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Welcoming....

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Lets get Quizzing!

Calling all PCOS experts! Are you ready to put your knowledge to the test? Take on our challenging quiz on Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) and showcase your expertise in this common hormonal disorder that affects women of all ages.

Stay at the forefront of the latest developments in PCOS diagnosis and treatment by participating in our quiz. Challenge yourself and your colleagues to see who truly knows the ins and outs of managing PCOS effectively.

Don't miss this opportunity to demonstrate your mastery of PCOS and solidify your reputation as a leading expert in the field. Show us what you've got and claim the title of PCOS guiz champion among your peers!

How to take the Quiz: Click the link or scan the QR code to start the challenge. Get the self assessment scores and answers at the end of the quiz. Happy quizzing!

Created by Dr. Riddhi Desai

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QQ7YYM5

9th Annual Conference in collaboration with

The Androgen Excess and PCOS Society & The Mumbai Obstetric and Gynaecological Society 21st to 23rd June, 2024, Mumbai

PCOS: An Old Story, With New Tales



Dr. Smitha Athota Dr. Rakhi Singh Gynaecologist

Our New Associate Members

Dr. Aarti Sharma	General Physician
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Ms. Sharda Agarwal	Nutritionist
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Dr Reema Vartak	Ayurvedic Doctor
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Editorial



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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 1st issue of the Pandora for the year 2024, being the 25th issue since our birth in 2015, we truly have been consistent! We have entered the New Year galloping through various cities in India, highlighting the latest PCOS Guidelines 2023! reaching out to physicians all over the country. We have done so in various ways:

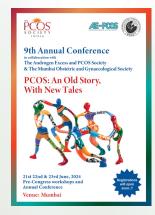
- Physically through E3 Seminars
- Virtually through our "Dialogue and Directions"
- In print through a full deck of PPT slides on the 2023 PCOS Guidelines.

The response has been tremendous and the satisfaction of delivery of best practices on PCOS has been immense! I thank all our Convenors who have led these events in their cities and our collaborator Torrent Pharma who have supported these events through their generous sponsorships. Reports on our **E3 Seminars** are listed in this issue and with gratitude, we present to you all our Convenors.

We have been fortunate to have with us some of the international stalwarts who have been involved in the making of the guidelines through an interactive video interview done by me with them. We have 5 such episodes entitled **"Dialogues and Directions"** which will let you know the changes made in the current Guidelines after 2018 and the time and dedication required to create them by hundreds of workers who may be on the screen and behind the screen! Here is the link for viewing: <u>https://</u> <u>pcosindia.org/dialogues_direction.php</u>

The ppt slide deck has been created by Prof. Helena Teede and her team at Monash University as a ready reckoner to refer to whilst treating PCOS women, in lieu of the 250 pages of the complete Guidelines document, which has been uploaded on our website https://www.pcosindia.org/publication.php

Our outreach program **"Vijayeta"** has been progressing city by city reaching out to women, creating awareness on PCOS, and assessing how many could be having PCOS. We are creating the same awareness on Social Media and we encourage you to have a look at our posts and reels, like them, and share them with all the women you know. Let's create a vibration that then turns into ripples to involve all in our country! I thank Philips (India) for supporting the program through the entire year.



This will be the beginning of reducing the risk of Diabetes and Obesity in our people including women, men, and their children who are prone to these metabolic derangements, in the years to come.

We now look forward to our Annual Conference in collaboration with the International **"Androgen and Excess and PCOS Society** (AE-PCOS)" and the **"Mumbai Obstetric and Gynecological** Society" on 21st, 22nd, and 23rd June 2024 to be held in Mumbai. Please go through the detailed program on Pg 6&7

I am deeply grateful and would like to acknowledge our entire team of Members who have made all this possible, without their support it would just not be possible to carry out such a tremendous task!

