

Ms. Roselin Juliet, Respiratory Therapist, Department of Pulmonary Medicine has been certified by Registered Polysomnographic Technologist (RPSGT), U.S.A. under the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists (BRPT). The RPSGT designation represents the "gold standard" in sleep technology: a commitment to the highest standard of professionalism and patient care.

Mr. T. Sudhagar, Dialysis Therapist, Department of Nephrology for participating in XII Annual Conference (SDTPCON-2017) at Madras Medical Mission Hospital, Chennai and won the first prize in the exam conducted at the conference.

The following Doctors received gold medals at the 30th Annual Conference of All India Rhinology Society, RHINOCON 2017, held at Amritsar on 18th to 20th August, 2017.

Dr. Lalee Varghese, M.S., D.L.O., DNB (ENT) Associate Surgeon Grade 1 won the first prize in the Senior Consultant award category.

Dr. Vijayakumar Lukka, M.S., D.L.O., Post Doctoral Fellow won the first prize in the Junior Consultant award category.

Dr. Piyush Gupta, 3rd year DM Gastroenterology student has won the INASL - ABBOTT presidential poster award 2017 for his research presentation during the 25th Annual Scientific Meeting of Indian National Association for Study of the Liver held at New Delhi from 3rd to 6th August, 2017.

Dr. Ramanan R., Assistant Professor, Neuro ICU has won the "J B Modi Best Paper Award" at the 26th Annual Conference of Neurotrauma Society of India, held on 11th to 13th August, 2017 at Ooty.

Dr. Reginald G. Alex, Professor of Emergency Medicine has been awarded the **Dr. Sadagopan Memorial Oration** by the Indian Association of Occupation Health, Tamil Nadu branch. The oration titled "**Academic Institutions in OH: to teach and to reach**" on the 17th September, 2017 at Chennai.

Ms. J.S. Inthira (MBBS student) received the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal and **Ms. Roshni P.** (MBBS student) received the Dr. Ambika Shanmugam Endowment Gold Medal at the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University convocation which was held on 6th September, 2017.

The following candidates were successful in the **Postgraduate Diploma** Examination held in **April 2017: (University Results published on 28.06.2017)**

Diploma - April 2017 session (Passed out candidates)

MS. Obstetrics & Gynaecology :

Dr. Jeya Sudha R., Dr. Nanthini V., Dr. Neeraj Kulkarni, Dr. Pushplata Kumari, Dr. Carolin Solomi V. and Dr. Shiny Nirupama Boddu.

Dr. Dheepak Selvaraj, Surgeon, Department of Vascular Surgery is elected as the Treasurer for the Vascular Society of India for the term of two years.

The following awards and prize were won by our PG Registrars during the TAPSUCON 2017 held at SRM Medical University, Kattankulathur on 15th– 17th September, 2017:

Dr. Sumanta Kumar Mishra won the first prize in the Vedanayagam prize for Uro-Oncology.

Dr. Abhilash Cheriyan won the first prize in the Radiology Quiz programme.

In the recently concluded 24th Annual Vascular Society of India's meeting **Dr. Sam Ponraj** and **Dr. Albert Abhinay Kota** were awarded the 2nd best Postgraduates Team Award in the Quiz.

Dr. Albert Abhinay Kota received the 2nd prize in the Oral presentations for his paper titled "*Novel strain gauge plethysmography*".

The **Clinical Epidemiology Unit** has been accepted as an external site for the NIH Clinical Trials Course.

Dr. Abraham Peedicayil, Professor & Head, Department of Gynaecologic Oncology has been elected as a president of Asia Oceania Research Organization on Genital Infections and Neoplasia - India (AOGIN - India).

