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PCCM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Prashanti Cancer Care Mission's Newsletter

SPOTLIGHT: PRASHANTI CANCER CARE MISSION'S 2ND BIOBANKING WORKSHOP AND SYMPOSIUM (PCCM BWAS 2026)



WHAT'S IN THIS LATEST ISSUE?

- PCCM Breast Cancer Biobank Featured in Maharashtra Daily City New
- PCCM's 2nd Biobanking Workshop & Symposium on Precision Medicine and Genomics 2026
- PCCM's 33rd Hands-On Oncoplasty Workshop, scheduled for 4-5th December 2026 in Pune
- BreastGlobal, an initiative of PCCM, is proud to sponsor the Breast Global Awards at the BREASTANBUL Conference 2026, 8-10 October 2026, Türkiye.
- New Publication: Germline BRCA mutation status in Indian Breast Cancer Patients
- PCCM's Dr. Madhura Kulkarni at the C-DAC Accelerated Biology 2026
- Dr Madhura Kulkarni spoke at the FASEB Hippo Signalling conference in Winnipeg, Canada
- Ms. Laleh Busheri speaks with Ms. Rakshanda Ansari in the Pink Ribbon Support Podcast
- Lecture 24th of Prashanti Cancer Care Mission's Pink Ribbon Support Group Webinar Series was held on 23rd September 2026

FROM HEART OF PRASHANTI CANCER CARE MISSION (PCCM)

Every month at PCCM, we witness stories of courage, healing, and hope. Stories of women who come in feeling uncertain about their ability to fight cancer, but after a simple heart-to-heart with our team, go on to adopt their treatment plan and take the first confident step toward recovery.

As a breast cancer-focused NGO, we work to ensure that no woman faces this journey without the right care, support, and dignity. We offer free or majorly concessionary diagnostic services, life-saving surgeries, chemotherapy, radiation therapy coordination, counseling, and survivorship programs—so that ability to pay never decides the quality of care.

Many women continue to walk through our doors—some for screening, others for treatment—and many find strength and connection through our Pink Ribbon Support Group.

This newsletter is where we share:

- A Story That Inspires – Few patient's journey each month [Link to the page](#)
- Impact by the Numbers – how many patients were screened, diagnosed, treated, and supported -[Link to the page](#).
- Behind the Scenes – glimpses of our team's daily work in clinics, research, capacity building, and awareness drives. -[Link to the page](#)
- How You Can Help – because your kindness keeps the lights on, the machines running, and the medicines flowing. -[Link to the page](#)

Why donate?

Your contribution directly funds breast cancer patients who cannot afford their treatment and who, due to lack of funds, cannot start their treatment or leave it halfway.

This helps them through their surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, and medicines.

**TESTIMONIALS FROM PATIENTS HELPED BY PRASHANTI
CANCER CARE MISSION THROUGH DIAGNOSTICS, SURGERIES,
CHEMOTHERAPY, RADIATION, AND PHARMACY SERVICES**

Ms. Amina Shaikh

Dr. Koppikar, your way of talking to us, motivating us, and giving us confidence made a huge difference. You didn't just guide us about the treatment; you gave us the courage to face the situation and believe that things could get better. We feel very fortunate that we came to you at the right time.

We are also deeply thankful to the Prashanti Care Mission for the financial help and support provided during this difficult journey. Your kindness made things easier for our family, both emotionally and financially. Most importantly, you made us feel that we were not alone.

Today, we are looking ahead with much more hope and confidence. We sincerely pray that my mother continues towards a healthy and happy life.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for standing with us when we needed support the most. We will always remember your kindness, your encouragement, and everything you have done for our family.

With heartfelt gratitude and respect,



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Taherabi Saudagar

Thank you to Orchid Breast Care and Prashanti Cancer Care Mission for a smooth and successful operation. I truly appreciate the care and support I received. Your work is very helpful for people and a great service to society. God bless you all for your kind efforts and the difference you make in people's lives



Medha Bahulikar

हॉ स्पि टलमध्ये OPD सर्व तपा सण्या झा ल्या वर त्वरि त एका आठवड्या त को प्पी कर सर कॅन्सर ची गा ठ का ढण्या चे ऑपेरेशन केले. त्या नंतरही आवश्यक त्या तपा सण्या करून चॅमो थेरपि करण्या चा नि र्णय, ऑपेरेशन नंतर ड्रेसिंग करणे व इतर का मा त सा हा य्य करण्या सा ठी क्ली नि क चा स्टा फ उत्कृष्ट सहका र्य करतो . पेशन्ट चे मनो धैर्य वा ढवण्या चे का म डॉ क्टर करता त अन इतर सर्वजण मना ती ल कॅन्सर ची भी ती गैरसमज दूर खुप चां गल्या प्रका रे केले.



