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## **Registration Started...! Block your Dates...!**

*Two Travel Grants for LMIC delegates will be awarded*

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## COURSE PATRONS



**Dr. Sudeep Gupta**  
Director, TMC  
Tata Memorial Centre



**Dr. C. S. Pramesh**  
Director, TMH  
Tata Memorial Centre



**Dr. Pankaj Chaturvedi**  
Director  
ACTREC



**Dr. S. Banavali**  
Director (Academics)  
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**Dr. Siddharth Laskar**  
Deputy Director (Academics)  
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## INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

### Dr Brendan A McGrath

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- Brendan qualified from the University of Sheffield and trained initially in general medicine in the UK and Australia. He returned to specialise in Anaesthesia & Intensive Care Medicine, appointed as a consultant at Wythenshawe Hospital (Manchester University Foundation Trust) in 2009. Brendan's research interests in patient safety and airway management led to the initiation of the UK National Tracheostomy Safety Project, collaborating widely in developing educational resources. Brendan helped to develop the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative in 2012, bringing together international expertise from Harvard to Melbourne with the goal of improving care everywhere. Brendan has led several domestic and international quality improvement projects, device development studies and research programs aimed at improving the safety and quality of care, with a focus on the critically ill.
- Outside of medicine, Brendan is entertained by a young(ish) family, attempts to support Liverpool FC whilst living in Manchester, and tries to ride his road bike when it isn't raining (too hard).
- Link to full bio: <https://research.manchester.ac.uk/en/persons/brendan.mcgrath>

### Professor Sarah Wallace

OBE, FRCSLT



- Professor Sarah Wallace OBE, FRCSLT is an internationally renowned Consultant Speech and Language Therapist, specialising in swallowing and communication issues in critical care and tracheostomy. She has over 30 years clinical experience working hospitals in the UK and Singapore, and with NGO's in Grenada and Cambodia. In 2024, she was awarded a Manchester Academic Health Sciences (MAHSC) Honorary Clinical Chair in recognition of clinical, research and leadership contributions. As an RCSLT Expert Advisor, Sarah developed many national critical care policies and guidelines shaping the role of SLT in ICU. She implemented the first acute flexible endoscopic evaluation of swallowing (FEES) services in the UK and Asia 25 years ago and has pioneered new treatments restoring voice and swallow in ICU. Sarah's publications have won awards from the Intensive Care Society, British Medical Journal and American Speech and Hearing Association and she regularly presents internationally. She is passionate about tracheostomy care and global health and has leadership roles with the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative, National Tracheostomy Safety Project, European Society of Swallowing Disorders, UK Swallowing Research Group and International Association of Logopaedics and Phoniatrics. Sarah was awarded an OBE, RCSLT and an honorary master's in public health in recognition of her contributions.

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## IN-PERSON INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

### Dr Vinciya Pandian

PhD, MBA, MSN, ACNP, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN, FFMRCIS



- Dr. Vinciya Pandian serves as the Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Professor of Nursing & Otolaryngology at the Penn State Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing and holds a joint appointment with the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at the Penn State College of Medicine. Internationally renowned for her research and leadership in critical care, focusing on patient safety and tracheostomy care, her work aims to enhance the quality of life for mechanically ventilated patients. Recently, she completed an R01 study investigating laryngeal injury post-extubation. Currently funded by AHRQ, she leads the Center for Immersive Learning and Digital Innovation: A Patient Safety Learning Lab. This initiative leverages innovative technology to mitigate central line-associated bloodstream infections.
- Dr. Pandian's research extends globally, with collaborative projects in Nigeria, India, and Portugal. Passionate about mentorship, she guides students and faculty in nursing, medicine, respiratory therapy, and speech language pathology to conduct impactful research and disseminate their findings. She holds leadership positions including President of the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative, Past President of the Society of Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses, Vice-President of the Baltimore Chapter Society of Critical Care Medicine, Research Committee Chair of National Association of Indian Nurses of America, and American Nurses Association Nominations and Elections Committee member.
- Link to full bio: <https://www.nursing.psu.edu/directory/pandian/>

