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Welcome Note

Dear all young oncologists,

We are delighted to invite you to our four-day workshop on "**Clinical Research Methods and Protocol Development**," scheduled from **15th - 18th May 2025**. This enriching event is organized by the Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research, and Education in Cancer (ACTREC) - Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), Navi Mumbai.

Building on our tradition since 2021, this hybrid workshop stands as a beacon for over 100 research enthusiasts each year, transforming their abstracts into clinical research projects with expert guidance.

We welcome young oncologists, clinicians, PhDs, and individuals with equivalent qualifications who share an interest in oncology research to participate in this workshop. This workshop is thoughtfully designed to fill gaps in academic curricula, providing hands-on training in various clinical research methods. Collaborate with national and international experts to refine your research ideas into fully developed protocols.

Key Highlights:

- Interactive sessions with experienced faculties.
- Breakout groups for personalized feedback from domain experts.
- Networking opportunities for future research collaborations.
- Special focus on the application of Bayesian methods in clinical research.
- **Recognition of three outstanding proposals with research grants. The best proposal will receive a grant of 10 lakhs, while the second and third ranked proposals will receive 5 lakh each.**

We believe this workshop will provide an enriching experience, creating pathways for innovation and development in the field of oncology research. We are grateful to AstraZeneca for their support, making this event possible.

We look forward to your participation and hope you will join us in this journey of learning and discovery.

Warm regards,

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Eligibility Criteria

The AAZPIRE Workshop welcomes a diverse range of oncology researchers to participate.

Morning Lecture Sessions: These sessions are open to a broad audience with an interest in oncology research. This includes individuals pursuing basic, translational, or clinical cancer research in any capacity. Additionally, trainees specializing in various oncology fields and individuals involved in patient care are encouraged to attend.

Protocol Development Sessions: Offered exclusively for a limited group, these sessions will take place after lunch (1:30 PM to 4:00 PM) on all four days of the workshop. **Eligibility for these sessions is restricted to young, practicing oncologists and cancer researchers who have completed their specialty training within the past three years.** Attendance at the morning lecture sessions is mandatory for all applicants seeking participation in the protocol development sessions.

Selection Process: A rigorous selection process will be implemented to select up to 40 participants for the protocol development sessions. Selection will be based on a comprehensive evaluation, considering the quality of the submitted research proposal, the applicant's curriculum vitae, and a personal statement. The decisions of the steering committee regarding participant selection will be final and binding.

Concept Note Submission: To be considered for selection, applicants must submit a concept note aligned with one of the following focus areas:

- A. Interventional Clinical Studies (Phases I-IV)**
- B. Observational Research (Real-World Evidence [RWE]):** Research utilizing data collected through observation of current clinical practice and/or patient-reported experiences.
- C. Research on human biological samples or imaging (e.g., biomarkers and diagnostic studies).**

Research Focus Alignment: Importantly, the proposed research should demonstrably align with one of oncology's key areas of focus, including Lung cancer, Breast cancer, Gastrointestinal cancer, Gynaecological cancer, Genito Urinary cancer aligned to AstraZeneca strategy and pipeline.

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Venue for the Lecture Session



Virtual

Venue for the Protocol Development Session

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Day 1 15th May 2025, Thursday

A Research of Several Months Begins with a Single Question

09:00 am - 09:15 am	Workshop Inauguration
09:15 am - 09:30 am	Program overview Dr. Vikram Gota
09:30 am - 10:15 am Speaker	What is the big idea? - A HYPOTHESIS to ignite research Dr. Kumar Prabhash
10:15 am - 11:00 am Speaker	Understanding the language of research OBJECTIVES and ENDPOINTS Dr. Indranil Mallick
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Tea Break
11:15 am - 12:00 pm Speaker	Protocol writing - Background, aims & objectives Dr. Supriya Chopra
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm Speaker	My approach to writing a Protocol Dr. Prabhat Bhargava
01:00 pm - 02:00 pm	Lunch
02:00 pm - 04:00 pm	Action learning: craft your case - Developing research question, objectives and meaningful endpoints

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Day 2

16th May 2025, Friday

From Concept to Creation

08:45 am - 09:30 am Speaker	Navigating the landscape of observational study design Dr. Santam Chakraborty
09:30 am - 10:15 am Speaker	Deep dive into the design of Phase II interventional research Dr. Anant Ramaswami
10:15 am - 10:50 am Speaker	Deep dive into the design of Phase III interventional research Dr. Denis Xavier
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Tea Break
11:15 am - 11:45 am Speaker	RWE Methodologies: Advancing Evidence-Based Medicine Dr. Vikas Ostwal
11:45 am - 12:15 pm Moderator Panelists	Integrating RWE into Oncology Guidelines: Challenges and Opportunities Dr. Vikas Ostwal Dr. Supriya Chopra, Dr. Sudhir Nair, Dr. Akhil Kapoor
12:15 pm - 12:45 pm Speaker	Protocol writing - Study design and methodology Dr. Balu Krishna Sasidharan Nair
01:00 pm - 02:00 pm	Lunch
02:00 pm - 04:00 pm	Action learning: A step wise approach to build the study design and planning the methodology

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Day 3 17th May 2025, Saturday

Data - Negotiating the Maze

09:30 am - 09:55 am Speaker	Keep it simple - Biostatistics for beginners Dr. Vikram Gota
09:55 am - 10:20 am Speaker	Make it simple, not simpler - Advanced biostatistics Mrs. Sadhana Kannan
10:20 am - 11:00 am Speaker	Modeling disease progression and patient outcomes - survival analysis in oncology Dr. Vishwanath Iyer
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Tea Break
11:15 am - 12:00 pm Speaker	EmPOWERing your research - choosing the right sample size Dr. Shrikant Bangdiwala
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm Speaker	Leveraging data - statistical analysis plan Dr. Vanita Noronha
12:45 pm - 01:30 pm Speaker	What does it take to become a principal investigator? Dr. Vijay Patil
01:30 pm - 02:00 pm	Lunch
02:00 pm - 04:00 pm	Action learning - A hands on workshop on sample size and statistical analysis

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Day 4 18th May 2025, Sunday

Building your research toolkit!

9:30 am - 10:15 am Speaker	Unlocking the secrets of data management Mrs. Sadhana Kannan
10:15 am - 11:00 am Speaker	Workshop on Bayesian methods Dr. Vijay Ivaturi
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Tea Break
11:15 am - 11:50 am Speaker	Workshop on Bayesian methods Dr. Vijay Ivaturi
11:50 am - 12:30 pm	Group Activity
01:00 pm - 02:00 pm	Lunch
02:00 pm - 04:00 pm	Protocol Presentations, Award Declaration & Closing Remarks

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