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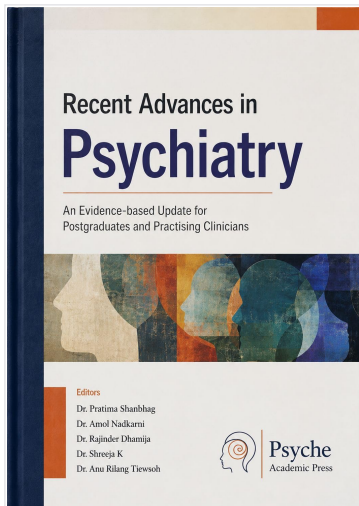
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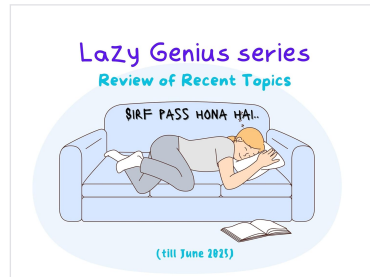
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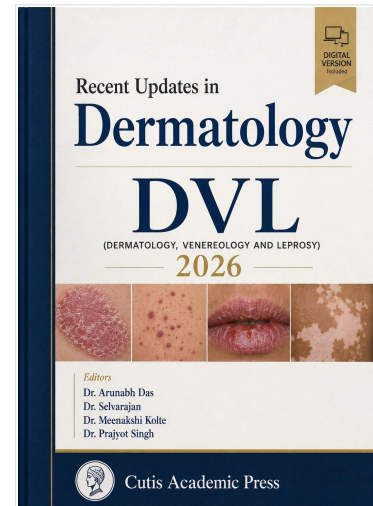
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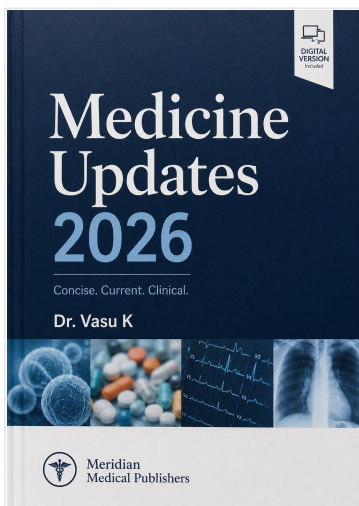
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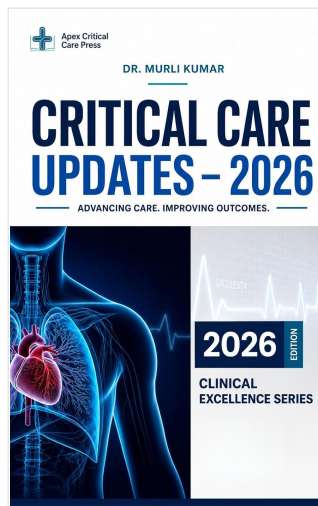
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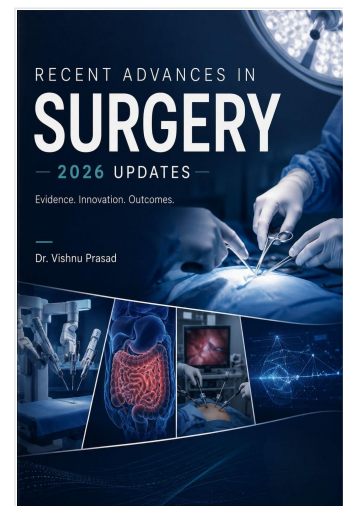
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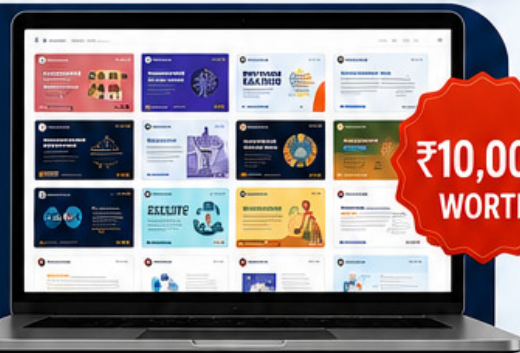
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## Dear Friends

It is with great pleasure that we extend a heartfelt invitation to you to join us in Coimbatore city, the "Manchester of South India" for the 74th Annual National Conference of the Indian Society of Pathology and Microbiology- "APCON 2026". This distinguished event will be hosted by the Department of Pathology, PSG Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Coimbatore and will take place in the campus of this prestigious institute from December 2nd to 6th 2026. This year's conference is centered around the theme: Where Diagnostics Evolve and Personalised Care Begins.

