

CROSS ROADS

WORLD CANCER SUMMIT 2026

Defining Directions in Oncological Dilemmas



2 & 3 MAY 2026



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Foreword: Crossroads 2026

It is with great pride and a sense of profound responsibility that we welcome you to **CROSSROADS 2026: World Cancer Summit**. As we gather at the Hotel Crowne Plaza, Kochi, we invite you to experience the warmth of God's Own Country while we navigate the future of oncological care together.

The theme of this summit, "**Defining Direction in Oncological Dilemmas,**" reflects the complex landscape of modern medicine. In an era of rapid technological evolution, clinicians often stand at a crossroads where the path forward requires not just clinical data, but collective wisdom. This summit serves as a bridge between global innovation and national expertise, featuring a faculty of international speakers and distinguished national subject experts.

A Legacy of Healing & Innovation

This year's conference marks a historic milestone for **Medical Trust Hospital (MTH)**. As pioneers in organ transplantation in India, we are leveraging our decades of surgical excellence to host a dedicated session on **Transplant Oncology** - a first-of-its-kind feature in the state. We are also proud to unveil our dedicated Cancer Centre, a testament to our commitment to the state's healthcare landscape. This facility brings the future of precision medicine to Kerala, equipped with state-of-the-art radiotherapy services, including the Varian TrueBeam HyperArc.

Mastery Through Practice

Beyond the lectures, **CROSSROADS 2026** emphasizes practical, high-impact learning through three specialized workshops:

- **Surgical Oncology:**

Focusing on managing complications in modern surgical practice through interactive case discussions.

- **Medical Oncology:**

A deep dive into toxicity mitigation strategies for CAR-T, ADCs, and Bispecifics.

- **Radiation Oncology:**

Addressing toxicity management and enhancing quality of life in radiotherapy.

A Collaborative Vision:

Our mission is strengthened by the prestigious endorsements of leading professional bodies, including ISMPO, AROI Kerala, KASO, AMPOK, and IASCC & MASCC. These partnerships underscore our shared goal: to refine the standards of cancer care through interdisciplinary collaboration.

We invite you to immerse yourself in these two days of rigorous academic exchange, networking, and clinical discovery. Together, let us define the direction that leads to a brighter, more certain future for our patients.

Programme Schedule

Day 1 - Saturday, May 2, 2026

Delegate Registration & Networking

HALL A- GRAND BALL ROOM

LUNG CANCER – From Clouds to Clarity: The Cure Quest

Session 1 Chairpersons - Dr. KV Gangadharan | Dr. Nizam MP | Dr. Sharath S

TIME	TOPIC / DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
09:30 AM 10:00 AM	CROSS TALK: Cutting It Right: Lobectomy vs Sublobar Resection - The Great Divide!	Dr. Prabhakaran U , Coimbatore Dr. Arun Peter Mathew , Kochi
Expert Comments: Dr George Karimundackal		
10:00 AM 10:20 AM	Continuum in Lung Cancer-Perioperative systemic therapy; A Medical Oncologist's Perspective	Dr. Prasanth Parameswaran , Kozhikode

Session 2 Chairpersons - Dr. Sajeevan | Dr. Mithun Chacko John | Dr. Sajeev George

TIME	TOPIC / DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
10:20 AM 10:40 AM	Mediastinal Lymph Node Staging in Lung Cancer: Where Do We Stand Today?	Dr. George Karimundackal , Mumbai
10:40 AM 11:00 AM	EGFR-Mutant mNSCLC at Progression: What Comes After Osimertinib?	Dr. Krishna Prasad , Mangalore
11:00 AM 11:20 AM	Brain Metastases in Driver-Mutated NSCLC: The Evolving Role of Radiotherapy	Dr. Arun Sankar , Thiruvananthapuram
11:20 AM 12:00 PM	Panel discussion – Local Therapy Reimagined: Surgery & Radiotherapy in the Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy Era	Moderator: Dr TP Sahoo , Bhopal Panelists: Dr Krishna Prasad, Dr Arun Philip, Dr Firoz Rajan, Dr Salim VP, Dr Dinesh Makuny, Dr Arun Lal

Session 3

Chairpersons - Dr. Anupama G | Dr. Mathews Jose | Dr. Shoufeej P

TIME	TOPIC / DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
12:00 PM 12:20 PM	Biomarker-Positive NSCLC: Is Adjuvant Chemotherapy Becoming Obsolete?	Dr. Aju Mathew, Kochi
12:20 PM 12:40 PM	Rationale to Practice- Role of Tislelizumab in NSCLC	Dr. Aswin Oommen Philips, Thrissur
12:40 PM 01:10 PM	CROSS TALK 2: Optimal strategies for identifying and treating HR+ HER2 - node positive Breast Cancer	Moderator- Dr. Krishna Prasad Discussants: Dr. Bharat Bhosale Dr. Arun Chandrasekhar
01:00 PM 02:00 PM	Lunch Break	

BREAST CANCER – Choosing the Right Path: Escalate or De-escalate in Breast Cancer?

