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# AICRS 2026

The 6<sup>th</sup> Apollo International

# COLORECTAL SYMPOSIUM 2026

**The Future of Colorectal Surgery**

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026.  
Venue : Hyatt Regency. Chennai.

RECTAL CANCER  
SURGERY

NEW INNOVATIONS  
& TECHNOLOGY

ROBOTICS  
& TELESURGERY

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About

# AICRS 2026

Dear Colleague

I am very pleased along with my Co-Chairs Prof Steven Wexner & Prof Manish Chand to invite your participation in the Sixth Apollo International Colorectal Diseases Symposium to be held from the 13th to 15th March 2026 at Hyatt Regency, Chennai, India. The theme for this edition is The Future of Colorectal Surgery. As always, we have a star-studded faculty from around the world and India who are leaders in our field of Colorectal Surgery.

The Apollo Hospitals Chennai is a pioneer in the field of Colorectal Surgery. We perform more than 500 MIS colorectal procedures a year. The Colorectal Surgery programme at our centre is one of the busiest in the country. The Institute of Colorectal Surgery at Apollo Hospitals Chennai provides an end-to-end service for all colorectal diseases from Anorectal diseases, Colitis to complex colorectal cancers through a multidisciplinary approach. In line with our chairman's vision to further subspecialize in the field of colorectal surgery we launched India's premier quaternary "The Apollo Rectal Cancer (ARC) Programme for the management of Rectal Cancer at the Apollo Proton Cancer Centre (APCC), Chennai, India in January 2024. This programme has become a marquee clinical service for patients with rectal cancer. In 2025, we launched the Apollo Robotic Telesurgery Programme and performed some of the world's first robotic colorectal telesurgery procedures using the portable robotic platforms.

The Institute of Colorectal Surgery at Apollo Hospitals, Chennai collaborates with Medstar Georgetown University Hospital Washington, USA & University College London, UK to create a platform for creating awareness, teaching, training & accreditation in the management of Colorectal Diseases. The aim of this collaborative is to standardize care pathways, train and accredit surgeons involved in the care of patients with colorectal diseases. This collaborative will be ongoing delivering an annual colorectal event now in its 6th edition focussing on recent advances in rectal cancer management and on emerging new technologies for colorectal surgery.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon in Chennai!

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# Highlights of the AICRS 2026

## PRE CONFERENCE - ROBOTIC COLORECTAL WORKSHOP - AICRS 2026

DATE: 13TH MARCH TIME: 9.00 AM - 5.00 PM  
VENUE: APOLLO PROTON CANCER CENTER  
( LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE)

## CONFERENCE DAY - 1

STAGING & PREOP MANAGEMENT OF RECTAL CANCER  
MDT FOR RECTAL CANCER  
STAGING OF RECTAL CANCER FOR SURGEONS  
NACRT FOR RECTAL CANCER  
TOTAL NEOADJUVANT THERAPY (TNT) FOR RECTAL CANCER  
IMMUNOTHERAPY  
RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION FOR CRC LIVER LESIONS  
PROTON BEAM THERAPY FOR RECTAL CANCER  
SIGNIFICANT POLYP/EARLY RECTAL CANCER  
EVIDENCE IN RECTAL CANCER SURGERY  
PRINCIPLES OF TME SURGERY FOR RECTAL CANCER  
ROBOTIC TME SURGERY  
LAP TME SURGERY  
PELVIC EXENTRATION FOR LOCALLY ADV. RECTAL CANCER  
SINGLEPORT ENDOLUMINAL SURGERY  
FLUOROSCENCE IN RECTAL CANCER SURGERY  
LATERAL PELVIC NODES & BEYOND TME  
STATE OF THE ART LECTURE  
LESSONS LEARNED IN 4 DECADES IN COLORECTAL SURGERY  
STATE OF THE ART LECTURE  
FUTURE OF ROBOTICS & TELESURGERY  
NEW COLORECTAL PRODUCTS & TECHNOLOGY (SPONSORED)  
SPECTRAL TECHNOLOGY ACTIV SURGICAL  
SEALANTS & ADHESION PREVENTION

## CONFERENCE DAY - 2

ROBOTIC TELESURGERY /TELEPROCTORING  
NEW ROBOTIC PLATFORMS (SPONSORED)  
DV 5 INTUITIVE / MANTRA SS INNOVATIONS  
TOUMAI MEDBOT / HUGO MEDTRONIC  
EDGE MEDICAL / MERIL / LUNA ASENSUS / CMR  
WHAT DO SURGEONS WANT FROM A ROBOT?  
TELESURGERY  
PRINCIPLES OF TELESURGERY  
CONNECTIVITY 5G FIBER SATELLITE  
LOCAL & REMOTE TEAMS ROLES  
PATIENT EDUCATION & CONSENT  
CHALLENGES - SYSTEM/CONNECTIVITY /CYBER THREAT  
CREDENTIALING SURGEONS/TEAMS  
SETTING UP A TELESURGERY PROGRAMME

## ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026.  
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**DAY - 1**

SATURDAY  
07.30 - 18.30

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March  
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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
07.30 – 08.30	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	
08.15 – 08.30	<b>INTRODUCTION &amp; HOUSE KEEPING</b>	VENKY / WEXNER / CHAND
<b>SESSION 1</b>	<b>STAGING &amp; PREOP MANAGEMENT OF RECTAL CANCER</b>	
	<b>PANEL: CHARITHA PRADHAN, IONNIS VIRLOS, ASIF MEHRAJ</b>	
08.30 – 08.45	MDT FOR RECTAL CANCER	STEVEN WEXNER
08.45 – 09.00	STAGING OF RECTAL CANCER FOR SURGEONS	ARUNAN MURALI
09.00 – 09.15	NACRT FOR RECTAL CANCER	T RAJA
09.15 – 09.30	TOTAL NEOADJUVANT THERAPY (TNT) FOR RECTAL CANCER	SANKAR SRINIVASAN
09.30 – 09.45	IMMUNOTHERAPY	SUJITH MULLAPILLY
09.45 – 10.00	RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION FOR CRC LIVER LESIONS	MUKTHA MAHAJAN
10.00 – 10.15	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
10.15 – 10.30	PROTON BEAM THERAPY FOR RECTAL CANCER	ASHU ABHISHEK
10.30 – 10.45	SIGNIFICANT POLYP/EARLY RECTAL CANCER	EMRE GORGUN
10.45 – 11.00	Q&A	PANEL + SPEAKERS
11.00 – 12.30	TUMOUR BOARD (MEDSTAR + APOLLO)	STEVEN WEXNER , SENTHIL GANAPATHI
	<b>PANEL : MARIANA BERHO, ASHU ABHISHEK, SUJITH, T RAJA, SANKAR SRINIVASAN, JAGANATH DIXIT, DEEP GOEL, JAGDISH KOTHARI, AVANISH SAKLANI</b>	
12.30 – 13.30	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>SESSION 2</b>	<b>EVIDENCE IN RECTAL CANCER SURGERY</b>	
	<b>PANEL: HARIKRISHNA, JAGDISH KOTHARI, JAGANATH DIXIT, SIMHA SRINIVASIAH, AJAY CHANAKYA</b>	
13.30 – 13.45	PRINCIPLES OF TME SURGERY FOR RECTAL CANCER	DEENA HARJI
13.45 – 14.00	ROBOTIC TME SURGERY	SP SOMASEKHAR
14.00 – 14.15	LAP TME SURGERY	IOANNIS VIRLOS
14.15 – 14.30	PELVIC EXENTRATION FOR LOCALLY ADV. RECTAL CANCER	RAJ NAGARKAR
14.30 – 14.45	SINGLEPORT ENDOLUMINAL SURGERY	EMRE GORGUN
14.45 – 15.00	FLUOROSCENCE IN RECTAL CANCER SURGERY	MANISH CHAND
15.00 – 15.15	LATERAL PELVIC NODES & BEYOND TME	AVANISH SAKLANI
15.15 – 15.30	Q&A	PANEL + SPEAKERS
15.30 – 15.50	<b>STATE OF THE ART LECTURE</b>	
	LESSONS LEARNED IN 4 DECADES IN COLORECTAL SURGERY	STEVEN WEXNER
15.50 – 16.10	<b>STATE OF THE ART LECTURE</b>	
	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN COLORECTAL SURGERY	MANISH CHAND
16.10 – 16.30	PANEL ON AI IN SURGERY	
	<b>MODERATOR : JAGANATH DIXIT, PANELISTS : MANISH CHAND, AVANISH SAKLANI, SOMASEKHAR SP AND STEVEN WEXNER</b>	

