

Interventional Pulmonology at NAPCON Kolkata 2026

Pre-conference Hands-on Workshops and the WABIP Master Symposium

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Programme at a glance

Programme components	Workshop A — Basic Bronchoscopy & EBUS (pre-conference, hands-on) Workshop B — Advanced Bronchoscopy (pre-conference, hands-on) Workshop C — Pleural Diseases & Thoracoscopy (pre-conference, hands-on) WABIP Master Symposium — From Periphery to Carina (main congress)
Dates and venues	Workshop A — Thu 29 Oct 2026, 08:00–16:30 • Manipal Hospitals, EM Bypass, Kolkata Workshop B — Thu 29 Oct 2026, 08:00–16:30 • Ruby General Hospital, Kolkata Workshop C — Thu 29 Oct 2026, 08:00–16:30 • Nil Ratan Sircar (NRS) Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata Symposium — Fri 30 Oct 2026, 09:00–10:30 • Hall 2, ITC Royal Bengal & ITC Sonar, Kolkata
Organiser	Indian Chest Society (ICS) — NAPCON 2026 Kolkata Organising Committee Organising Chairman: Dr Raja Dhar • Organising Secretary: Dr Indranil Halder
Programme Director	Dr Shyam Krishnan — Lead Consultant, Clinical & Interventional Pulmonology, CMRI Hospital (CK Birla Hospitals), Kolkata
WABIP faculty	Dr Atul C Mehta — Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, USA (Workshop A; main congress) Dr Ashutosh Sachdeva — University of Maryland School of Medicine, USA (Workshop B; Symposium) Prof Mohammed Munavvar — Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, Preston, UK (Workshop C; Symposium)
National faculty	Workshop A — Dr Viswesvaran Balasubramanian (Yashoda Hospitals, Hyderabad) • Dr Debraj Jash (Manipal Hospitals, Kolkata) Workshop B — Dr Shyam Krishnan (CMRI Hospital, Kolkata; also Symposium) • Dr V Nagarjuna Maturu (Yashoda Hospitals, Hyderabad) Workshop C — Dr Jaydip Deb (Kolkata) • Dr Tarang Kulkarni (Jupiter Hospital, Thane) • Dr Radhika Banka (P.D. Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai)
Target audience	Workshop A: pulmonology trainees (MD/DNB/DM) and early-career pulmonologists building bronchoscopy and EBUS competence. Workshop B: practising bronchoscopists moving into guided peripheral sampling and therapeutic bronchoscopy. Workshop C: pulmonologists and trainees building competence in thoracic ultrasound, pleural procedures and medical thoracoscopy. Symposium: all congress delegates.
Capacity and format	50 delegates per workshop, in five groups of ten rotating through five instructor-led simulation stations. Lectures, narrated video case demonstrations, hands-on practice and case-based panels with live audience polling.
Assessment	Pre- and post-course MCQ; station skills checklists modelled on the WABIP Bronchoscopy Education Project tools (BSTAT, EBUS-STAT); delegate feedback; certificate of participation.

Design principles. Every lecture is anchored to a bedside decision rather than a survey of the field, and each workshop runs knowledge → narrated demonstration → deliberate practice → assessment, so delegates leave having performed each core skill. Workshop A builds safe diagnostic bronchoscopy and systematic EBUS staging; Workshop B adds guided peripheral sampling, cryobiopsy, rigid bronchoscopy, debulking and stenting; Workshop C covers the pleural space from thoracic ultrasound to medical thoracoscopy. The Master Symposium carries the periphery-to-carina arc to the full congress audience.

Workshop A • Basic Bronchoscopy & EBUS

Thursday 29 October 2026 • 08:00–16:30 • Manipal Hospitals, EM Bypass, Kolkata • 50 delegates

Faculty Dr Atul C Mehta (WABIP) — Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, USA • Dr Viswesvaran Balasubramanian — Yashoda Hospitals, Hyderabad • Dr Debraj Jash — Manipal Hospitals, Kolkata (host institution)

A foundation course that takes the trainee from first principles to a complete, safe diagnostic bronchoscopy and a systematic EBUS staging procedure. The morning builds the knowledge base and shows each procedure end-to-end on narrated video; the afternoon is given over to deliberate practice on airway models, simulators and a mediastinal phantom, with every delegate completing all five stations.