PCCM APPEALS FOR SUPPORT AND DONATIONS TO HELP TREAT THE PENDING LIST OF UNAFFORDABLE BREAST CANCER PATIENTS

Pending list of patients below

We are ever grateful for your generosity and donations over the years that have helped save the lives of over 10000 young girls & women annually.

As you know breast cancer treatment is a long and arduous process that not only has a physical and emotional impact on the patient but also adds the economic burden of the treatment.

We appeal you to help for 2 breast cancer patients in urgent need of financial support. Below is the list of the needy patients along with their family and support details and treatment estimation.

DONATE 

01.	 Badrunisa Shaikh (49 Yrs)	Badrunisa Shaikh (49 Yrs) has stage II breast cancer. She is a homemaker with one son and daughter; both are studying. Her husband works as an accountant with a salary of Rs. 15000/- <table><tr><th>Treatment</th><th>Amount (In Rs.)</th></tr><tr><td>Chemotherapy</td><td>3,18,789</td></tr><tr><td>Diagnostics and OPD Charges</td><td>47,658</td></tr><tr><td>Radiation</td><td>000</td></tr><tr><td>Surgery</td><td>000</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>3,66,447</td></tr></table>	Treatment	Amount (In Rs.)	Chemotherapy	3,18,789	Diagnostics and OPD Charges	47,658	Radiation	000	Surgery	000	Total	3,66,447
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02.	 Sonal Jain (39 Yrs)	Sonal Jain (39 Yrs) has stage II breast cancer. She is a homemaker with two kids- a son and daughter, both studying in school. Her husband owns a small grocery store with a family income of just Rs. 8000 per month. <table><tr><th>Treatment</th><th>Amount (In Rs.)</th></tr><tr><td>Chemotherapy</td><td>4,50,887</td></tr><tr><td>Diagnostics and OPD Charges</td><td>55,659</td></tr><tr><td>Radiation</td><td>1,80,000</td></tr><tr><td>Surgery</td><td>3,58,000</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>10,44,546</td></tr></table>	Treatment	Amount (In Rs.)	Chemotherapy	4,50,887	Diagnostics and OPD Charges	55,659	Radiation	1,80,000	Surgery	3,58,000	Total	10,44,546
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FREE COUNSELLING SERVICES AT ORCHIDS BREAST HEALTH SO FAR

Onco-Psychology Counselling - 582

Onco-Genetic Counselling- 610

Nutrition Counselling-590

Preventive clinic services-145



Onco - Psychology Counselling

Free Psychological Counselling services for our Breast Cancer Patients and their Caregivers. We have certified psychologists who work with you in easing your stress.

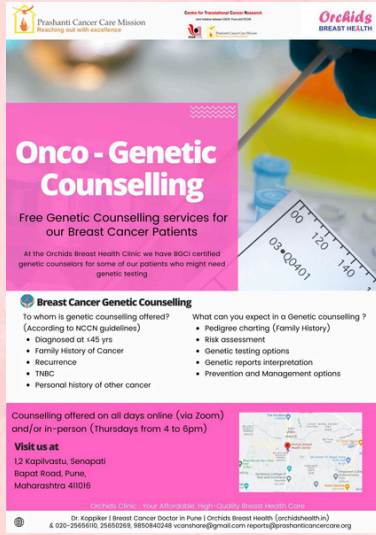
Psychological Counselling For Breast Cancer Patients

- Overcome Stress and Shock
- Psycho-social adjustment
- Care and Support for the Caregivers
- Stress management
- Deal with health-related anxiety
- Helping underlying psychological issues
- Psychotherapies

At the Orchids Breast Health we encourage our Breast Cancer Patients and their family members to undergo psychological counselling for emotional wellness during cancer treatment.