The General Surgery PG Registrars (Surgery Unit 3) **Dr. Rajeevan P.S.** won the best oral presentation award and **Dr. Geet Midha** won the best poster award during the annual meet of the Indian Association of Surgical Gastroenterologist (IASGCON 2017) held at JIPMER, Pondicherry from 5th to 8th October, 2017. The following Paediatric Surgeons received prizes at the 43rd National Conference of Indian Association of Paediatric Surgeons held in Kolkata between 21st - 24th September, 2017:

Dr. Suresh Kumar Thanneeru, 2nd year registrar - 2nd prize for the paper titled 'Are pre procedure antibiotics really needed before doing MCU in children'.

Dr. L. Arun Kumar, 2nd year registrar - 1st prize for the paper titled 'Core needle biopsy in Paediatric Solid Masses - retrospective study over a decade'.

Dr. Kenneth R.L. Nongpiur, Final year registrar - 1st prize for the paper titled 'Paediatric pyeloplasties Analysis of outcome & cost comparison between DJ & externalised uretero pyelo nephrostomy stents'.

Dr. Rohit Srinivas, Assistant Professor - 1st prize for the paper titled 'Factors influencing bronchoscopic evaluation of foreign body aspirations - a 5 year retrospective study'.

Dr. Jujju Jacob Kurian, Assistant Professor - 1st prize for the Poster presentation titled 'An unusual presentation of a villous papilloma of the gall bladder in association with metachromatic leukodystrophy'.

Dr. Tarun John Jacob, Assistant Professor - 2nd prize for the Poster presentation titled 'Management and embryological basis for a neonate with malrotation with portal aneurysm'.

Cardiac Electrophysiology Team for having performed a Ventricular Tachycardia ablation procedure in a pregnant lady totally avoiding fluoroscopy, the first of its kind in the country. The team of doctors were ably supported by Cardiac Technicians **Mr. Shiva** and **Mr. Sibin** and Nursing Staff **Ms. Bharathi**.

The first prize was won by the teachers team from Narayani Nursing College Ms. Soniaya Priya and Ms. Chamundeshwari, who prepared Whole wheat bread with egg, Ragi Addai with egg stuffing, Chappathi with Sorakka Chutney, Ragi Kuzhipaniyaram with cucumber chutney and samaipongal and the **second prize** went to the student team of Narayani Nursing College Ms. Delma Rakshantha and Ms. Nivetha Shankar who prepared Wheat ball with fish curry (Nethili Fish), Omelette with spinach stuffing, Guava Tea and Ragi Adai with puthina chutney and the **third prize** was given to Mrs. Precilla Pari, and Varunkrishna who prepared Ragi Dosai, Puthina chutney, Curd Raitha, Vegetable Vadai, Karamani with Vegetables, Ragi Semiya with Vegetable Upma, Broken Wheat Kichidi with Vegetables, Multi grain chappathi with Stuffed Vegetables and Sprouts kanji.

The **Consolation Prizes** were given to S. Deepadevi and Sakthi from CMC, Mrs. Sundari Arumugan from Lions Club and Mrs. Meena Chaudhary from CMC.

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The following students have been awarded prizes / medals at the University Convocation which was held on 6th September 2017.

Student Name Prizes / Medals Name

PG Candidates

Dr. Tarun Kumar Bharadwaj The T.N.Dr.M.G.R. Medical University Medal – **DM Gastroenterology**

Dr. Abiramalatha T. The T.N.Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – **DM Neonatology**

Dr. Kulkarni Uday Prakash The T.N.Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – **DM Clin. Haematology**

Dr. Felix Jebasingh K. The T.N.Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – **DM Endocrinology**

Dr. Suganya S. The T.N.Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – **MCh Endocrinesurgery**

Dr. Amit Kumar Dutta, Professor, Department of Gastroenterology received the Shakuntala Amir Chand Prize for Clinical Research in Gastroenterology for the year 2015 at the Indian Council of Medical Research Award function held on 11th October, 2017 in New Delhi.

Dr. Thomas V. Paul, Professor, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, has been awarded the “PN Shah Memorial Oration” for the year 2017 for his valuable contribution in the field of “Epidemiology of Osteoporosis – a South Indian perspective” during Endocrine Society of India-2017 conference (ESICON), at Thiruvananthapuram. The following Doctors from the Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism have received awards at the 47th Annual Conference of Endocrine Society of India held on 13th - 15th October, 2017 at Kovalam, Kerala.