Learning objectives

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Select patients appropriately for flexible bronchoscopy and apply safe standards for preparation, topical anaesthesia, sedation and monitoring.
- Perform a systematic airway inspection and name the segmental anatomy correctly.
- Choose and perform the right diagnostic sampling technique — BAL, brushing, endobronchial and transbronchial biopsy, conventional TBNA — and handle specimens for maximal microbiological (including mycobacterial), cytological and histological yield.
- Identify mediastinal and hilar nodal stations with convex-probe EBUS using the IASLC lymph node map and follow a systematic staging sequence.
- Perform EBUS-TBNA and prepare samples adequate for cytology, cell block and molecular testing.
- Recognise and manage the common complications of diagnostic bronchoscopy — bleeding, hypoxaemia and pneumothorax.

Timetable

Time	Session	Faculty
08:00–08:30	Registration • pre-course knowledge assessment (MCQ)	
08:30–08:40	Welcome and course objectives	Dr Debraj Jash
08:40–09:10	Keynote — Flexible bronchoscopy done right: patient selection, preparation and avoiding the preventable complication	Dr Atul C Mehta (WABIP)
09:10–09:30	The bronchoscopist's map: airway anatomy, segmental nomenclature and the systematic inspection	Dr Debraj Jash
09:30–09:50	Topical anaesthesia, sedation, monitoring and the safe bronchoscopy suite	Dr Viswesvaran Balasubramanian
09:50–10:10	Diagnostic sampling that answers the question: BAL, brush, endobronchial and transbronchial biopsy — technique, yield and specimen handling (including mycobacterial and fungal work-up)	Dr Debraj Jash
10:10–10:30	Mediastinal anatomy for EBUS: the IASLC map, station identification and the systematic staging sequence	Dr Viswesvaran Balasubramanian
10:30–10:45	Tea break	
10:45–11:10	EBUS-TBNA in practice: needle choice, number of passes, ROSE and tissue adequate for molecular testing	Dr Atul C Mehta (WABIP)
11:10–11:30	Narrated video case demonstrations: a complete diagnostic bronchoscopy and a systematic EBUS staging procedure	Dr Debraj Jash • Dr Viswesvaran Balasubramanian
11:30–13:00	Hands-on rotation I — stations 1-5, rotations 1-3 (30 minutes each)	All faculty
13:00–13:45	Lunch	
13:45–14:45	Hands-on rotation II — stations 1-5, rotations 4-5 (30 minutes each)	All faculty

Time	Session	Faculty
14:45–15:00	<i>Tea break</i>	
15:00–15:45	Case-based panel with live audience polling — When the routine bronchoscopy goes wrong: bleeding, desaturation, pneumothorax and the non-diagnostic EBUS	Moderator: Dr Atul C Mehta (WABIP) · Panel: Dr Debraj Jash · Dr Viswesvaran Balasubramanian
15:45–16:15	<i>Post-course assessment (MCQ and station skills checklist) and delegate feedback</i>	
16:15–16:30	<i>Valedictory and certificates</i>	

Key ■ WABIP keynote ■ Hands-on rotation ■ Case-based panel with live polling

Hands-on stations

No.	Station and skills practised	Station lead
1	Scope handling, dexterity and systematic airway inspection on airway models and a virtual-reality simulator (BSTAT-based checklist)	Dr Debraj Jash
2	Diagnostic sampling on airway models: bronchoalveolar lavage, brushing, forceps biopsy and conventional TBNA	Dr Viswesvaran Balasubramanian
3	Convex-probe EBUS: scanning technique and nodal station identification on a mediastinal phantom / simulator (EBUS-STAT-based checklist)	Dr Atul C Mehta (WABIP)
4	EBUS-TBNA needle handling and sample processing: ROSE smears, cell block and specimen triage for molecular testing	Host IP team with cytopathology
5	Safety station: scope care and reprocessing, sedation monitoring, and complication drills (bleeding-control sequence, desaturation)	Host IP and anaesthesia team

Stations run concurrently. Five groups of ten rotate every 30 minutes so that every delegate completes all five stations. Station instructors are the course faculty, supported by the host institution's interventional pulmonology, anaesthesia and cytopathology teams.