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW
(Offered both online (via Zoom) and/or in-person)

Visit us at
12 Kapilvastu, Senapati
Bapat Road, Pune,
Maharashtra 411016



Onco - Genetic Counselling

Free Genetic Counselling services for our Breast Cancer Patients

At the Orchids Breast Health Clinic we have BOCI certified genetic counselors for some of our patients who might need genetic testing.

Breast Cancer Genetic Counselling

To whom is genetic counselling offered?
(According to NCCN guidelines)

- Diagnosed at <45 yrs
- Family History of Cancer
- Recurrence
- TABC
- Personal history of other cancer

What can you expect in a Genetic counselling?

- Pedigree charting (Family History)
- Risk assessment
- Genetic testing options
- Genetic reports interpretation
- Prevention and Management options

Counselling offered on all days online (via Zoom) and/or in-person (Thursdays from 4 to 6pm)

Visit us at
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Onco - Nutrition Clinic

Free Nutrition Counselling services for our Breast Cancer Patients

Nutrition Counselling

- Diet during Chemo and Radiotherapy
- Personalized Charts
- Improved tolerance of treatment.
- Decreased fatigue.
- Hydration Counselling
- Improved healing and recovery.

At the Orchids Breast Health Nutrition Clinic we make you aware of the power of good nutrition and help you make your breast cancer treatment easier.

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RISK REDUCTION CLINIC FOR BREAST CANCER

At the Orchids Breast Health Nutrition Clinic we make you aware of the power of good nutrition and help you make your breast cancer treatment easier.

KEEP YOUR WEIGHT STABLE
EAT HEALTHY FOOD
WATCH OUT FOR CHANGES TO YOUR BREASTS
DO FOR A MAMMOGRAPHY
KEEP YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE UNDER CONTROL
LIMIT ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION
LIMIT EXPOSURE TO POLLUTION
LIMIT EXPOSURE TO SUNLIGHT

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PCCM provided 19 Freeships/Major Concession on diagnostics, surgery, chemotherapy, onco-pharmacy, clinical procedures, and consultations at Orchids Breast Health this month.



Mammography



Sonography



Biopsy



Surgery



Chemotherapy



Onco-pharmacy

PCCM BREAST CANCER BIOBANK FEATURED IN MAHARASHTRA DAILY CITY NEWS

16 Wednesday, 9 September 2026 DAILY CITY NEWS PUNE @DCNPune

Pune's breast cancer biobank puts precision medicine on map

Aiman Mehta

Prashanti Cancer Care Mission (PCCM) is building a powerful bridge between clinical care, research and the future of precision medicine. At a time when India is rapidly expanding its capabilities in genomics, precision medicine and translational research, Pune has quietly emerged as home to an important biomedical resource. PCCM has created one of India's distinctive disease-specific breast oncology biobanks, built within a single-surgeon clinical unit.

Established in 2017, the biobank currently houses biological specimens from more than 2,500 patients, including paraffin-embedded tissue blocks, frozen tumour tissue, plasma and microbiome specimens, along with associated clinical information.

What makes the initiative particularly significant is its clinical continuity. Because the cohort has been developed within a closely integrated single-surgeon team, there is a high degree of consistency in treatment, documentation and follow-up. This creates a valuable opportunity to study disease characteristics, treatment response, recurrence and survival alongside biological specimens. But a biobank is much more than a collection of stored tissue.

Its real value lies in preserving a biological snapshot of a patient while retaining the clinical story around it. Diagnosis, pathology, treatment, follow-up and outcomes provide the context that allows researchers to revisit specimens years later and investigate new questions as science and technology evolve.

For PCCM, the biobank has the potential to support research into disease biology, biomarkers, molecular profiling, genomics, treatment response and precision oncology. Samples collected today could therefore become the foundation for research questions that may not even exist yet.

A Model for India

PCCM's experience demonstrates that meaningful biobanking does not necessarily require a massive institution. What it needs is a systematic ecosystem where patient consent, specimen collection, clinical documentation, storage and long-term follow-up work together.

This approach has evolved naturally from PCCM's wider cancer-care mission. Established in 2000, the organisation has reached over one lakh women through its clinical services, outreach and awareness initiatives and continues to support thousands of cancer patients every year.

Its work spans breast cancer diagnosis and treatment, screening, patient support, community outreach, genetic counselling, research and professional education. Alongside its clinical services, PCCM has conducted extensive screening and awareness programmes and built a strong support network through initiatives such as the Pink Ribbon Support Group and Food Bank.