Dr. Riddhi Das Gupta, Associate Professor received the Young Researcher DSL Award for the Best Research in "Basic and Comparative Endocrinology" and also the 1st prize in Poster Presentation on "Insulin secretion, Insulin sensitivity and Adipose tissue characteristics in Asian Indians with Lean (BMI<19 kg/m²) diabetes: Insights from 'metabolomic' and 'pancreatic clamp' studies from South India.

Dr. Kripa, Senior Registrar received the 1st prize in Poster Presentation on "Postmenopausal osteoporosis – Age stratified prevalence and optimal age for screening: A study from rural South India".

Dr. Shivendra Verma, Senior Registrar received the 1st prize in Poster Presentation on "Performance of novel surrogate index of insulin resistance [20/(FCP x FPG)] and in low and normal birth weight cohorts – A hyperinsulinemic euglycemic clamp data from South India".

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Dr. Kiruthika K.G. Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry Chapter IAPM Endowment - Gold Medal – **MD.**

Pathology

Dr. Geetha R. Dr. Kesavalu Educational Trust Gold Medal – **MD Community Medicine**

Dr. Nitha J. The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – **MD PMR**

Dr. Rajeshwari B. The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – **MD. Immuno Haematology Blood Transfusion**

Dr. Rohit Amritanand, Professor, Spinal Surgery Unit, Department of Orthopaedics has been conferred **Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS)** at the Convocation Ceremony held at the Annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons in San Diego, USA on the 22nd October, 2017.

Ms. Roselin Juliet, Respiratory Therapist, Department of Pulmonary Medicine has been elected as the Associate Vice-President of Indian Association of Respiratory Care (IARC), during the 11th National Conference of RESCARE 2017.

Ms. Garima Sharma, Final year B.Sc. Respiratory Therapy from the Department of Pulmonary Medicine has won 1st prize for the poster presentation titled "Spirometric abnormalities and chronic respiratory disorders in Obstructive sleep apnea", at the RESCARE 2017, the 11th National Conference of Indian Association of Respiratory Care held at Kochi between 6th - 8th October, 2017.

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Dr. Niveditha Shama V. 1. Apollo Gold Medal,

2. District Surgeon Dr. R. Shanmugam Memorial Endowment Prize,

3. Dr. C.M.K. Reddy Gold Medal, 4. Iraiyaime E.A. Jivudeen Endowment Prize,

5. Madurai Asoicon 1977 Gold Medal – **MS General Surgery**

Dr. Vinay Timothy Kuruvilla 1. Lupin Gold Medal,

2. Prof. M. Natarajan Endowment Gold Medal – **MS. Orthopaedics**

Dr. Rajavel M.S.P.S. Prof. Mohan Kameswaran Gold Medal Endowment – **MS. ENT**
Dr. Koti Krishna Amulya The T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University Medal – **D.M.R.T.**

Dr. Debashish Danda, MD, DM, FRCP, FACR, Professor & Head in the Department of Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology was conferred fellowship of National Academy of Medical Sciences (F.A.M.S), Government of India for his contribution in the field of Clinical Immunology/Rheumatology during the Annual Convocation of NAMS, held at Amritsar on 28th October, 2017.

Dr. Edmond Jonathan, Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery, Department of Neurological Sciences, has won the “Best Free Paper Award” at the 19th Annual Conference of Skull Base Surgery Society of India, held on 27th to 29th October, 2017 at Kochi.

Dr. Sneha E. and **Dr. Philip Amitav Vikram Kalindi**, post graduates (II year MD), Department of Anaesthesia were the winners in Anaesthesia Quiz conducted in the World Anaesthesia Day 2017, Continuing Medical Education programme on 21st and 22nd October 2017 in the Stanley Medical College, Chennai.