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Dr. Duru Shah Chief Editor, Pandora Founder President, The PCOS Society





ESSERIENCE AND EXCELLENCE







Belagavi, Hotel Fairfield Marriott Sunday, 5th Nov, 2023

Convenor **Dr. Shobhana Patted**



Feedbacks

The level of academics was extremely high and rich, replete with International Guidelines. A good learning experience with many of the queries answered and confusion on certain topics cleared. The concept of a discussion session most appreciated where ample time was given to delegates to clear their doubts and an opportunity to interact with the faculty.

Well-chosen topics, extremely interactive discussions, delicious food & fabulous ambience.

Learned so many updates and experienced great interaction among seniors and juniors. Updates shared in PCOS forum are useful in many ways. It was a highly motivating event.

Academic bonanza par excellence! Executed to perfection & well attended. Hats off to the organising team!

Very well planned academic PCOS day. All aspects were discussed under one roof by experts.







Bhubaneswar, Mayfair Lagoon (Orchid Hall) Sunday, 26th Nov, 2023

Convenor **Dr. Sujata Kar**







Kochi, Holiday Inn Sunday, 21st Jan, 2024

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Convenor **Dr. Fessy Louis T**







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Convener List for E3 Seminars

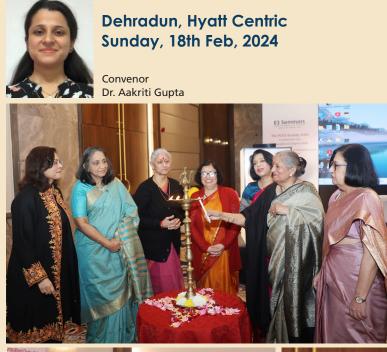
- Dr. Padma Rekha Jirge, Kolhapur J Report Published in
- Dr. Gauri Karandikar, Nashik
- Dr. Charmila Ayyavoo, Thanjavur
- Dr. Sujata Kar & Dr. Lipika Moharana, Bhubhaneshwar
- Dr. Sabahat Rasool, Srinagar
- Dr. Shobhana Patted, Belgaum
- Dr. Sandhya Saharan, Thane
- Dr. Fessy Louis, Kochi
- Dr. Aakriti Gupta, Dehradun



Thane, Satkar Residency Sunday, 3rd Dec, 2023

Convenor **Dr. Sandhya Saharan**









Organized by the PCOS Society of India in collaboration with AEPCOS & MOGS

09.30 am to 06.00pm Pre-congress Workshops: Friday 21st, 22nd and 23rd June 2024

Workshop I: Managing Obesity in PCOS: the greatest wealth

Join us for this engrossing Workshop to help you solve all your queries regarding the ideal nutrition and exercise strategies for girls & women with PCOS. Learn from the experts on how to guide them better and optimise treatment outcomes. At every life stage of a PCOS patient, the first intervention step is lifestyle change. We bring forth to you the facts, the myths and all the handy tips you would love to know! The Workshop will also throw light on common dermatological concerns and their effective management. Weight gain and cosmetic issues are the common causes of mental health issues, which have gained recent attention in PCOS women. Learn from the experts on how you can assist your PCOS patients steer through their psychological issues and live better quality lives.

09.30 – 11.00am Panel Discussion I Nutrition for better health. Some of the areas to be discussed:

- What are the daily Nutritional Requirements for girls and women?
- How do we adjust Nutritional Requirements in PCOS girls and women during different life stages?
- Does the method of cooking, eating Organic food, packaged food, dehydrated food etc. affect nutrition?
- You are what you eat: What is the correct diet for PCOS women?
- Intermittent Fasting: Myth or Reality?
- Cravings are mere thoughts: Can Behavioural modifications help?
- Do Nutraceuticals or natural herbal therapies help?
- Medications to lose appetite: Do they affect Nutrition?

Moderator: • Gynaecologist

Experts: • Nutritionist • Endocrinologist • General Physician • Gynaecologist

11.00 – 11.30am Demonstration & discussion of healthy recipes for PCOS women.