Why biobanking matters

India is entering an important new era of biomedical research. Genomics, artificial intelligence, multi-omics, biomarker science and precision medicine are creating possibilities for understanding disease at an increasingly individual level.

However, sophisticated technology is only as useful as the biological and clinical data available to support it.

India therefore needs not merely more repositories, but a connected biobanking ecosystem built around high-quality specimens, robust governance and reliable clinical data. Clinicians, pathologists, laboratory specialists, researchers and data scientists all have a role to play in creating resources that can remain scientifically valuable for decades.

PCCM's breast disease biobank provides a practical example of what such a focused, disease-specific model can achieve.

Taking the conversation forward

It is against this backdrop that PCCM is organising its 2nd Biobanking Workshop & Symposium on Precision Medicine and Genomics 2026, from 10 to 12 September in Pune. The three-day programme will begin with a hands-on workshop on September 10, covering the practical journey of establishing and managing a biobank—from patient and specimen collection to processing, preservation, storage, data management, quality systems.

Laleh Basher
CEO Prashanti Cancer Care Mission



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PCCM's Breast Cancer Biobank was featured in Maharashtra Daily City News in an article titled "Pune's breast cancer biobank puts precision medicine on map."

The article highlights PCCM's disease-specific breast cancer biobank, established in 2017 and developed within a single-surgeon clinical unit. It describes the biobank's collection of 2,500+ biospecimens, including FFPE tissue, fresh-frozen tumour tissue, plasma and microbiome specimens, linked with detailed clinical and longitudinal patient data.

The feature also discusses the importance of biobanking in supporting translational research, genomics, biomarker discovery, molecular profiling and precision oncology, while emphasizing the value of high-quality clinical annotation, governance and long-term follow-up.

The article also mentioned PCCM's upcoming 2nd Biobanking Workshop & Symposium on Precision Medicine and Genomics 2026, scheduled for 10–12 September in Pune, which was planned to bring together experts and participants to discuss practical aspects of specimen collection, processing, storage, data management and quality systems.

PCCM'S 2ND BIOBANKING WORKSHOP & SYMPOSIUM ON PRECISION MEDICINE AND GENOMICS 2026

DAY 1 | HANDS-ON BIOBANKING WORKSHOP



Prashanti Cancer Care Mission's Breast Biobank brings together biospecimens from more than 2,500 patients, including FFPE tissue, frozen tumour tissue, plasma and microbiome specimens, linked with detailed clinical data—creating a valuable resource for breast cancer and translational research. Building on this foundation, PCCM organised the 2nd Biobanking Workshop & Symposium on Precision Medicine and Genomics 2026.

Day 1 focused on hands-on biobanking, giving participants practical exposure to imaging, biopsy and frozen tissue collection, FFPE tissue banking, associated data management, and secondary data collection covering genetics, nutrition and oncopsychology.

The workshop also explored consent, ethics and responsible biobanking, connecting practical workflows with the broader requirements of building robust biobanking resources for research and precision medicine.

PCCM'S 2ND BIOBANKING WORKSHOP & SYMPOSIUM ON PRECISION MEDICINE AND GENOMICS 2026

DAY 2 | EMINENT FACULTY, GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES & TRANSLATIONAL INSIGHTS



Day 2 transitioned from hands-on learning to an extensive symposium bringing together national and international experts in biobanking, translational research, genomics and precision medicine.

The day opened with the inaugural session, with Dr. C.B. Koppiker and Ms. Laleh Busheri among the key PCCM representatives welcoming the gathering of experts and participants.

The scientific programme featured an impressive range of national and international faculty, with sessions spanning tumour biobanking, disease-specific biobanks, biobank governance, data management, clinical trials and global biobanking network.

International perspectives came from Dr. Dianne Chadwick (Canada), Martin Rutter (UK), Gouri Mahajan (USA), Maher Sughayer (Jordan) and Dr. Akihito Ohtsuki (Japan), alongside leading Indian experts including Prof. Gobardhan Das, Dr. Prashant Mathur, Dr. Kalpana Balakrishnan and Dr. Chittaranjan Yajnik.

The day also featured dedicated clinics on Operations, Ethics & Regulatory Challenges, and Sustainability, followed by a panel discussion on building the next generation of biobanks in India.