Workshop B • Advanced Bronchoscopy

Thursday 29 October 2026 • 08:00–16:30 • Ruby General Hospital, Kolkata • 50 delegates

Faculty Dr Ashutosh Sachdeva (WABIP) — University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, USA • Dr Shyam Krishnan — CMRI Hospital (CK Birla Hospitals), Kolkata • Dr V Nagarjuna Maturu — Yashoda Hospitals, Hyderabad

An advanced course for the bronchoscopist who is already comfortable with flexible bronchoscopy and EBUS. It covers the two frontiers of contemporary interventional pulmonology — reaching and sampling the peripheral lesion, and restoring the obstructed central airway — and closes with a morbidity-and-mortality style round on the complications that advanced operators must be able to rescue.

Learning objectives

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Match the peripheral pulmonary lesion to the appropriate guided-bronchoscopy platform — radial EBUS, navigation, cone-beam CT or robotic bronchoscopy — and confirm tool-in-lesion before sampling.
- Perform radial EBUS with a guide sheath and transbronchial cryobiopsy, including prophylactic balloon placement and bleeding control.
- Set up and perform rigid bronchoscopy with an appropriate anaesthesia and ventilation strategy.
- Select hot, cold or mechanical debulking for central airway obstruction and apply airway-fire precautions.
- Choose, size and deploy silicone and self-expanding metallic airway stents, and manage migration, granulation and mucus plugging.
- Anticipate, recognise and rescue the major complications of advanced bronchoscopy — massive bleeding, loss of airway, pneumothorax and stent failure.

Timetable

Time	Session	Faculty
08:00–08:30	Registration • pre-course knowledge assessment (MCQ)	
08:30–08:40	Welcome and course objectives	Dr Shyam Krishnan
08:40–09:10	Keynote — Choosing the platform for the peripheral nodule: radial EBUS, navigation, cone-beam CT and robotic bronchoscopy	Dr Ashutosh Sachdeva (WABIP)
09:10–09:30	Radial EBUS and the guide sheath: confirming tool-in-lesion with fluoroscopy and cone-beam CT	Dr V Nagarjuna Maturu
09:30–09:50	Transbronchial cryobiopsy: indications, technique, the prophylactic balloon and bleeding control	Dr V Nagarjuna Maturu
09:50–10:10	Rigid bronchoscopy: set-up, the anaesthesia partnership, ventilation strategies and safe intubation	Dr Shyam Krishnan
10:10–10:30	Central airway obstruction: hot, cold and mechanical debulking — choosing the modality and preventing airway fire	Dr Shyam Krishnan
10:30–10:45	Tea break	
10:45–11:05	Airway stents: silicone versus self-expanding metallic — selection, sizing, deployment and the complications you will own	Dr Shyam Krishnan
11:05–11:30	Narrated video case theatre: rigid debulking with stent placement, and radial-EBUS-guided peripheral sampling	Dr Shyam Krishnan • Dr V Nagarjuna Maturu
11:30–13:00	Hands-on rotation I — stations 1–5, rotations 1–3 (30 minutes each)	All faculty
13:00–13:45	Lunch	
13:45–14:45	Hands-on rotation II — stations 1–5, rotations 4–5 (30 minutes each)	All faculty
14:45–15:00	Tea break	

Time	Session	Faculty
15:00–15:45	Morbidity-and-mortality round with live audience polling — The complications we own: massive bleeding, loss of airway, pneumothorax and stent failure	Moderator: Dr Ashutosh Sachdeva (WABIP) · Panel: Dr Shyam Krishnan · Dr V Nagarjuna Maturu
15:45–16:15	<i>Post-course assessment (MCQ and station skills checklist) and delegate feedback</i>	
16:15–16:30	<i>Valedictory and certificates</i>	

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Hands-on stations

No.	Station and skills practised	Station lead
1	Rigid bronchoscopy: instrument assembly, intubation technique and ventilation set-up on a mannequin	Dr Shyam Krishnan
2	Tumour debulking on an ex-vivo animal airway model: argon plasma coagulation, electrocautery snare, cryo-recanalisation and mechanical coring	Host IP team (supervised by Dr Shyam Krishnan)
3	Airway stenting: silicone stent loading and deployment through the rigid scope; self-expanding metallic stent deployment over a guidewire	Host IP team (supervised by Dr Shyam Krishnan)
4	Peripheral lesion sampling: radial EBUS with guide sheath on a peripheral-lesion phantom; navigation pathway planning	Dr Ashutosh Sachdeva (WABIP)
5	Cryotechnology: transbronchial cryobiopsy with a prophylactic bronchial blocker; cryo-extraction of clot and foreign body	Dr V Nagarjuna Maturu

Stations run concurrently. Five groups of ten rotate every 30 minutes so that every delegate completes all five stations. Station instructors are the course faculty, supported by the host institution's interventional pulmonology, anaesthesia and cytopathology teams.