The following staff and students of Department of Transfusion Medicine were awarded prizes during the 6th National Conference of Indian Society of Transfusion Medicine TRANSMEDCON 2017 held from 3rd – 5th November, 2017 at King George’s Medical University, Lucknow.

1. **Dr. Siddharth Mittal**, Senior Resident, won the Dr. J.G. Jolly award for the best original Research Paper submitted on the topic “Enhancing Quality: Is Cooler Better? A Clinical trial to test the efficacy of Pre-storage leukoreduction of red cells at two different temperatures.”

2. **Mr. Sam Arul Doss R**, Senior Demonstrator, TMIH (HLA Lab), won the Second prize for free Research Paper (Oral presentation) on “What makes sensitivity tick? A comparison of the Flow Cytometric Crossmatch & Luminex Single Antigen Bead Assay in Live Donor Transplantation”.

3. **Dr. Antonio Paul**, PG Registrar, won the Post Graduate Student Award (Travel Fellowship) 2017 for the Thesis topic titled “Effect of smoking on quality of red blood cells collected from donors who are smokers and stored for a period of 35 days in the blood bank”.

Dr. Pragya Kafley, (PG Registrar, TMIH), **Dr. Jayastu Senapati** and **Dr. Rachana Shenoy**, (PG Registrars, General Medicine) won the First place for the 7th ISHBT National Haematology Quiz for Post Graduates held in Guwahati, Assam from 3rd to 5th November 2017 as part of the Annual National Conference of the Indian Society of Haematology & Blood Transfusion HAEMATOCAN 2017.

Dr. Madhavi Maddali, Post Doctoral Fellow in Molecular Haematology received the first prize for the best oral presentation in Molecular Benign Haematology for the topic of “Molecular spectrum of Hemochromatosis in India” in the 58th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Haematology and Blood Transfusion (ISHBT) held in Guwahati on 2nd to 5th November, 2017.

Dr. Bhavithra Bharathi, final year postgraduate, Department of Physiology won the first prize for post-graduate oral presentation during the 11th Annual conference of the Association of Physiologists of Tamil Nadu (APTCAN 2017) held at Stanley Medical College, Chennai on 29th October, 2017.

Dr. Aditya Vijayakrishnan Nair, DM Neurology Resident has been awarded III prize in the Poster Presentation at the “6th Asian-Oceanian Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology” Conference held at Bengaluru on November 9-12, 2017.

Award for best performance evaluation of exempt trust by Employees Provident Fund Organization in New Delhi jointly presented by SBI Mutual Fund : Christian Medical College was one among the 6th best exempt establishments and has received the award for the best performance based on the evaluation all over India by the Employees Provident Fund Organization by scoring 600 marks out of 600 consecutively for the months of July, August & September 2017. On behalf of the institution, Mr. S. Sezlian, Sr. Manager (F & A) and Dr. J. Chandrasingh, Deputy Director (Finance) received the award from Dr. V.P. Joy, I.A.S. Central Provident Fund Commissioner on 17th November, 2017 at New Delhi.

The **Department of Emergency Medicine** has been awarded the **SEMI Excellence Award** (Institute promoting Emergency Medicine), Christian Medical College – Vellore by Society for Emergency Medicine India (SEMI) during 19th Annual National Conference on Emergency Medicine EMCON2017 held in Jaipur, Rajasthan from 3rd to 5th November, 2017.

Dr. K.G. Kiruthiga, Assistant Professor, Pathology, won the trophy at the 1st Annual Update on Lymphomas, held by Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai for her presentation “MYD88 L265P mutation in lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma/ Waldenstrom Macroglobulinemia – Five year study from a tertiary care centre in South India”.

