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12th

International Conference & Workshop on Early GI cancer diagnosis, Endoscopic Resections and Endoluminal Surgery

Putting it together brick by brick!

Date: 17th to 19th July 2026

Venue: Hotel J W Marriott, Pune

Key Themes

- Early detection and characterization of GI neoplasia
- Principles and techniques of endoscopic resection
- ESD, EFTR, tunneling, and evolving endoluminal surgical approaches
- Managing complexity, complications, and outcomes
- Integrating technology, technique, and team-based care

Program Highlights

- Live Endoscopy
- Video Lectures, Debate & Panel discussions
- Hands on training
Dry models (Pencil, Endogel) & Wet lab
Dedicated stations for ESD, Tunneling and Closure

Why Attend

- Learn from experts with high-volume, real-world experience
- Practical insights you can apply immediately
- Structured learning—from fundamentals to advanced practice
- Hands-on training

Who Should Attend

- Gastroenterologists, Endoscopists, fellows in training, surgeons & allied professionals with an interest in Advanced imaging and therapy

Early Cancer Diagnosis

Cancer Screening

IEE

Chromoendoscopy

EMR

ESD

Tunneling

EFTR

Endoscopic Closure

Endoluminal Surgery

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Welcome Message

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Pune, India!

On behalf of the **Foundation for Research and Education in Endoscopy (FREE)** and the **Shivanand Desai Center for Digestive Disorders, Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital and Research Center, Pune, India**, it gives us great pleasure to announce the **12th International Conference & Workshop on Early GI Cancer Diagnosis, Endoscopic Resections and Endoluminal Surgery**, to be held from **17th to 19th July 2026 at Hotel J W Marriott, Pune**.



Over the years, this annual meeting has grown into a much-awaited academic platform for image-enhanced endoscopy, endoscopic resections, third-space endoscopy, and endoluminal surgery; ably supported by a combination of live demonstrations, keynote lectures, interactive discussions and hands-on training.

This year, we take an important step forward.

The theme for 2026 is Early GI Cancer Diagnosis - "Putting it together brick by brick." While endoscopic resection and third-space endoscopy will remain integral to the program, the spotlight this year shifts to the foundation on which curative endoscopic therapy depends: Early Detection, accurate Lesion Recognition and Characterization, Optical Diagnosis, Cancer Screening, IEE, Chromoendoscopy and structured Decision-making.

As endoscopists, we often celebrate the elegance of resection. Yet, the real victory begins much earlier — when a subtle lesion is recognized, characterized correctly, staged appropriately and treated in the correct manner at the right time. This year's program is designed to connect this entire pathway: from Screening to Diagnosis, from Characterization to Resection, and from Technique to Outcomes.

The conference will begin at 11:00 am on Friday, 17th July 2026, and conclude on Sunday, 19th July 2026 by lunchtime. The program will include live endoscopy, keynote and video lectures, debates, panel discussions, hands-on training, dry models, wet lab training, and dedicated stations for ESD, tunneling and closure techniques.

A galaxy of international and national experts will join us to share their experience, technique and judgment. The format will remain highly interactive, with emphasis on practical decision-making, common pitfalls, troubleshooting, procedural efficiency and safety - the areas that truly determine outcomes in real-world endoscopic practice.

In keeping with the broader responsibility of our specialty, we shall also host an Early Cancer Diagnosis Awareness Run on Sunday morning at 6:00 am, followed by a focused 30-minute public awareness program. This reflects our belief that early GI cancer diagnosis must extend beyond endoscopy units and academic halls to patients, families, referring physicians and the wider community.

We warmly invite gastroenterologists, endoscopists, fellows, surgeons and allied professionals to join us in Pune for this unique academic experience.

For details of registration, scientific program, and other logistics, please visit our website – **thirdspace2026.freendoscopy.com**.

In case of any questions. We are also available on email – **freendoscopy@gmail.com** or on **WhatsApp and phone on +91 99215 33381**.

Let us together build this pathway from Early Diagnosis to Definitive Endoscopic Therapy — Brick by Brick.