11.30 – 01.00pm Workshop I

Panel Discussion 2: Fitness and Exercise for better health Some of the areas to be discussed:

- Obesity in Asian women: Is it different?
- How do we assess visceral fat?
- Biometric Report- how do we interpret it?
- Loading the Exercise gun against Obesity.
- What is the ideal exercise recommended in Lean PCOS?
- Does Yoga therapy help in PCOS?
- Obesity happens one pound at a time: What is the right time & place to exercise?
- How do we prevent injuries?
- When do we need a physiotherapist?
- Medications to lose weight

Moderator: • Gynaecologist

Experts: • Gynaecologist • Endocrinologist • Bariatric Surgeon • Physiotherapist • Cardiologist

01.00 - 01.30 pm Demonstration of Exercises for PCOS Women

• Resistance Training

- Cardio
- Pilates
- Strength Training Whilst at work

• Yoga

Lunch: 01.30 – 02.30pm

02.30 – 04.00pm Workshop I

Panel Discussion 3: The Skin in PCOS: Telling Tales Some of the areas to be discussed:

- Acne
 Hirsutism
 Acanthosis Nigricans / Pigmentation
- Alopecia
 Skin Tags
 Obesity

Moderator: • Gynaecologist

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Experts: • Dermatologist • Endocrinologist • Cosmetologist
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• Gynaecologist • Cosmetic Surgeon

04.00 – 04.30pm Demonstration of various cosmetic techniques

04.30 - 05.45 pm Workshop I

Panel Discussion 4: Mental Health in PCOS – the silent Struggle Some of the areas to be discussed:

• Sleeping Disorders

- Depression
 Anxiety
- Eating Disorders Stress

Moderator: • Gynaecologist

Experts: • Psychiatrist • Psychologist • Neurologist • Sleep Apnoea expert • Gynaecologist

05.45 – 06.00pm Take Home Messages

Friday 21st, June 2024 Hall B 09.30 – 06.00pm Workshop II

PCOS & Infertility: Practical Management for Optimum Success

This workshop aims at introducing the basics of Fertility Management in PCOS women. Along with decoding the basic essentials, we will also delve into the science behind all interventions along with evidencebacked information. After a short case presentation by the speakers on an important practical topic on various issues related to Infertility and PCOS, all your queries will be addressed by both International and National Experts, during the extravagant time available for discussions. By the end of this informative Workshop, you will be well-acquainted to manage and treat your infertile PCOS patients

09.30 – 10.30am Session I: The fundamentals of PCOS Case Presentation & Discussion

09.30 – 09.50am What's new in the Guidelines 2023 09.50 – 10.10am Obesity, PCOS and Fertility 10.10 – 10.30am Pre-treatment in an IVF cycle

10.30 – 11.30am Session 2: Controlled Ovarian Stimulation in PCOS Case Presentation & Discussion

- 10.30 10.50am Ovarian stimulation protocols: for the high, and the Resistant Responder
- 10.50 11.10am Monitoring a COS cycle in PCOS
- 11.10 11.30am Preventing complications

11.30 – 12.30pm Session 3: Intra Uterine Insemination Case Presentation & Discussion

11.30 – 11.50am Only Oral ovulogens or Gonadotropins for IUI cycles

- 11.50 12.10pm Final Shot: which trigger is best?
- 12.10 12.30pm All about IUI techniques: Inside out

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12.30 – 01.30pm Session 4: Semen and Sperm Case Presentation & Discussion

- 12.30 12.50pm Getting a grasp on interpreting the Semen report
- 12.50 01.10pm Semen wash Protocols
- 01.10 01.30pm Inability to obtain a sperm sample

Lunch: 01.30 – 02.30pm

02.30 – 03.30pm Session 5: PCOS: Frozen Cycles

Case Presentation & Discussion

- 02.30 02.50pm "Freeze all" embryos Are we skating on thin ice? 02.50 – 03.10pm Endometrial preparation for Frozen Thaw cycles: which one is the best?
- 03.10 3.30pm Frozen v/s Fresh cycles: Head-to-head comparison, is it possible?