Workshop C • Pleural Diseases & Thoracoscopy

Thursday 29 October 2026 • 08:00–16:30 • Nil Ratan Sircar (NRS) Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata • 50 delegates

Faculty Prof Mohammed Munavvar (WABIP) — Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, Preston, UK • Dr Jaydip Deb — Kolkata • Dr Tarang Kulkarni — Jupiter Hospital, Thane • Dr Radhika Banka — P.D. Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai

A hands-on course that covers the pleural space end to end — from thoracic ultrasound at the bedside to medical thoracoscopy in the procedure room. It is built around the problems Indian pulmonologists meet most often: the undiagnosed exudate where tuberculosis and malignancy must be separated, the septated infected effusion, the recurrent malignant effusion and the pneumothorax. Every delegate completes all five stations, including thoracoscope handling, pleural biopsy and indwelling pleural catheter insertion.

Learning objectives

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Use thoracic ultrasound to characterise pleural effusions, recognise septation and pleural nodularity, and mark a safe site for intervention.
- Work up the undiagnosed exudative effusion in the Indian context — interpreting ADA and fluid analysis, and choosing between closed, image-guided and thoracoscopic pleural biopsy.
- Select patients for medical thoracoscopy and perform semi-rigid thoracoscopy with safe port placement, parietal pleural biopsy and talc poudrage.
- Choose between talc poudrage, talc slurry and indwelling pleural catheter for malignant pleural effusion, including the non-expandable lung.
- Insert and manage small-bore chest drains and indwelling pleural catheters, and apply intrapleural enzyme therapy in pleural infection.
- Manage pneumothorax with conservative, ambulatory and interventional options, and recognise and handle the complications of pleural procedures.

Timetable

Time	Session	Faculty
08:00–08:30	Registration • pre-course knowledge assessment (MCQ)	
08:30–08:40	Welcome and course objectives	Dr Jaydip Deb
08:40–09:10	Keynote — Medical thoracoscopy step by step: patient selection, set-up, single-port technique, biopsy and poudrage — and how to stay out of trouble	Prof Mohammed Munavvar (WABIP)
09:10–09:30	Thoracic ultrasound for the pleural physician: characterising the effusion, spotting malignancy and marking a safe site	Dr Radhika Banka
09:30–09:50	The undiagnosed exudate in India: ADA, tuberculosis versus malignancy, and choosing between closed biopsy, image-guided biopsy and thoracoscopy	Dr Jaydip Deb
09:50–10:10	Pleural infection: drain size, intrapleural tPA/DNase, and when to escalate to thoracoscopic adhesiolysis or surgery	Dr Tarang Kulkarni
10:10–10:30	Malignant pleural effusion: talc poudrage, talc slurry or indwelling pleural catheter — and the non-expandable lung	Dr Radhika Banka
10:30–10:45	Tea break	
10:45–11:05	Pneumothorax in 2026: conservative, ambulatory and interventional management	Dr Tarang Kulkarni
11:05–11:30	Narrated video case theatre: semi-rigid thoracoscopy with parietal pleural biopsy and talc poudrage; ultrasound-guided indwelling pleural catheter insertion	Prof Mohammed Munavvar (WABIP) • Dr Radhika Banka

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11:30–13:00	Hands-on rotation I — stations 1–5, rotations 1–3 (30 minutes each)	All faculty
13:00–13:45	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:45–14:45	Hands-on rotation II — stations 1–5, rotations 4–5 (30 minutes each)	All faculty
14:45–15:00	<i>Tea break</i>	
15:00–15:45	Case-based panel with live audience polling — Pleural problems that don't follow the textbook: the trapped lung, the failed pleurodesis, the septated tuberculous effusion and the post-procedure complication	Moderator: Prof Mohammed Munavvar (WABIP) • Panel: Dr Jaydip Deb • Dr Tarang Kulkarni • Dr Radhika Banka
15:45–16:15	<i>Post-course assessment (MCQ and station skills checklist) and delegate feedback</i>	
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Hands-on stations