The following Doctors received prizes at the Oral presentation in the 4th Congress of Indian Cartilage Society held at coimbatore from 17th to 18th November, 2017: **Dr. Elizabeth Vinod**, Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology received the 1st prize for the presentation titled “Human Allogeneic Platelet rich plasma as a biological scaffold for articular cartilage derived chondroprogenitors in cartilage healing”. **Dr. Boopalan**, Professor, Department of Orthopaedics received the 2nd prize for the presentation titled “Intraarticular injection of Allogenic chondroprogenitors versus Sodium Hyaluronate for Knee Osteoarthritis in Rabbits”.

Dr. P.S.S. Sundar Rao (former Professor & Head of Biostatistics) has been conferred the Lifetime Achievement award by the Indian Society of Medical Statistics. He is the first recipient of this award which was given to him at the 35th Annual National Conference of the Society held at the Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, on 2nd - 4th November, 2017. The award was given to him by Shri Ram Naik, Honourable Governor of Uttar Pradesh.

Dr. Nihal Thomas, Associate Director and Professor & Head, Unit-1, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism has been recommended to be awarded the 2018 World India Diabetes Foundation Outstanding Investigator Award by the international committee (Dr. Robert Rizza-Mayo, Edward Horton-Harvard and John Wahren-Karolinska Institute) at the International Symposium on diabetes at Mumbai on 13th to 14th January, 2018. This award is in honor of Mr. Raman Kapur (Chair, WIDF Board).

The following Postgraduates from the Department of Pulmonary Medicine have won awards at the Annual National Pulmonary Conference (NAPCON 2017).

Dr. Sujith Thomas Chandy (First prize) - ICS (Indian Chest Society) - Prof. Dr. J.C. Kothari Young Scientist Award.

Dr. Jefferson Daniel J. (Second prize) - NCCP (National Congress for Chest Physicians) - Prof. Dr. S.N. Gaur Young Scientist Award.

The following participants from the Department of Paediatrics won prizes at the 5th National Conference of the Indian Society for Paediatric and Adolescent Endocrinology (ISPE-2017) held at Coimbatore from 24th - 26th November, 2017.

Dr. Praveen George Paul, MD Postgraduate won the 1st prize in oral presentation.

Binay Kumar Pramanik, Vineeth John Mathai and Jebashini Angelin (MBBS Students batch of 2013) won the 3rd prize for poster presentation.

Ms. Blossom Benny, Associate Research Officer, The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences has been awarded the best poster for the abstract titled “Etiology of severe diarrhea in Indian children less than five years of age: a case control study” at the 41st Annual Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologist 2017 (MICROCON) on November 21st to 28th, 2017 held at Ranchi, Jharkhand.

The following participants from The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory, Division of Gastrointestinal Sciences have won prizes at the 1st International Conference on “Nutrition before, beyond and during first 1000 days of life-evidence and action” on 26th to 28th November, 2017 at the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN Centenary celebrations), Hyderabad.

Dr. Preethi N.R., Post Doctoral Trainee, has been awarded the best e-poster for the abstract titled “Micronutrient status and anthropometric profile of children from urban slums of Vellore City, Tamilnadu”.

Dr. Arun K.S., Senior Research Fellow, has been awarded the best e-poster for the abstract titled “Linear growth faltering during the first three years of life among a birth cohort from the semi urban slums of Vellore: Group based trajectory modeling for the probability of stunting in early childhood”.

The '**World Health Organization**' has designated the College of Nursing, as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development (WHO CC No.IND-138) for a period of four years (2017 to 2021).

Dr. Vikram Mathews (1985), Professor and Head of the Department of Haematology was awarded the Lifetime Achievement award on December 9, 2017 by the Indo-American Cancer Association for his outstanding contributions to Haematology and was also awarded the Sun Pharma Research Award for the year 2016 in the field of “Medical Sciences - Medical Research”.

Dr. R.V. Shaji, Professor, Department of Haematology has been awarded the Wellcome Trust / DBT India Alliance Senior Fellowship for the year 2017 for the project entitled “Understanding the molecular basis of Phenotypic Heterogeneity in Fanconi Anaemia”.

