMT.

Even if not nominated, I shall try to do the same.