Coimbatore is a city known for its pleasant cool climate and has an interesting amalgamation of industry and natural beauty. It is situated on the banks of river Noyyal. It offers a gateway to the Western Ghats, the "Blue Mountains" (Nilgiris) and hill stations like Ooty. The city has on its outskirts cascading waterfalls (Kovai Kutralam) and dense forests with a variety of flora and fauna.

This conference consists of an array of preconference workshops in some of which participants will get unique hands-on experiences. Delegates can look forward to inspiring sessions by distinguished national and international speakers who will share updated diagnostic criteria in the various divisions of Pathology and present the latest research and technological innovations. The conference will provide a unique platform for pathologists, postgraduates and researchers to interact, update and integrate traditional practices with emerging developments in digitalisation and artificial intelligence in pathology.

**We the Organising Committee of APCON 2026 look forward to warmly welcome you all to join us for an enriching experience that blends academic excellence with the beauty of nature and the hospitality of the host city.**

Warm Regards

**Dr. S. Shanthakumari**

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| 7:45 am - 8:30 am                                                                                                                              | Registration                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8:30 am - 9:00 am                                                                                                                              | Inauguration                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9:00 am - 10:00 am                                                                                                                             | Guest Lecture<br><b>Dr. Murali Varma</b><br><b>Consultant Histopathologist, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, United Kingdom</b><br>Computational Pathology: "Let's make haste slowly"     |
| 10:00 am - 10:30 am                                                                                                                            | Tea                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10:30 am - 12:30 pm                                                                                                                            | <b>Slide Seminar</b><br>Topic: Oddities in the Ordinary: Rare Non-Neoplastic Lesions Unearthed by Routine Needle Biopsy<br>Moderator: <b>Vinaya Shah</b> and <b>Pradeep Vaideeswar</b> (Mumbai) |
| 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm                                                                                                                             | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm                                                                                                                              | <b>Slide Seminar</b><br><b>Dr. Murali Varma</b><br><b>Consultant Histopathologist, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, United Kingdom</b><br>Pitfalls in Genito Urinary Pathology            |
| 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm                                                                                                                              | <b>Symposium</b><br>Topic: "Ancillary Testing in Gastrointestinal Cancers: Guidelines, Practices and Pitfalls"<br>Moderator: <b>Rajani Yadav</b> (AIIMS, New Delhi)                             |
| 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm                                                                                                                              | General Body Meeting of IAP-ID Tim                                                                                                                                                              |
| 5:30 pm onwards                                                                                                                                | Meeting concludes and Tea                                                                                                                                                                       |

Dec 3rd, 2026

6:00 pm Onwards

IAPM Inauguration

4th December 2026

Dr K C Basu Mallick Award Papers (5) and KS Ratnakar Best Paper (4) Award Presentations

8:30-10:15 am

PSG IMS&amp;R Main Auditorium

Dr B K Aikat Oration

Dr Asaranti Kar

10:20-11:05 am

PSG IMS&amp;R Main Auditorium

Tea Break &amp; Poster Walk

11:10-11:25 am

GUEST LECTURE 1

*Evolution of the taxonomy of soft tissue neoplasia in the molecular era: blessing or curse?*

Dr. Abbas Agaimy

Professor and Vice Chair of Pathology

University Hospital Erlangen, Germany

11:25 am-12:10 pm

PSG IMS&amp;R Main Auditorium

PANEL DISCUSSION 1

Crafting A career in Pathology:

Opportunities &amp; Challenges in the Era of Social Media Influence &amp; AI

Shalini Mullick/ S Shanthakumari

Panelists:

Garima Jain, Scientist E- Medical | ICMR-National Institute of Digital Health &amp; Data Science, Delhi

Payal Keswarpu, Director, Clinical Science and AI Data Curation, RWE Informatics, Concert AI, Bangalore

Sachin Kale, Kale Path Lab and MGM Medical College, Chhatrapati

D. Jeevan, Medical University of the Americas, Saint kit and Nevis, West Indies

Dr Aneeta Jassar, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Gateshead (UK)

12:15-1:00 pm

Main auditorium

LUNCH &amp; POSTER VIEWING

(extended lunch hours for poster presenters &amp; reviewers)