03.30 – 04.30pm Session 6: The Frozen Cycle - Luteal phase support

03.30 - 03.50pm Luteal Support - Can we be on the same page?

03.50 – 04.10pm Routes and doses of Luteal Support

- Are they evidence based?
- 04.10 04.30pm Adjuvants for optimizing the endometrium-Still up in the air?

04.30 – 05:45pm Session 7: Panel Discussion

04.30 – 05.30pm: Panel Discussion: What else can we do in ART, exploring newer possibilities:

Faster, cheaper Ovulation Induction

- Pre-implantation Genetic evaluation of embryos
- Newer drugs
- Personalized Embryo Transfer
- Stem cell therapy and PRP etc.

05.45 – 06.00pm Overview of Workshop and Take-home messages by the Convenors

High Tea: 06.00 – 06.30pm

CONFERENCE: DAY 1

Saturday 22nd, June 2024

- **09.30 11.00am Session I. PCOS and Pregnancy: the rough road** 09.30 – 09. 50am Recurrent Miscarriages: how do we prevent them?
- 09.50 10.10am What are the newer innovations in Glucose monitoring?
- 10.10 10.30am How does hypothyroidism impact pregnancy?

10.30 – 11.00am Discussion

Coffee Break: 11.00 – 11.30am

Session II: Keynote Address: Do PCOS mothers create PCOS babies? Breeding Male PCOS phenotypes: Dr Rob Norman

12.00 - 01.30pm Session III: Assessing Hormones in PCOS

12.00 – 12.20pm Barren & Bearding - Which Androgens should we measure?

12.20 – 12.40pm Women with very high AMH- should we celebrate?12.40 – 01.00pm Progesterone levels in treatment and non- treatment cycles should we measure?

01.00 – 01.30pm Discussion

Lunch: 01.30 – 02.30 pm

02.30 – 03.30pm Session IV: The Silver lining in PCOS Debate 1

02.30 – 02.50 pm PCOS women make the best egg donors • For • Against

Debate 2

02.50 – 03.10pm PCOS women make the best Sportswomen • Yes • No

Oral Communications & Posters are being accepted. Kindly visit www.pcosindia.org for further details.

Debate 3

03.10 – 03.30pm TBA

03.30 – 04.00pm Session V: Keynote Address New insights into Reproductive Ageing: Joop Laven

04.00 – 5.30pm Session VI: The art of ART in PCOS

04.00 – 04.20pm Is there an ideal protocol and dosing regime of Gonadotropins in PCOS ?

- 04.20 04.40pm Is Endometrial Receptivity affected in PCOS ?
- 04.40 05.00pm What are the different roles which GnRh agonists can play in an ART cycle?

05.00 – 05.30pm Discussion

- 05.30 06.30pm Session VII: Panel Discussion: Value of Oral Contraceptive Pills one pill, many advantages!
- Experts: Gynaecologist x 2 Cardiologist Haematologist • Fertility Expert

Sunday 23rd, June, 2024

08.00 - 09.00am Session VIII: Round Tables with Breakfast

09.00 - 10.30am Session IX: PCOS beyond Menopause

09.00 – 09.20am Does PCOS impact bone strength and sports performance? 09.20 – 09.40am Which HRT is ideal in PCOS women?

09.40 – 10.00am Metformin beyond IR: What is its role in Endometrial hyperplasia?

10.00 – 10.30am Discussion

10.30 – 11.00am Session X: Keynote Address

Does PCOS increase Cardiovascular risk?: Anuja Dokras

Coffee Break: 11.00 – 11.30am

- 11.30 12.00am Session XI : Keynote Address
- Man, Machine & Magic... the Era of AI in ART: Duru Shah
- 12.00 01.30pm Session XII: Promising therapies in PCOS
- 12.00 12.20pm Do Statins help hyperandrogenic women?
- 12.20 12.40pm Do Glucagon-like Peptide- 1 (GLP-1) Agonists help in controlling obesity?
- 12.40 01.00pm Do Prebiotics and Probiotics assist the Gut and Vaginal -Microbiome ?