Warm regards,
Amol Bapaye
Course Director

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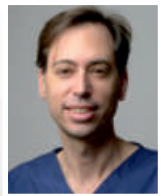
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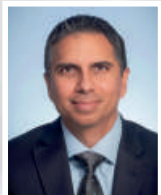
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“Early GI Cancer Diagnosis Putting it together Brick by Brick”

Conference Timing Schedule

Friday, July 17, 2026

10:50 to 19:40 : **Conference & Workshop**

Saturday, July 18, 2026

08:50 to 19:40 : **Conference & Workshop**

Sunday, July 19, 2026

05:30 to 08:30 : **Run for a Healthy Gut!**
3km & 5km Awareness Run for GI Cancer Diagnosis
Public Awareness Program on Early Diagnosis of GI Cancer

10:00 to 16:00 : **Hands-on Training**

Program Highlights

1. Endoscopic diagnosis of early GI cancers
2. Structured decision-making
3. Complete Clinical Pathway Approach —
 1. *From Screening to Diagnosis*
 2. *From Characterization to Resection*
 3. *From Technique to Outcomes*
4. ESD, EFTR, Tunneling and Closure
5. Interactive Academic Format
6. Keynote & Video Lectures, Debates, Panel discussions & Case-based Learning
7. Hands-on training – specially designed Dry Models & Wet Lab training
8. Dedicated stations for Endoscope Tip control, ESD, Tunneling and Closure
9. Live Endoscopy
10. Breakfast sessions
11. Luncheon Sessions
12. Novel Procedures - AI based diagnosis & characterization, POPE, POETRE and Endoflip - First time in Live Demonstrations
13. Early Cancer Diagnosis Awareness Run and Public Awareness Program

Scientific Program Day - 1 : Friday, July 17th, 2026

1050 - 1100 : Introduction & Welcome

1100 - 1200 : Screening for Early GI Cancer

- 1100 - 1110 : Epidemiology of GI Cancers in India - The Changing Landscape
- 1110 - 1120 : CRC Screening in India - Need, Feasibility, Application?
- 1120 - 1130 : Gastric Cancer Screening - Is There an Indian Model?
- 1130 - 1140 : Discussion

1140 - 1230 : Gastric Lesions

- 1140 - 1150 : Guidelines & Reporting Standards for UGI Endoscopy
- 1150 - 1200 : Systematic Screening Protocol for Stomach
- 1200 - 1210 : Endoscopic Differential Diagnosis of Pre-malignant Gastric Lesions Atrophy, IM, Dysplasia
- 1210 - 1230 : Case based Panel Discussion - Early Cancer Diagnosis

1230 - 1330 : Esophageal Lesions

- 1230 - 1240 : Lugol's, NBI & EUS - Building the Diagnosis of Esophageal SCC
- 1240 - 1250 : ESD for Esophageal SCC - Tips, Tricks & Troubleshooting
- 1250 - 1300 : Post ESD Strictures - Prevention & Management
- 1300 - 1310 : Endoscopic Diagnosis of Barrett's - the Agony & the Ecstasy
- 1310 - 1320 : Endotherapy for Early SCC vs Adeno Ca - Different Beasts, Different Approaches
- 1320 - 1330 : Discussion

1330 - 1430 : Lunch

1430 - 1600 : Live Demonstrations

1600 - 1650 : Duodenal Lesions

- 1600 - 1610 : Sporadic Duodenal Adenoma - Enbloc or Piecemeal? Endoscopy or Surgical Resection?
- 1610 - 1620 : Endoscopic Ampullectomy - When and When Not!
- 1620 - 1630 : Cold vs Hot in the Duodenum - How to Choose? And When?
- 1630 - 1640 : Duodenal NET - Decision Algorithm for Endoscopic Resection
- 1640 - 1650 : Discussion

1650 - 1800 : Colorectal Lesions

- 1650 - 1700 : Bowel Preparation - Standardization, Clinical Implications, Challenges & Solutions
- 1700 - 1710 : Sessile Serrated Adenomas - Diagnosis & Management
- 1710 - 1720 : LST-G vs LST-NG - Optical Diagnosis & Treatment Selection - Does Location Matter?
- 1720 - 1730 : Diminutive Colonic Polyps - Forceps or Snare ? Cold or Hot ?
- 1730 - 1800 : Case based Panel Discussion - T1 Rectal Cancer - ESD or Surgery?

1800 - 1840 : Tumor Board

1840 - 1930 : Keynote Address

- 1840 - 1900 : The Japanese Approach to Early Cancer Surveillance - Lessons for Indian Practice
- 1900 - 1920 : Optical Diagnosis - Pit Pattern, Vascular Pattern & the Confidence to Skip Biopsy
- 1920 - 1940 : GI Cancer Screening - Policy, Implementation, Practice & Challenges (Lessons for India)

Scientific Program Day - 2 : Saturday, July 18th, 2026

0730 - 08:30 : Breakfast Sessions

- 0730 - 0830 : Getting your Tunnel Right! What you need to Know!
- 0730 - 0830 : Covering up! Choosing the Right Device for ESD Defect Closure
- 0730 - 0830 : The Mysteries of NBI - Explained & Unravelling