Session 4

Chairpersons - Dr. Vijayakumar DK | Dr. Sanju Cyriac | Dr. Abu Abraham

TIME	TOPIC / DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
02:00 PM 02:15 PM	Navigating Dilemmas in Planning Oncoplastic Breast Surgery in the Era of Neoadjuvant Therapy	Dr. Dinesh Thekkinkattil, United Kingdom
02:15 PM 02:30 PM	Cross-Wires in the Neoadjuvant Era: Making Sense of Radiotherapy Decisions	Dr. Geethu Babu, Thiruvananthapuram
02:30 PM 02:45 PM	TNBC, After Neoadjuvant Chemo-Immunotherapy: Escalation, De-Escalation, or Personalization?	Dr. Krupa Sankar, Coimbatore
02:45 PM 03:05 PM	TDXd in Early and Late Stage Cancer; Investigator Insights & Practice Perspectives	Dr. Jame Abraham Cleveland Clinic, Ohio, USA
03:05 PM 03:40 PM	Panel Discussion: One Disease, Many Decisions: MDT Management of Oligometastatic Breast Cancer	Moderator: Dr. Senthil Rajappa, Hyderabad Panelists: Dr. Wesley Jose, Dr. Krupa Sankar, Dr. Dinesh Thekkinkattil, Dr. Jem Kalathil, Dr. Sanjiv Sharma, Dr. Rajeev KR

Session 5

Chairpersons – Dr. Arun Warriar | Dr. Bobben Thomas | Dr. Murali TV

TIME	TOPIC / DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
03:45 PM 04:00 PM	Crossing the Blood–Brain Barrier: Choosing the Right Therapy in HER2-Positive Metastatic Breast Cancer	Dr. Rona Joseph , Thiruvananthapuram
04:00 PM 04:15 PM	At the Axillary Crossroads: When Can We Avoid Axillary Dissection in Breast Cancer?	Dr. Ansar PP , Thiruvananthapuram
04:15 PM 04:40 PM	Oral SERDs in HR-Positive MBC: Finding Their Place Beyond CDK4/6	Dr. Shaheenah Dawood , Dubai, UAE
04:40 PM 05:00 PM	Coffee Break	
05:00 PM 05:30 PM	Keynote Lecture: Management of Early-Onset Cancers – Unique Challenges and Opportunities	Dr. Jame Abraham , Cleveland Clinic, Ohio, USA

GERIATRIC ONCOLOGY: Redefining Care Beyond Chronological Age

Session 6

Chairpersons – Dr. CS Madhu | Dr. Satheesan Balasubramanian | Dr. Durgapoorna

TIME	TOPIC / DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
05:30 PM	Geriatric Oncology in India – Unmet Need & Current Landscape	Dr. Purvish Parikh , Mumbai
05:45 PM	Fit or Frail? Geriatric Assessment in Surgical and Radiotherapy Decision-Making	Dr. Rejiv Rajendranath , Chennai
06:00 PM	Beyond Checklists: Practical CGA for the Busy Oncology Clinic	Dr. Jino Joy , Kochi

Thought Leader's Forum: Interactive discussion

Session - 7

Thought Leader's Forum: Interactive discussion Cancer Care in Kerala at the Crossroads – Overcoming Roadblocks to Access

06:15 PM – 07:00 PM

Moderator: **Johny Lukose** (News Director, Manorama News)

Panelists: Dr Satheesan Balasubramanian- Director, Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery

Dr Rejnish Kumar- Director, Regional Cancer centre , Thiruvananthapuram

Dr Narayanankutty Warriar- Medical Director, MVR Cancer Centre, Kozhikode

Dr Varun Rajan- Senior Consultant Medical Oncologist, Medical Trust Hospital, Kochi