01.00 – 01.30pm Discussion

Lunch: 01.30 – 02.30pm

02.30 – 04.00pm Session XIII: Emerging Evidence: improving reproductive outcomes?

02.30 - 02.45pm Omega 3 fatty acids and Vitamin D

02.45 – 03.00pm Inositols: The myth, the Experience and the Evidence 03.00 – 03.15pm Anti-oxidants in PCOS: Are they a smoke screen ?

03.45 – 04.00pm Discussion

03.15 - 03.45pmTBA

04.00 - 05.00pm Session XIV: Quiz by the Youth Brigade

Tea / Coffee: 05.15 pm

Meetings and Social Events Friday 21st June, 2024 06.30 – 07.30pm General Body Meeting 08.30 – 10.00pm Banquet (by Invitation only)

Saturday 22nd June, 2024 07.30pm – 09.00pm Opening Ceremony 09.00pm onwards Cocktails and Dinner

Sunday 23rd June, 2024 05.00pm Valedictory l Dinner

Kindly scan the

below QR code

for Registration









"Vijayeta" is the outreach program of the PCOS Society of India, which was initiated in March'23. It has been a full year of reaching out to women in Corporates, Banks, Colleges, and various organizations through more than 100 members of our Society who have volunteered for this noble cause! Please go through our acknowledgment page to view our volunteer list.

We have reached out to thousands of women through 100 physical & virtual sessions! It has been a true eye-opener, as the assessment of these women raises a suspicion that approximately **25% of them may have PCOS!**

We also celebrated the International PCOS Month in a very unique way! Besides these educational sessions, we have been very active on Social Media through our various channels. Please check them out and share them with all your patients!

Our jingles on Radio Mirchi have been very popular and we are marching ahead this year, April 2024-March 2025 with an even bigger bang!

If you are a member of the PCOS Society of India, do join us and take part in our National Program of Public Awareness!





Our Vijayeta Champions

- Dr. Duru Shah Ms. Ruby Sound Dr. Shobhana Dr. Lalita Mayadeo Dr. Padma Rekha Dr. Madhuri Patil Dr. Rachna Sampat Kumar Dr. Sapna Bangar Dr. Tvisha Parikh Dr. Priyanka Vora Dr. Uday Thanawala Dr. Kaustubh Kulkarni Dr. Kranti Phadnis Dr. Anjali Munge Dr. Rachna Sharma Dr. Nandini RamBabu Dr. Mirudhubashini Govindarajan Dr. Ramya Jayaram Dr. T. R. Sindhuri Dr. Abineya Dr. Nagadeepti Naik Dr. Ashima Malik Dr. Manjiri Valsangkar
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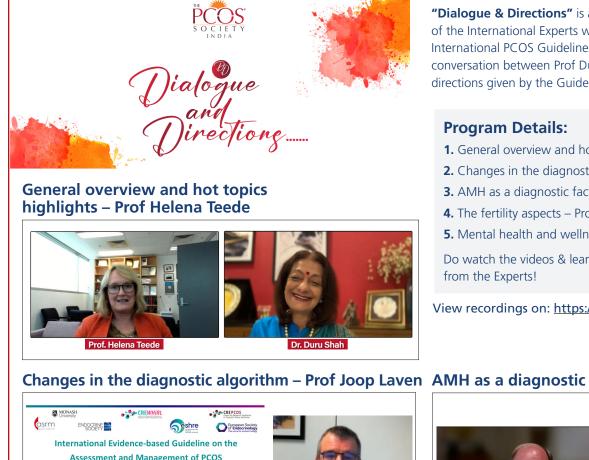
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Daialogue & Directions - Dr Duru Shah



"Dialogue & Directions" is a series of Video Interviews with some of the International Experts who led the making of the International PCOS Guidelines 2023. Dialogue & Directions is a conversation between Prof Duru Shah and them discussing the directions given by the Guidelines.