Dr. Kulkarni Uday Prakash, Assistant Professor, Department of Haematology has been recommended to be awarded for a Wellcome Trust / DBT India Alliance Early Career Fellowship for the year 2017 for the project entitled “Evaluation of efficacy of ex-vivo expanded and optimized natural killer cells as an adjunct to allogeneic stem cell transplantation in the treatment of de novo acute myeloid leukaemia”.

The following participants won prizes at “The 13th Annual Meeting of Indian Society for Bone and Mineral Research - 2017” PGIMER, Chandigarh which was held from 10th to 12th November, 2017:

Dr. Senthilraja won the 1st prize in oral presentation titled “Fibrous Dysplasia of Bone: Experience from a centre in Southern India”.

Dr. Kripa Elizabeth Cherian won the 2nd prize in poster presentation titled “Influence of different ethnicity based databases on diagnosis of osteoporosis - A cross sectional study in South Indian postmenopausal women” and 2nd prize in quiz competition.

Dr. Nufina T.A., Final year PG Registrar from the Department of Pathology, won the First Prize in APCON

Online Quiz session at the 66th Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Pathologists & Microbiologists (APCON 2017) held on 10th December, 2017 at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Mr. K. Sridhar from the Department of Clinical Biochemistry won the best poster award at the 7th CME conducted by the Tata Memorial Hospital at Mumbai on the 24th and 25th of November, 2017.

Dr. Ananth P. Abraham, Postgraduate Resident in Neurosurgery won the NSI MCQ award at the 66th Annual Conference of the Neurological Society of India (NSICON) held from 30th November to 3rd December, 2017 at Nagpur.

The following awards were won by the **Department of Nephrology at the National Conference** held from **14th to 17th December, 2017:**

Dr. Radhika C. Radhakrishnan won the Rekha Memorial Tanker award for "Individualised dialysate sodium prescription in hemodialysis - results from a prospective interventional trial".

Dr. Varun Agrawal won first prize in Oral Presentation titled "The temporal profile; risk factors and outcome of catheter associated blood stream infection (CABSI) with temporary uncuffed catheters (tucs) in adult incident haemodialysis patients".

Dr. Anjali Mohapatra won second prize for Oro-poster presentation for "The evolution of Paediatric and Adolescent Renal Transplantation in India: twenty five years at a pioneering tertiary centre in South India".

Dr. Santosh Varughese won second prize in poster presentation for "Percutaneous repositioning of peritoneal dialysis catheter accidentally placed in the pre-peritoneal subcutaneous space leaving the tunnel and exit-site intact – a novel idea" and for other poster "Bedside peritoneal dialysis catheter repositioning - case series of a novel technique".

The following candidates were successful in the Postgraduates **MD / MS Examination** held in **October 2017. (University Results Published on 21.11.2017): MD / MS - April 2017 session (Passed out candidates)**

MD Anaesthesiology: Dr. Anand Babu Medidi, Dr. Anju Sarah Thomas and Dr. Naomi Marietta Rodrigues.

MS Obstetrics & Gynaecology: Dr. Pinto Rocario Saloni Maria D.

MS Ophthalmology: Dr. Gaurab Majumdar and Dr. Dona George;

MS Orthopaedics: Dr. Apurve P.

The following candidates were successful in the Postgraduates **Diploma Examination** held in **October 2017. (University Results Published on 21.11.2017): Diploma - April 2017 session (Passed out candidates)**
Diploma in Ophthalmology: Dr. Minu George P.

The following candidates were successful in the Postgraduate **M.Sc. Examination** held in **October 2017.**

M.Sc. Biostatistics: Part-I : Ms. Abirami A., Ms. Meera Raveendran R.J., Ms. Shalini N and Mr. Sudipta Paul.

Part-II : Ms. Kushala C., Ms. K. Poornima, Ms. Priyanka Sen, Mr. Pulipati S.M.N. Sairam, Ms. Renuka V., Mr. Rishav Mukherjee and Ms. Sanghati Mukherjee.