

City Pathologists Meet, Chennai

The Science of Pathology has seen tremendous advances in the last few years. From the use of genomes for understanding and treating cancers to analyzing the impacts of the microbiome in human disease, the developments have been extensive with far-reaching consequences. Not only do these enable us deliver better services to our patients, they also necessitate a change in the way we learn and indeed teach Pathology to our students.

The extent of progress also meant that no single Institution could understand and benefit from the enormity of the changes in our field. Almost by the nature of the setup and facilities we operate under - the Government and private teaching Institutions, Medical hospitals, Laboratories – each of us have our distinguishing strengths / weaknesses to understand only a limited set of the above advancements. However, collectively we can possibly look forward to a comprehensive understanding by sharing our unique experiences and learnings.

The City Pathologists Meet was thus started as an initiative to foster a culture of learning and innovation amongst fellow Pathologists in Chennai. This began with a small group of Pathologists when we had our first meeting in MMC about 3 years back. Ever since, we have been conducting meeting every alternate month between 2:30 to 4 pm, on a Saturday. Our meetings are well attended with a gathering of around 40 Pathologists and typically around 8 to 10 interesting cases are posted and discussed in every meet. We also encourage the PG students to present so as to provide adequate exposure to the budding Pathologists as well.

In the last 3 years, the group has grown manifold and has participants from almost all of the leading medical colleges and hospitals in Chennai. We have organized some special events as well. For example, MIOT organized a one-day CME with demonstrations and presentations. In the 3 years since we started this, we have held 17 meetings so far. The details of our meetings held this year i.e. 2019, is given below

Jan 19 – ICH, Egmore

Mar 16 – Mehta Hospital

Jun 15 – SMF

Aug 17 – MMM

An eminent Indian business leader once defined a Professional as a person who has given more to the profession than what the profession has given to them. To all of us, Pathology has been the singularly most important identity of our lives so far and it has provided us with an intellectually stimulating environment to learn all these years. But it's also time for us to give back to the Profession by sharing what we have learnt and to set a path for the budding Pathologists to follow. We look forward to the Chennai Pathologists group to become such a platform for all of us to learn and contribute to in the years ahead.

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1	Oct 15, 2016	MMC, Chennai at Ramada
2	Dec 17, 2016	SRMC, Porur
3	Feb 18, 2017	Stanley Medical College
4	Apr 15, 2017	ESI
5	Jun 17, 2017	Omandurar Medical College
6	Sep 16, 2017	MIOT Hospital – 1 day CME
7	Nov 18, 2017	Fortis Malar Hospital
8	Jan 20, 2018	Billroth Hospital
9	Mar 17, 2018	Mehta's Hospital
10	May 19, 2018	Apollo Hospital
11	Jul 21, 2018	Hitech – Beverly Hotel, Kilpauk
12	Sep 22, 2018	ESI
13	Nov 17, 2018	Mediscans
14	Jan 19, 2019	ICH, Egmore
15	Mar 16, 2019	Mehta Hospital
16	Jun 15, 2019	SMF
17	Aug 17, 2019	MMM
18	Oct 19, 2019	Medall Diagnostics
19	Dec 21, 2019	Rela Institute
20	Feb 15, 2020	Omandurar Superspeciality Hospital
21	Aug 08, 2020	Online Zoom meeting