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## 5th National NICPR-ECHO Online Certificate Course on Cervical Cancer Screening for Pathologists



17th January – 1st March 2024  
(TWICE-A-WEEK, 2.30 - 4.30 PM)

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DEAR COLLEAGUE,

WHO's global call for action to eliminate cervical cancer includes screening as one of its pillars. Cytology-based cervical cancer screening has contributed to a reduction in morbidity and mortality. However, the paucity of trained cytopathologists is a deterrent to the effective implementation of cervical cancer screening programs in developing nations.

The Division of Cytopathology, ICMR-NICPR is conducting the 5th National NICPR-ECHO Online Certificate Course on Cervical Cancer Screening for Pathologists under the aegis of the Indian Academy of Cytologists. The course shall be conducted solely on the online ECHO platform between 2:30 PM 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, and recommendations for cervical cancer screening with a 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 in Pathology or possess a Diploma in Clinical Pathology (DCP).
- Number of seats: 80 (first-come-first-serve basis)
- **A minimum of one short case presentation AND attendance in 10 of 13 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: 31st December, 2023 (or till seats are available)
- 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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**17 JAN**

WED

Introduction to the virtual course: learning objectives

Dr. Ruchika Gupta, ICMR-NICPR

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

Dr. Shalini Singh, Director, ICMR-NICPR

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**19 JAN**

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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**24 JAN**

WED

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

Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Ex-Sci G, ICMR-NICPR

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**31 JAN**

WED

Cervical Cancer Pathogenesis: HPV and beyond

Dr. Radhika Srinivasan, PGIMER, Chandigarh

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**02 FEB**

FRI

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

Dr. Sanjay Gupta

**07 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

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**09 FEB**

**FRI**

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

Dr. Neeta Kumar, New Delhi

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**14 FEB**

**WED**

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

Prof. Nalini Gupta, PGIMER, Chandigarh

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**16 FEB**

**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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**21 FEB**

**WED**

Cyto-histological correlation in cervical pathology: The ASC guidelines

Dr. Ruchika Gupta, ICMR-NICPR

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**23 FEB**

**FRI**

HPV & other biomarkers in cervical cancer prevention

Dr. Pooja Bakshi, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi

**28 FEB**

**WED**

Artificial Intelligence in Cervical Cytology

Dr. Ruchika Gupta

Medicolegal aspects in cervical smear reporting

Dr. Shamsuz Zaman, ICMR-NICPR

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**01 MAR**

**FRI**

Concluding session – participants' feedback.

Dr. Ruchika Gupta

Dr. Shamsuz Zaman

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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.