SESSION 3	NEW COLORECTAL PRODUCTS & TECHNOLOGY (SPONSORED)	
	PANEL: MANISH CHAND, PRAJESH BHUTA, GOVIND NANDAKUMAR	
16.30 – 16.45	RAFAELO NOVOMED FCARE	VIVALDI
16.45 – 17.00	SONICISION MEDTRONIC	GURPREET BHATIA
17.00 – 17.15	DUALTO J&J	PUNEET RAI/EHAM ARORA
17.15 – 17.30	SIGNIA MEDTRONIC	THIRUMALAI SHANKAR
17.30 – 17.45	COLOHEALTH	ARJUN KHURANA
17.45 – 18.00	PINION BARBED SUTURES MERIL	TBA
18.00 – 18.15	GELPOINT PATH	APPLIED MEDICAL
18.15 – 18.30	ICA Vs ECA ROBOTIC ANASTOMOSIS	DR JAGDISH KOTHARI
18.30 – 18.45	FEEDBACK & CLOSE OF DAY	

## DAY - 2

SUNDAY  
08.00 - 16.45

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
08.00 – 09.00	REGISTRATION	
<b>SESSION 1</b>	<b>ROBOTICS, TELEPROCTORING &amp; TELESURGERY</b>	
	Moderator: PRINCE AGARWAL, AJAY CHANAKYA	
09.00 – 09.15	INTRODUCTION	VENKY MUNIKRISHNAN
09.15 – 09.30	ROBOTIC SURGERY	SENTHIL GANAPATHI
09.30 – 09.45	SHRINKING THE GLOBE - TELECOLLABORATION	ABHILASH SARANGI
09.45 – 10.00	TELESURGERY	PRASHANTH NAGARAJAN
<b>10.00 – 10.15</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>SESSION 2</b>	<b>NEW ROBOTIC PLATFORMS (SPONSORED)</b>	
	Moderator: DEENA HARJI	
10.15 – 10.30	TRANSFORMING SURGERY TOGETHER. ONCE AGAIN	ROHITT MAHAJAN
10.30 – 10.45	MANTRA SS INNOVATIONS	VISHWA SRIVATSAVA
10.45 – 11.00	TOUMAI MEDBOT	MUKESH PARMAR
11.00 – 11.15	HUGO MEDTRONIC	SUDEEPTA SWAIN
11.15 – 11.30	EDGE MEDICAL	RAJ NAGARKAR
11.30 – 11.45	MIZZO MERIL	SURENDAR DABBAS
11.45 – 12.00	LUNA ASENSUS	ED CHEKAN
<b>12.00 – 12.40</b>	<b>WHAT DO SURGEONS WANT FROM A ROBOT?</b>	
	PANEL - KISHORE ALAPATI, EMRE GORGUN, PARESH JAIN, MANISH CHAND, JAGDISH KOTHARI, DEEP GOEL	
<b>12.40 – 13.00</b>	<b>STATE OF THE ART LECTURE</b>	
	FUTURE OF ROBOTICS & TELESURGERY	SUDHIR SRIVASTAVA
<b>13.00 – 14.00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>SESSION 3</b>	<b>TELESURGERY</b>	
	Moderator: STEVEN WEXNER	
14.00 – 14.15	PRINCIPLES OF TELESURGERY	MAGAN MEHROTRA
14.15 – 14.30	CONNECTIVITY 5G FIBER SATELLITE	PRINCE AGARWAL
14.30 – 14.45	LOCAL & REMOTE TEAMS ROLES	SOMASEKHAR
14.45 – 15.00	PATIENT EDUCATION & CONSENT	PARIMUTHUKUMAR
15.00 – 15.15	CHALLENGES - SYSTEM/CONNECTIVITY /CYBER THREAT	LEENA MEHROTRA
15.15 – 15.30	CREDENTIALING SURGEONS/TEAMS	VENKY MUNIKRISHNAN

	STATE OF THE ART LECTURE	
15.30 – 15.45	SETTING UP A TELESURGERY PROGRAMME	MOHIT BHANDARI
<b>SESSION 4</b>	<b>TELEPROCTORING &amp; TELESURGERY PANEL</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>
15.45 – 16.30	CHAIR: VENKY MUNIKRISHNAN	
	PANEL: ILAN KALIAMOORTHY, KARAN PURI, SUDHIR SRIVATSAVA, PRASHANTH KRISHNA, S PRAKASH, HARIKRISHNA, STEVEN WEXNER, ANAND MURUGESAN	
	TELEPROCTORING TO BUILD SKILL SETS	
	SCALABILITY OF SURGICAL EXPERTISE TO NETWORK / NON NETWORK HOSPITALS	
	ADOPTION IN HOSPITALS	
	WHO PAYS/INSURANCE	
	INTERNATIONAL TELESURGERY	
	MEDICOLEGAL & REGULATORY	
16.30 – 16.45	FEEDBACK & CLOSE OF DAY	VENKY / WEXNER / CHAND

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