1:00-2:00 pm

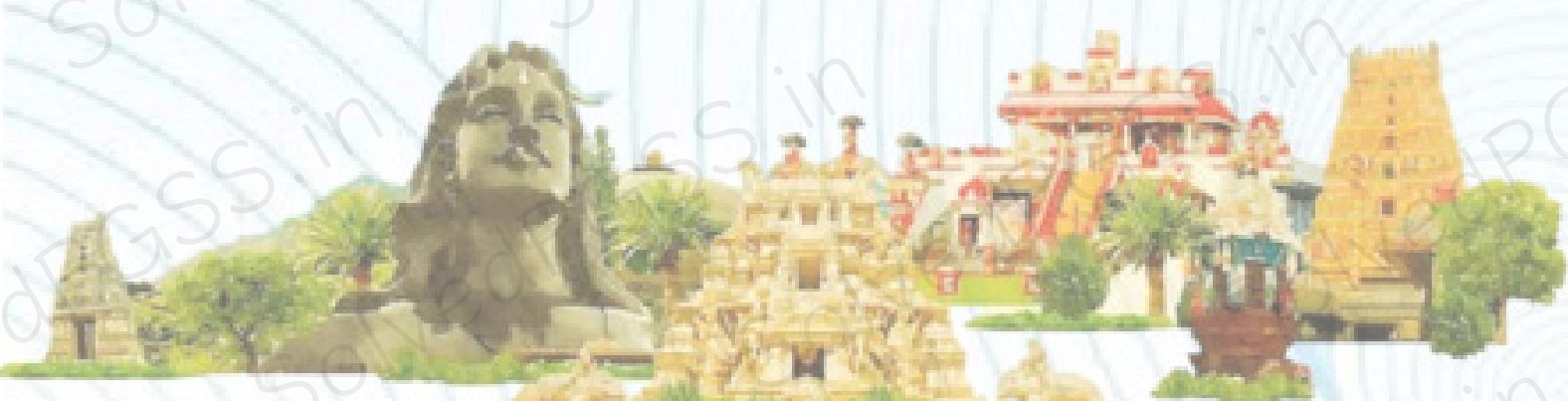
| Time      | Beginners Café                                                | Time      | Moderated Slide Seminars                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | CME's                                                                                                                                         | Hematology                                                                                                                                |
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|           | Hall A                                                        |           | Hall B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Hall C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Hall D                                                                                                                                        | Hall E                                                                                                                                    |
| 2:00-2:30 | Virtual Tour of Pathology<br>Nadeem Tanveer /<br>Tripti Nakra | 2:00-3:00 | Hematolymphoid Tumors<br>Saumya Ranjan Mallick<br><br><b>Expert Panelists:</b><br>Rakhee Kar<br>Elanthenral Segamani<br>Ganesh K V<br><br><b>Faculty Participants:</b><br>Saumyaranjan<br>Prashant Ramteke<br>Ganesh                             | Nodular Liver Lesions<br><b>Expert Panelists:</b><br>Rachna Chaturvedi<br>Siddhartha Datta Gupta<br>Kedar Deodhar<br>Munita Bal<br><br><b>Faculty Participants:</b><br>Surbhi Goyal<br>Malini Eapen<br>Subash Yadav<br>Nalini Balsal<br>Chagan Bihari Maurya | Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) in Diagnostic Pathology<br>Vivek Gupta<br>Anil Traigopula<br>Sushant Vinirkar                                | MDS/MPN- Smears to sequence<br>Bhushan Asthana<br>S Venkatesan<br>Ankur Ahuja<br>Rama Hariharan                                           |
| 2:30-3:00 | Art of Doing a Thesis<br>Ravi Phulware/Mukund N Sable         |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                           |
| 3:00-3:30 | Morphological approach in soft tissue tumors<br>K. Valarmathi | 3:00-4:00 | Appendicular Tumors<br>Chaitra V<br><br><b>Expert Panelists:</b><br>Malathi M<br>Ruchi Mittal<br>Shanthy Velusamy<br><br><b>Faculty Participants:</b><br>S Shanmuga Priya<br>Sivaranjani S<br>Sujith Sudhir<br>Shalaka A. Deshpande<br>Dr Vidhya | <b>Ear Tumors</b><br>Varsha Dhume<br><br><b>Expert Panelists:</b><br>Asawari Patil<br>Paromita Roy<br>Anila KR                                                                                                                                               | Pathology of Testis in DSD: Morphology, Mimics, and Malignancy Risk<br>Uttara Chatterjee<br>Seema Kaushal<br>Suravi Mohanty<br>Umamaheswari G | Thalassemia and Hemoglobinopathies<br>Bidyut Krishna Goswami<br>Rupsha Dutta Pal<br>Rashmi Kushwaha<br>Rakhee Kar<br>Jaya Bagchi Samaddar |