Shri. Hibi Eden, Member of Parliament, Ernakulam

Smt. Amala Paul- South Indian Cine Actress

07:00 PM – 07:30 PM

Inauguration Ceremony

07:30 PM

Dinner

Day 2 - Sunday, May 3, 2026

Special Session

Meet the professors

Dr Jame Abraham | Dr Ben George

08.00 am - 09.00 am

Hall C : COVE Room

HCC – Rays of Hope at the Crossroads of Care

HALL - A

Session 1 Chairpersons - Dr. Sreedharan PS | Dr. Anoop TM | Dr. Jose Tom

TIME	TOPIC / DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
09:00 AM 09:20 AM	SBRT – Is it a Dark Horse in the Management of HCC?	Dr. Jose Paul , Kochi
09:20 AM 09:35 AM	When the Virus Is Not the Villain – Smart Systemic Therapy Sequencing	Dr. Deepa Susan , Vellore
09:35 AM 10:00 AM	Featured Lecture – Immunotherapy Across HCC Continuum	Dr. Ben George , Mayo Clinic, Rochester, USA
10:00 AM 10:40 AM	Panel Discussion: HCC at the Crossroads: Multidisciplinary Decisions in Integrating Locoregional and Systemic Therapy	Moderator: Dr Anant Ramaswamy , Mumbai Panelists: Dr. Ben George, Dr. Jaisanker, Dr. Shamsudeen Dr. Lijesh, Dr. Vishnu Prasad, Dr. Sunil T, Deepak Damodaran
10:40 AM 11:00 AM	A new era in managing resectable Gastric Cancer with D + FLOT	Dr Arun Warriar , Kochi

Transplant Oncology

Session 2 Evolution and Current Indications

TIME	TOPIC / DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
11:00 AM 11:10 AM	Context setting: Topic: The Evolution of Transplant Oncology.	Dr. Dileep Damodaram , Kozhikode
11:10 AM 11:30 AM	Technical Talk: Topic: Expanding the Map: Liver Transplantation for primary liver malignancies	Dr. Sudhindran S , Kochi
11:30 AM 12:00 PM	Cross Talk: Colorectal Liver Metastasis – Parenchyma Sparing Resection vs Liver Transplant	Dr. AS Ramakrishnan , Chennai Dr. Sudhindran S , Kochi

Pseudomyxoma peritonei, Intestinal Failure, and Rare Tumours

Session 3

TIME	TOPIC / DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
12:00 PM 12:20 PM	Deep Dive Talk: Topic: Small Bowel and Multi Visceral Transplant as a Lifeline in oncology.	Dr. Anil Vaidya , Chennai
12:20 PM 01:00 PM	Panel Discussion 1: Managing recurrent/ advanced pseudomyxoma peritonei- MDT	Moderator: Dr. Madhu Muralee , Thiruvananthapuram Panelists: Dr. A S Ramakrishnan, Dr. Anil Vaidya, Dr. Praveen Shenoy, Dr. Dileep Damodaran, Dr. Subi T S, Dr. Nizamudheen

Organ Shortage, Utility, and Future Strategies

Session 4

TIME	TOPIC / DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
01:00 PM 01:20 PM	Grand Panel Discussion: How to address the technical and ethical hurdles of expanding eligibility amidst organ shortages?	Moderator: Dr. Sivakumar Mahalingam , Chennai Panelists: Dr. Sudhindran S, Dr. Anil Vaidya, Dr. Mathew Jacob, Dr. Noble Gracious, Dr. Sunil Mathai
01:20 PM 01:30 PM	Closing Remarks: Topic: How do we integrate Transplant Oncology into standard cancer guidelines?	Dr. Anil Vaidya
Chair - Dr A S Ramakrishnan Dr Dilip Damodaran		
01:30 PM ONWARDS	Lunch & Meet-the-Professor Session	

Multidisciplinary Oncology Workshop

Endorsed by IASCC (Integrated Association of Supportive Care in Cancer) and MASCC (Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer)

To provide a multidisciplinary platform for discussing complications and toxicity management across surgical, radiation, and medical oncology, with a focus on improving patient outcomes through interactive case-based learning and expert-led discussions.

May 2 & 3, 2026

11:00 AM – 01:00 PM

Focus Areas:

Surgical Oncology

Theme: Managing Complications in Modern Surgical Oncology

Date: May 2, Saturday

Time: 11:00 AM – 01:00 PM

Venue: Cinnamon Hall (HALL B)

Format: Interactive case-based discussions

Radiation Oncology

Theme: Toxicity Management and Quality of Life in Radiotherapy

Date: May 3, Sunday

Time: 11:00 AM – 01:00 PM

Venue: Cinnamon Hall (HALL B)

Format: Expert talks and focused discussions

Medical Oncology

Theme: Toxicity Mitigation Strategies – CAR-T, ADCs & Bispecifics

Date: May 3, Sunday

Time: 11:00 AM – 01:00 PM

Venue: COVER ROOM (HALL C)

Format: Expert talks and focused discussions

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