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# AAZPIRE 2023

## Workshop on Clinical Research Methods & Protocol Development



**30<sup>th</sup> MARCH - 02<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2023**



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### Welcome Note

It gives us immense pleasure to welcome you to the **3<sup>rd</sup> AAZPIRE Workshop on Clinical Research Methods and Protocol Development** to be held from March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, under the aegis of ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre. We have conducted two successful workshops so far, and feedback from participants has been very encouraging. The idea of AAZPIRE was originally conceived and designed to train oncologists at the entry level who have completed their specialty training in oncology in the last three years. The past few decades have witnessed tremendous innovation in clinical research methods. Oncology training at most centers, with its firm focus on imparting clinical skills, may not prepare young oncologists for clinical research. Therefore, this workshop is designed to bridge this gap and put early career oncologists on the path to generating evidence that will feed into future standards of care. We also encourage applications from early-career non-oncologists (Clinicians, PhDs, or those with equivalent degrees) who are interested in developing an idea in the field of oncology.

This workshop aims to provide a unique opportunity to develop an idea into a full-length protocol. The course comprises a mix of didactic lectures and breakout sessions. The lecture sessions will address a variety of topics, including how to develop a research question, design a clinical study, write a protocol, understand biostatistics, and conduct clinical trials. Breakout sessions will enable you to mature ideas into protocols in consultation with experts in the field. This year, we have introduced novel topics such as diagnostic research methods and data management to provide a well-rounded look to the curriculum. Another highlight of this year's edition is a mini-workshop on advanced tools for manuscript writing, introduced primarily to enable you to overcome the writer's block. The workshop faculty are accomplished researchers from India and abroad with a track record of conducting practice-changing trials and publishing them in reputed journals. More importantly, their penchant for training and education makes them uniquely suited to conduct this workshop.

The best research idea will also receive an Rs. 10 lakh grant from AstraZeneca to complete the project.

We hope that you will make use of this opportunity curated exclusively for young practicing oncologists and cancer researchers. Before we sign off, we would like to thank AstraZeneca for providing an educational grant to conduct this workshop along with the research grant for the best project.

Regards,

**Dr. Sudeep Gupta**

**Dr. Vikram Gota**

**Dr. Jayant Goda**

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### Eligibility Criteria

**Morning Lecture Sessions:** The morning lecture sessions are open to a wide audience of oncology researchers, including those pursuing basic, translational, or clinical research in cancer in any capacity. Candidates undergoing training in various specialties of oncology or those involved in patient care in any capacity can also apply.

**Protocol Development Sessions:** Protocol development sessions will be held post-lunch from 1.30 PM to 4 PM on all four days. These sessions are exclusive to young practicing oncologists and cancer researchers who have completed their specialty training in the last three years. It is mandatory for eligible candidates who apply for protocol development sessions to attend lecture sessions in the morning. Only 30 proposals will be selected for protocol development based on the quality of the proposal, the curriculum vitae of the applicant, and a personal statement. In this regard, the decision of the steering committee will be final and binding. It is desirable to submit concept notes in the following areas:

- Interventional Clinical Studies (Phase I - IV) involving AstraZeneca authorized medicines
- OR
- Observational Research (i.e. Real World Evidence (RWE)) – research utilizing data collected through observation of current clinical practice and/or patient-reported experience
- OR
- Research on human biological samples or imaging (e.g., biomarkers and diagnostic studies)
- The research proposal should be aligned with one of the areas of focus for AZ oncology, e.g., lung cancer, breast cancer, ovarian cancer, B-cell malignancies, prostate cancer, and hepatocellular cancer.

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### Steering Committee

**Dr. Vikram Gota**

**Dr. Jayant Goda**

**Dr. Santam Chakraborty**

**Mrs. Sadhana Kannan**

### Note:

**The last date for submission of the Concept Note is  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Venue for the Lecture Session**

**Virtual**

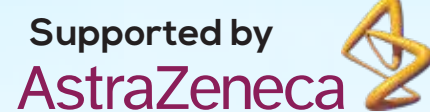
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## Day 1 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (Thursday)

### What is Research?

09:15 - 09:30 am	Program Overview
09:30 - 10:15 am	Hypothesis & Research Question - Getting it Right
10:15 - 11:00 am	Collaborative Research Framework in Oncology
11:00 - 11:15 am	<b>Tea-Break</b>
11:15 - 12:00 pm	Research Objectives & Clinical Endpoints
12:00 - 12:45 pm	Protocol Writing : Introduction/Background & Objectives
12:45 - 01:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
01:30 - 04:00 pm	Break-out Session (Framing the research questions, objectives & endpoints)

## Day 2 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (Friday)

### Key Points in Methodology

09:30 - 10:10 am	Study Designs in Clinical Research - Observational Studies
10:10 - 10:50 am	Study Designs in Clinical Research - Interventional Studies - Phase - II
10:50 - 11:00 am	<b>Tea-Break</b>
11:00 - 11:40 am	Real World Evidence - How can we Contribute?
11:40 - 12:20 pm	Approach to Diagnostic Research in Oncology
12:20 - 01:00 pm	Protocol Writing - Study Design & Methodology
01:00 - 01:45 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
01:45 - 04:00 pm	Break-out Session (Study design & methodology)

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## Day 3

01<sup>st</sup> April 2023 (Saturday)

### Data Analysis

09:30 - 10:15 am	Basics Statistics for Clinical Research
10:15 - 11:00 am	Survival Analysis
11:00 - 11:15 am	<b>Tea-Break</b>
11:15 - 12:00 pm	Sample Size Calculation
12:00 - 12:45 pm	Protocol Writing - Statistical Analysis Plan in Oncology Research
12:45 - 01:30 pm	Panel Discussion - Challenges in Oncology Research
01:30 - 02:15 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
02:15 - 04:00 pm	Break-out Session (Sample size & statistical analysis plan)

## Day 4

02<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 (Sunday)

### Workshop - Practical Aspects of Research

09:30 - 10:15 am	Data Management - Tips & Tricks
10:15 - 10:45 am	Outline of a Manuscript
10:45 - 11:00 am	<b>Tea-Break</b>
11:00 - 01:00 pm	Advanced Tools for Manuscript Writing
01:00 - 01:45 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
01:45 - 04:00 pm	Protocol Presentations Award Declaration & Closing Remarks

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Link for submission of Concept Note



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concept note is 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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