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| 3:30-4:00         | Know your Microscope<br><b>Shilpi Sahu</b>                                                       | 4:00-5:00 | Skin Appendageal Tumors<br><b>Uma Nahar Saikia</b><br><b>Rajalakshmi Tirumalae</b><br><b>Sudheer Ararva</b><br><b>Sonal Sharma</b><br><b>Reena Tomar</b><br><b>Sanjay Sriram</b> | Thyroid Tumours<br><b>Amit Kumar Adhya</b><br><br><b>Expert Panelists:</b><br><b>Suvradeep Mitra</b><br><b>Debajyoti Chatterjee</b><br><br><b>Faculty Panelists:</b><br><b>TBD</b> | Advances in CNS Tumor Diagnostics in the Molecular Era<br><b>Vaishali Suri</b><br><b>Suvendu Purkait</b><br><b>Anila Sharma</b><br><b>Megha S. Uppin</b> | Going Beyond PT & aPTT- Viscoelastic Methods for Global Hemostasis Assessment<br><b>Tushar Sehgal</b><br><b>Narender Kumar</b><br><b>Jyoti Kotwal</b> |
| 4:00-4:30         | Basic Grossing Techniques<br><b>Sonal Sharma</b><br><b>Anju Khairwa</b><br><b>Nadeem Tanveer</b> |           |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                       |
| 4:30-5:00         | Medical autopsy - Impact of unveiling the final diagnosis<br><br><b>Nandita Kakkar</b>           |           |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                       |
| 5:00-8:00         | Poster Review                                                                                    | 5:00-8:00 | Proffered Papers                                                                                                                                                                 | Proffered Papers                                                                                                                                                                   | Proffered Papers                                                                                                                                         | Proffered Papers                                                                                                                                      |
| OFFICIAL MEETINGS |                                                                                                  |           |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                       |

| 5th December 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Dr Gaya Prasad Memorial Symposium<br>The Art and Science of Visuals in Pathology<br><b>Dr Vijay Shankar S</b><br><b>Ranjan Agrawal</b><br><b>Saranya Singaravel</b><br><br>8:30-9:15 am<br>PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium                                                                    |                                                                          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                          |
| ICP Oration<br><b>Dr Vani Santosh</b><br>Professor, NIMHANS, Bengaluru<br>9:20-10:05 am<br>PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Dr C I Jhala Oration<br>10:10-10:55 am<br>TBD - PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Tea Break & Poster Walk<br>10:55-11:15 am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Tamil Nadu Puducherry Chapter Oration<br>11:20-12:05<br>TBD - PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Hematology Slide seminar/ panel discussion From Flow Cytometry to Genomics: Evolving Diagnostics in Acute Leukemia<br><b>Mrinalini Kotru</b><br><b>Gurmeet singh</b><br><b>Shilpi More</b><br><b>Shivangi Harankhedhar</b><br><br><b>Hall A</b><br><b>PSG IMS&amp;R Main Auditorium</b> |                                                                          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Panel Discussion 3<br>Assessment Of Pathology Education In India<br>(Panelists 6-3 students/ 3 teachers; 1 moderator)<br><b>Dr Anshu</b><br><b>Siddhartha Dattagupta</b><br><b>Asitava Deb Roy</b><br><b>K Swaminathan</b><br><b>Hall B</b><br><b>PSG IMS&amp;R B Block Auditorium</b> |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Guest lecture 2<br>"2026 WHO Update on Classification of Breast Tumors"<br><b>Dr. Kamaljeet Singh, Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine,</b><br><b>Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, USA</b><br>12:45-1:30 pm<br>PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium                    |                                                                          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Lunch & Poster Review<br>1:30-2:00 pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Beginners Café                                                           | Time      | Oncopath Slide Seminars                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 2:00-2:30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Basic Nomenclature Used in Molecular Pathology<br><b>Deepak K Mishra</b> | 2:00-3:00 | "Real Intelligence" in Unravelling Newly recognized/"provisional" tumor entities in bone and soft tissue tumors<br><b>Bharat Rekhi</b><br><b>Abbas Agaamy</b><br><b>Sunil Pasricha</b><br><b>Adarsh Barwad</b> | Core Biopsies from Lung Mass<br><b>Pramita Sahu</b><br><b>Gayatri Rath</b><br><b>Tummidi Santosh</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   | Spindle Cell tumor of Breast<br><b>Varuna Mallya</b><br><b>Shramana Mandal</b><br><b>Monika Singh</b><br><b>Anila Sharma</b><br><b>J Sree Rekha</b><br><b>Aminder Singh</b> | Spotlight on Adrenal Tumours<br><b>Sandhya Sundaram</b><br><b>Chandramouleeshwari</b><br><b>Poonam Elhance</b><br><b>Swaminathan</b><br><b>Usha Kini</b> |
| 2:30-3:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Understanding Eye Histology<br><b>Dilip K Mishra</b>                     |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                          |