### Dr Michael Brenner

MD, FACS



- Dr. Brenner is on faculty as University of Michigan, where his academic efforts focus on both patient safety, quality, and scientific research on injury prevention. He is board certified in Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery, Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, and Sleep Medicine. He has an interest in healthcare policy leadership and QI, serving as the 2012 Health Policy Scholar for the ACS/AO-HNSF and as a delegate to the AMA for the young physicians section. He has participated in the Telluride Roundtable on Patient safety and Transparency and is active in national Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Committees through the American Academy of Otolaryngology and the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He has participated in the TeamSTEPPS Collaborative at American Institutes for Research by DOD, AAMC, AIR, and AHRQ. His active and pending research support is through the National Institutes of Health, Triological Society, and an Excellence in Academic Medicine award.
- <https://medschool.umich.edu/profile/2899/michael-j-brenner>

## NATIONAL FACULTY

From Tata Memorial Centre Faculty & National Cancer Grid Faculty

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## Course Overview

This advanced tracheostomy course will happen for two days focusing on basic concepts to advanced concepts in Tracheostomy Care. The session focuses on fundamentals of tracheostomy, different types of tracheostomy tubes, Indications of Tracheostomy in Head Neck Cancers, Tracheostomy in ICU, Dysphagia and Tracheostomy, evidenced based decannulation protocols, tracheostomy and laryngectomy difference, long term tracheostomy care such as hospital care to home care, communication with tracheostomy, tracheostomy care deliveries to the care givers/families, suctioning protocols in tracheostomy and many more.

## Who Should Attend

This Advanced Tracheostomy Workshop is for professional Speech-language pathologists, Speech Pathology Students, Nursing Professionals, Nursing Students, Physiotherapy Professionals, Physiotherapy Students, Occupational Therapist, Occupational Therapy Students, Respiratory Therapists, Respiratory Therapy Students, Consultant Otolaryngologists Head Neck, ENT Residents, Head & Neck Residents, Consultant Anesthesiologists, Anesthesiology Residents, Consultant Oncologists and Oncology Residents - encouraged for highly interested professionals who are working in Tracheostomy Care.

### Course Chairman

**Dr. Gouri Pantvaidya**

Professor and Head  
Department of Head & Neck Oncology

### Course Secretary

**Mr. Arun Balaji**

OIC  
Speech Swallowing Therapy & Audiology

### Scientific Committee Members

Dr. Deepa Nair, Dr. Sarbani Laskar, Dr. Suyash Kulkarni, Dr. Sabita Jiwnani,  
Dr. Kumar Prabhash, Dr. Vidisha, Dr. Chandrashekar Dravid, Ms. Sindhu Nair,  
Mr. Rukmangathan, Dr. Vijaya Patil, Dr. Sudhir Nair

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Course fee is application for National & International 2026	Early Bird Offer upto 31 October 2025	From 1 November to 31 December 2025	From 1 January 2026 till 20 February Delegates (based on seat availability)
Student - Nursing	Rs 2790	Rs 3150	Rs 3390
Rehabilitation Student - Speech Pathology/ Physiotherapy/ Respiratory Therapy Occupational Therapy	Rs 3450	Rs 3790	Rs 4150
Medical Residents - ENT/MS/MD	Rs 3950	Rs 4290	Rs 4590
Practicing Nurses	Rs 2890	Rs 3290	Rs 3490
Practicing Rehabilitation Professionals - Speech Pathologist/ Physiotherapist/ Respiratory Therapist/ Occupational Therapist	Rs 3890	Rs 4200	Rs 4690
Medical Consultant - ENT/MS/MD/Oncologist	Rs 4690	Rs 4990	Rs 5790

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