No.	Station and skills practised	Station lead
1	Thoracic ultrasound: effusion assessment, septation, diaphragm and pleural nodularity; safe-site marking and ultrasound-guided pleural aspiration on a phantom	Dr Radhika Banka
2	Chest drains: Seldinger small-bore drain insertion on a simulator, drain management and intrapleural drug instillation	Dr Tarang Kulkarni
3	Medical thoracoscopy: semi-rigid thoracoscope handling, port-site selection, parietal pleural biopsy and talc poudrage on a thoracic cavity model	Prof Mohammed Munavvar (WABIP)
4	Pleural biopsy without thoracoscopy: closed (Abrams/Cope) and ultrasound-guided cutting-needle biopsy on a phantom	Dr Jaydip Deb
5	Indwelling pleural catheter: tunnelled insertion, drainage technique and patient and carer teaching	Host team (supervised by Dr Radhika Banka)

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WABIP Master Symposium

From Periphery to Carina — Frontiers of Interventional Pulmonology

Friday 30 October 2026 • 09:00–10:30 • Hall 2 • NAPCON 2026 main congress

Chairpersons: to be announced

The symposium walks the airway from periphery to carina and from diagnosis to therapy: navigation and robotics to reach the peripheral nodule, bronchoscopic lung volume reduction for the emphysematous lung, and rigid-bronchoscopic ablation and stenting for the obstructed central airway. Each speaker is matched to their signature technique, each talk is built around a bedside decision, and a case-based panel closes the session by applying all three skill sets to single patients.

Programme

Time	Talk
09:00–09:20	Reaching the peripheral nodule: robotic bronchoscopy, navigation and the diagnostic-yield decision Dr Ashutosh Sachdeva (WABIP) — University of Maryland School of Medicine, USA Shape-sensing robotic and electromagnetic navigation, cone-beam CT and tomosynthesis for the tool-in-lesion problem, and the honest question of yield — which platform for which nodule, and when CT-guided transthoracic biopsy still wins. <i>Audience poll: 1.8 cm solid right-upper-lobe nodule, bronchus sign positive — robotic navigation or CT-guided biopsy first?</i>
09:20–09:40	Emphysema — what is new? Bronchoscopic lung volume reduction in 2026 Prof Mohammed Munavvar (WABIP) — Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, UK Endobronchial valves and the fissure-integrity / collateral-ventilation decision, where the other bronchoscopic techniques now stand, patient selection after the trials, and managing the post-valve pneumothorax. <i>Audience poll: heterogeneous upper-lobe emphysema with intact fissures — valves now, or optimise medical therapy first?</i>
09:40–10:00	The malignant central airway: restoring the lumen in the next hour Dr Shyam Krishnan — CMRI Hospital (CK Birla Hospitals), Kolkata Rigid bronchoscopy as the platform; hot (argon plasma coagulation, electrocautery, laser) versus cold (cryo-recanalisation) and mechanical debulking; and the stent decision — silicone versus self-expanding metallic — in critical central airway obstruction. <i>Audience poll: 80% malignant tracheal obstruction with stridor at rest — debulk first or stent first?</i>
10:00–10:30	Case panel — From the peripheral nodule to the collapsing airway: cases and controversies Moderator: Dr Kedar Hibare Panellists: Dr Sameer Arbat • Dr Balaraju Tadikonda • Dr Loren J Harris • Dr Ashutosh Sachdeva (WABIP) • Prof Mohammed Munavvar (WABIP) • Dr Shyam Krishnan The moderator takes the panel and the floor through pre-selected and audience-submitted cases that span the session — reach it, then treat it — with a live audience vote at each fork: which platform, valves or not, stent or debulk.

Learning objectives

By the end of the symposium, participants will be able to:

- Weigh navigation, cone-beam CT and robotic platforms against diagnostic yield, cost and local availability when planning biopsy of the peripheral nodule.
- Apply current selection criteria — fissure integrity and collateral ventilation — for bronchoscopic lung volume reduction, and manage the post-valve pneumothorax.
- Formulate an immediate management plan for malignant central airway obstruction, including choice of debulking modality and stent.
- Integrate diagnostic and therapeutic bronchoscopic decisions across complex, multi-problem patients.

Annex • IP and pleural medicine across the main congress

The WABIP-endorsement application covers the three workshops and the Master Symposium above. For context, the main congress (30 October – 1 November) carries the following additional interventional-pulmonology and pleural content, including further sessions by WABIP faculty.