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| 3:00-3:30                              | Basics of Confocal Microscopy<br><b>R Selvakumar</b>         | 3:00-4:00  | Deciphering Urinary Bladder Cancer-Basics, Morphology and Molecular<br><b>Jitendra Singh Nigam</b><br><b>Ashok Singh</b><br><b>Jyotsna Naresh Bharti</b><br><b>Seema Kaushal</b><br><b>Biswajit Dey</b><br><b>Tarun Kumar</b> | Case-Based learning in Gynecological Cancer Pathology<br><b>Santosh Menon</b><br><b>Anila Sharma</b><br><b>Preethi</b><br><b>Divya Midha</b> | Cervical Pathology at the Crossroads: Morphology, Molecular, and Machine Learning<br><b>Charanjeet Ahluwalia (M)</b><br><b>Shilpi Agarwal</b><br><b>Sana Ahuja</b> | Trephine biopsies interpretation (Stains, IHC and ISH)<br><b>Tara Roshni Paul</b><br><b>Shantveer G Uppin</b><br><b>Faiq Ahmed</b> |
| 3:30-4:00                              | Skin biopsies: pattern-based approach<br><b>Amit K Yadav</b> |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                    |
| 4:00 -5:00                             | Poster Review                                                | 4:00 -5:00 | Proffered Papers                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Proffered Papers                                                                                                                             | Proffered Papers                                                                                                                                                   | Proffered Papers                                                                                                                   |
| ICP GBM<br>4:00-5:00 pm<br>Board Room  |                                                              |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                    |
| IAPM GBM<br>5:00-7:00 pm<br>Auditorium |                                                              |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                    |
| Banquet Dinner<br>8:00 pm onwards      |                                                              |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                    |

| 6th December 2026                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Auditorium                                                                  | <b>TIMELY TOPIC "Quality control of AI assisted pathology"</b><br>Parikshit Sanyal<br>Rajiv Kaushal<br>8:30-9:15 am<br>PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 10:40-11:40 am                                                              | <b>USHA HARDAS INFECTIOUS DISEASE SYMPOSIUM</b><br>Infections of GIT: Clues under the microscope<br><b>Karthikeyan TM</b><br><b>Sakthisankari Shanmugasundaram</b><br><b>Lavanya S, Professor</b><br><b>L. Venkatakrishnan</b><br>PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium      | <b>PRACTICING PATHOLOGISTS' SESSION</b><br>Adoption of Digital Pathology & AI in the era of Precision Medicine<br><b>Alok Sharma</b><br><b>Sangeeta B Desai</b><br><b>Rajeev Kaushal</b><br><b>Rajiv Tangri</b><br><b>Vinod PK</b><br><b>Kunal Sharma</b><br>PSG IMS&R B Block Auditorium |
| <b>Tea Break</b><br>11:40-12:00                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 12:00 - 1:00 pm                                                             | <b>APCON UG QUIZ 2026- Platform Round</b><br><b>Moderator: Indranil Chakrabarty &amp;</b><br><b>Team: Suvendu Purkait</b><br><b>Devajit Nath</b><br><b>Gunvanti Rathod</b><br><b>Parth Rajendragiri Goswami</b><br><b>Hall A</b><br>PSG IMS&R B Block Auditorium | <b>APCON PG QUIZ 2026- Platform Round</b><br><b>Moderator: Aditya Agnohotri &amp;</b><br><b>Team: Ranjana Ranade</b><br><b>Basavaraj Yamkanamardi</b><br>PSG IMS&R Main Auditorium                                                                                                        |
| Valedictory Function And Installation of New Office Bearers<br>1:00-1:30 pm |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Concluding Lunch<br>1:30 pm Onwards                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |





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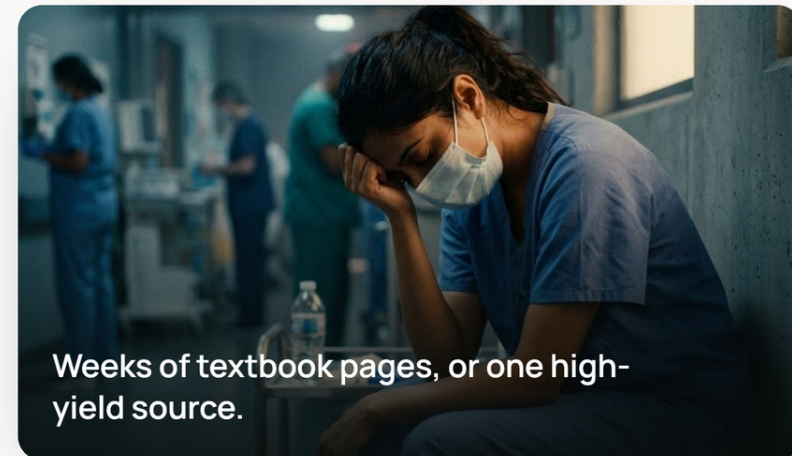
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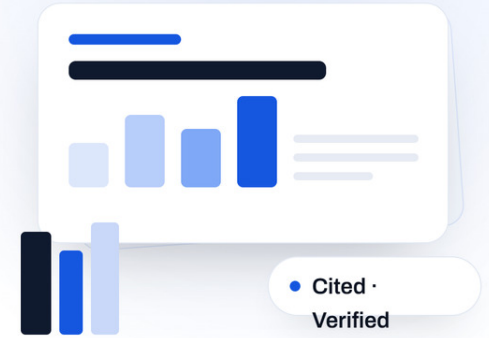
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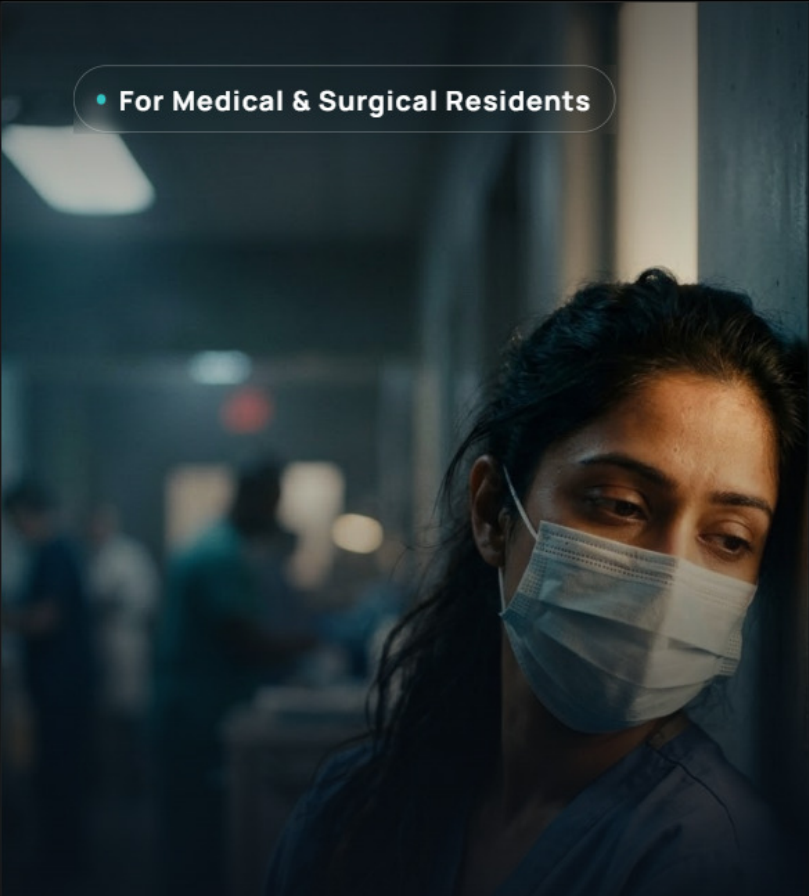
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