0850 - 0900 : Review - Day 1 & Welcome - Day 2

0900 - 1015 : The Light in the Tunnel

- 0900 - 0910 : Post Myotomy Recurrent Dysphagia
- 0910 - 0920 : Post POEM GER
- 0920 - 0930 : Tailoring the Myotomy during E-POEM - Recommended Yardsticks
- 0930 - 0940 : Z-POEM - Technical Variations explained & contrasted
- 0940 - 0950 : Determining Optimal length of myotomy for PREM
- 0950 - 1015 : Case based Panel Discussion

1015 - 1130 : Brainstorming ESD Techniques

- 1015 - 1025 : Pocket ESD - Alone or Combined ?
- 1025 - 1035 : Bridge / Tunnel ESD - Nuances of Technique
- 1035 - 1045 : ESD Submerged - A Practical Guide to Saline Immersion Technique
- 1045 - 1055 : Traction ESD - Understanding the Vectors
- 1055 - 1105 : Navigating Complexity in Circumferential ESD
- 1105 - 1130 : Case based Panel Discussion

1130 - 1300 : Live Demonstrations

1300 - 1400 : Lunch

1400 - 1450 : Going Full-Thickness

- 1400 - 1410 : Gastric SEL - STER or EFTR ? What to choose When ?
- 1410 - 1420 : FTRD - The Device-assisted Approach & Its Sweet Spot
- 1420 - 1430 : Closure of Full Thickness Defects - The Endoscopist's Toolkit
- 1430 - 1440 : EFTR - Bailout Strategies When Things Go Wrong
- 1440 - 1450 : Discussion

1450 - 1530 : Leaks, Perforations & Fistulae

- 1450 - 1500 : Autologous Fat Grafting for Chronic Fistulae Management
- 1500 - 1510 : Performing Endovac - a Practical Checklist
- 1510 - 1520 : Device Closure for Chronic Fistulae - What Works, What Doesn't?
- 1520 - 1530 : Case based Panel Discussion

1530 - 1700 : Live Demonstrations

1700 - 1730 : Tumor Board

1730 - 1800 : Keynote Address 2

- 1730 - 1750 : AI for GI Cancer Screening - Are we there yet ?
- 1750 - 1810 : Tissue Regeneration Technologies for Endoluminal Surgery
- 1810 - 1830 : Pledging for a Cancer free Gut in India - an Appeal to the GI Community

1830 - 1930 : Share & Learn

1930 - 1940 : Closing Remarks, Vote of Thanks

Scientific Program Day - 3 : Sunday, July 19th, 2026

0530 - 0745 : Early GI Cancer Diagnosis Awareness Monsoon Run / Walkathon

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3km & 5km Awareness Run for GI Cancer Diagnosis

0745 - 0830 : Public Awareness Program on Early Diagnosis of GI Cancer

1000 - 1600 : Hands on Trainings

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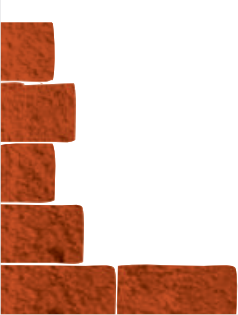
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Surname:First Name:

Postal Address:

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State:Country:Date of Birth :

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Conference Registration Details :

Category	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy (Delegate +1 AP)	Double Occupancy (Twin per- person)
Residential Conference Only (2 Nights)	Rs. 46610 (Rs. 39500 + Rs. 7110 GST)	Rs. 59,000 (Rs. 50000 + Rs. 9000 GST)	Rs. 33040 (Rs.28000 + Rs.5040 GST)
Residential Conference + Hands On (2 Nights)	Rs. 58410 (Rs. 49500 + Rs. 8910 GST)	Rs. 69030 (Rs. 58500 + Rs. 10530 GST)	Rs.44840 (Rs.38000 + Rs.6840 GST)
Residential Conference Only (3 Nights)	Rs. 61360 (Rs. 52000 + Rs. 9360 GST)	Rs. 76700 (Rs. 65000 + Rs. 11700 GST)	Rs. 46020 (Rs.39000 + Rs.7020 GST)
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International Delegate (3 Nights & Hands on)	1075 USD	-	-
Non Residential Conference Only	Rs. 23,010 (Rs. 19500 + Rs. 3510 GST)		
Non Residential Conference + Hands On	Rs. 34220 (Rs. 29000 + Rs.5220 GST)		
Accompanying Person	Rs. 16520 (Rs.14000 + Rs. 2520 GST)		

Hands on training Sessions - Please Select / Tick ✓ Any One

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Delegates must register for conference in order to register for the Hands-on stations. Only registration for Hands-on is not permitted.

Cancellation Policy :

Cancellations on or before 21st June 2026 – 50 % of the registration fee & full GST amount will be deducted.

Cancellations on or after 21st June 2026 will get no refund

Also register online at : www.freendoscopy.com (Online charges as applicable)



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