- 1. General overview and hot topics highlights Prof Helena Teede
- 2. Changes in the diagnostic algorithm Prof Joop Laven
- 3. AMH as a diagnostic factor Prof Rob Norman
- 4. The fertility aspects Prof Michael Costello
- 5. Mental health and wellness Prof Anuja Dokras

Do watch the videos & learn more about the Guidelines

View recordings on: https://pcosindia.org/dialogues_direction.php

Changes in the diagnostic algorithm – Prof Joop Laven AMH as a diagnostic factor – Prof Rob Norman



The fertility aspects – Prof Michael Costello





Mental health and wellness – Prof Anuja Dokras



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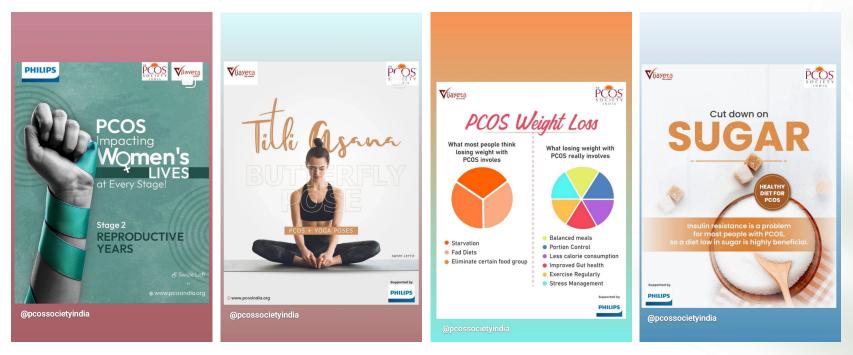




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Destress Yourself



Dr. Aakriti Gupta

Fertility Specialist & Assistant Professor OBG Shri Mahant Indiresh Hospital and Medical College, Dehradun



We are professional healers. We take care of people's problems every moment, all day, every day till our last breath. However, our profession is taking a toll on us. At one time or another, we can become tired, angry and with no time for anything and miss out on the things that may bother us later. We too are living beings and time to time need rebooting of time and space.

Lets us discuss a few suggestions for destressing doctors

1. Give yourself priority

Make time for self care of your whole self; mind, body, heart, soul. Remember, you are more than just a doctor. Don't forget to appreciate yourself daily.





2. Stretch Yourself

Try new things when it comes to adventures or hobbies like learning music, instruments, dance, cooking, pottery or calligraphy etc. Learn a new skill and kick start afresh.

3. Zindagi Na milegi doobara

It took me a while to realize that I needed to slow down and make the most of my life. Things can be unpredictable, no matter how detailed our plans for the future. Go party, watch a movie, go on a romantic date with your partner or plan frequent getaways or vacations.

4. Work on mental wellbeing

For decades, we have programmed ourselves to think that working all the time makes us better doctors. Working non-stop at hospital and at home doesn't make us better or perfect for anyone. Most importantly, work smarter, not just harder.

5. Stop expecting from others whether family members, friends or kids.

6. Find a support system in the professional front. We all are in this together. Through our collective voices, we can advocate for positive changes for you and for us.

With all due love and respect





Dear Readers,

We invite you to participate in a survey aimed at understanding the 'Clinical challenges faced by gynaecologists in counseling patients with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS)'. Please spare two minutes of your time to click on the link or scan the QR code and participate in the survey. Your valuable insights will contribute to improving patient care and support in managing this complex condition. The insights from this survey will be published in the forthcoming issue of PANDORA. Thank you for your participation.

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Please click on the link or scan the QR code to participate in the survey. https://forms.gle/hPKQ4TvTkAre4Cx38



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