Day • Hall • Time	Session	Faculty
Fri 30 Oct Hall 5 09:00–10:30	Diagnosing the peripheral pulmonary nodule Radial EBUS, navigation and cone-beam CT: what each adds to yield • Radiation safety in the bronchoscopy suite • Navigating lung nodules: the evolving roles of radiology and pulmonology • Panel: peripheral nodule care across borders — Indian and global perspectives	Dr V Nagarjuna Maturu • Dr Atul C Mehta (WABIP) • Dr Deepak Tekke • Mod: Dr Rohit Kumar
Fri 30 Oct Hall 6 10:30–11:30	Beyond the scope: from judgment to advanced intervention The line between enthusiasm and wisdom in bronchoscopy (Cleveland Clinic lecture) • Beyond the bronchoscope: advanced techniques for difficult central airway lesions • Interactive Q&A	Dr Atul C Mehta (WABIP) • Dr Pattabhiraman • Mod: Dr Dhiman Ganguly
Fri 30 Oct Hall 4 10:30–11:30	ERS State of the Art Pleural infection updates: trials, guidelines and practice-changing evidence	Dr Eihab Bedawi (Oxford Pleural Unit, UK)
Fri 30 Oct Hall 4 12:30–14:00	Pleural diseases Investigating the low-ADA exudative effusion • Intricacies of managing chylothorax • Malignant pleural effusion: pleurodesis versus IPC • Bronchopleural fistula: the surgeon's role	Dr Dharmesh Patel • Dr Rahul Sharma • Dr Akhil Paul • Dr Arvind Kumar
Fri 30 Oct Hall 5 15:30–16:30	EBUS mastery: systematic staging and molecular-grade tissue in one pass Systematic nodal staging: the sequence that prevents understaging • ROSE, sample handling and molecular testing • EBUS beyond cancer: sarcoidosis, lymphoma and infection	Dr Irfan Ismail Ayub • Dr Atul Luhadia • Dr Ajmal Khan
Fri 30 Oct Hall 6 16:30–17:30	Haemoptysis Evaluation of the patient with haemoptysis • Massive haemoptysis: the interventional pulmonologist's and the surgeon's roles • Panel: bronchoscopy, embolisation or surgery — who goes first?	Dr Pratibha Gogoi • Dr Manu Madan • Dr Vineetha Nair • Mod: Dr Ravindra Mehta
Sat 31 Oct Hall 5 10:30–11:30	Pleural infection: the empyema pathway from first tap to surgery Early risk stratification and the drainage decision • Intrapleural tPA/DNase: who, when and how • When medical therapy fails: timing the surgical referral	Dr Nitin Abhyankar • Dr Shanta Kumar • Dr Jayachandra
Sat 31 Oct Hall 5 14:00–15:30	NYU Langone – ICS session Bronchoscopic treatment of peripheral lung cancer in 2027 and beyond	Dr Daniel H Stermann
Sat 31 Oct Hall 3 14:00–15:30	Pleural effusion in 2026 Hepatic hydrothorax • IPC versus talc pleurodesis for malignant effusion • Intrapleural fibrinolysis: is streptokinase still relevant? • Panel: recurrent pleural effusions	Dr Deependra Rai • Dr Rahul Tyagi • Dr Barthwal • Mod: Dr Subhasis Ghosh
Sun 1 Nov Hall 4 13:00–14:00	Central airway obstruction The obstructed central airway: stent, dilate or debulk? • Anticipating and handling complications	Dr Rennis Devis • Dr Srivatsa Lokeshwaran
Sun 1 Nov Hall 5 13:00–14:30	The pulmo-surgical interface: managing airway and pleural disease Tracheal stenosis: pulmonologist and surgeon perspectives • Primary spontaneous pneumothorax • Panel: persistent air leak — when to hand over to surgery	Dr Karan Madan & Dr Sukhram Bishnoi • Dr Sushil Jain & Dr Naseer Yusuf
Sun 1 Nov Hall 5 14:30–15:30	Modern lung volume reduction strategies Selecting the patient and the modality • Is surgery better? • Bronchoscopic thermal vapour ablation: does it work?	Dr Praveen Valsalan • Dr Harshavardhan Puri • Dr Amit Dhamija

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