PCCM'S 2ND BIOBANKING WORKSHOP & SYMPOSIUM ON PRECISION MEDICINE AND GENOMICS 2026! DAY 3 | FROM GENOMICS TO PRECISION MEDICINE



Day 3 | From Genomics to Precision Medicine

The final day of PCCM-BWAS 2026 brought together leading experts to explore precision oncology, population genomics and genome-based medicine.

The scientific programme featured discussions on genetic analysis, precision medicine, long-read sequencing, multiomics, population genomics and AI in genomics, highlighting emerging approaches in cancer and genomic research.

A key highlight was the expert-led panels on Integrating Multi-Omics and AI in Precision Oncology and Health Equity in Genomics, followed by the conference summary, certificate distribution and vote of thanks, bringing three days of scientific learning and exchange to a close.

PCCM-ISOS 33RD HANDS-ON ONCOPLASTY WORKSHOP, SCHEDULED FOR 4-5TH DECEMBER 2026, PUNE

Prashanti Cancer Care Mission
Reaching out with excellence

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ONCOPLASTIC SURGERY

PCCM's ISOS
International School of Oncoplastic Surgery (ISOS)
33rd ISOS Hands Oncoplasty Workshop since 2014

ESSENTIALS IN ONCOPLASTIC TECHNIQUES

Session Focus: PERFORATOR FLAPS

4th-5th December 2026

- Lead Instructor Dr. Chaitanyanand Koppiker will personally conduct the workshop sessions.
- Limited to 30 seats for personalized attention.
- Additionally, discover observership opportunities linked to the workshop sessions.

WorkShop Details

Date: 4th-5th December 2026
Venue: Pune

Registration Includes

- Course Material
- Lunch and Refreshments
- Certificate of Participation
- Observership Opportunities on application

Workshop Highlights

- Immerse yourself in hands-on simulations, case-based discussions, and surgical video demonstrations.
- Enhance your skills with pre-surgery mark-up with Live models
- Expert insights into oncoplastic breast surgery

Session Objectives

- Participants will gain practical, hands-on experience in understanding the utility of Chest Wall Perforator Flaps (CWPFs) in oncoplastic breast surgery.
- Attendees will develop an understanding of key principles and techniques involved in CWPFs, expanding their surgical options for appropriate breast defects.
- The workshop will provide insights into the indications, planning, and application of CWPFs, helping participants approach suitable cases with greater confidence.
- Through interactive discussions, demonstrations, and case-based learning, participants will understand patient selection and practical considerations for the use of CWPFs in breast surgery.

REGISTER NOW

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The Prashanti Cancer Care Mission's International School of Oncoplastic Surgery (PCCM-ISOS) continues its commitment to advancing practical education in oncoplastic breast surgery through its Hands-On Oncoplasty Workshops.

The upcoming 33rd Hands-On Oncoplasty Workshop, scheduled for 4-5 December 2026 in Pune, will focus on Chest Wall Perforator Flaps, covering surgical principles, indications, planning and practical application.

The two-day programme will include hands-on pre-surgical mark-up sessions, surgical video demonstrations, real-case and MDT-style discussions, and interactive case-based learning, with direct faculty interaction throughout.

Led by Dr. C.B. Koppiker, the workshop is designed for trainees and residents in oncoplastic breast surgery and surgical oncology, as well as surgeons with a focus on breast surgery.

With a limited cohort of 30 participants, the workshop aims to provide a focused and interactive learning environment, with observership opportunities also available on application.

 4-5 December 2026 |  Pune, India

Register Now:

 **REGISTER NOW**

BREAST GLOBAL AWARDS AT BREASTANBUL 2026



BreastGlobal, an initiative of Prashanti Cancer Care Mission (PCCM), is proud to sponsor the Breast Global Awards at the BREASTANBUL Conference 2026, being held from 8-10 October 2026 in Istanbul, Türkiye.

The awards recognise excellence in breast cancer research, scientific communication, and emerging leadership in breast oncology, highlighting individuals and teams contributing to the advancement of breast cancer care and research globally.

Breast Global Emerging Investigator Award

Recognising an emerging investigator from a Low- and Middle-Income Country (LMIC) for their contribution to breast cancer research and potential to make a meaningful impact in the field.

Breast Global Future Leaders in Breast Oncology Award

Recognising an outstanding presenter who demonstrates excellence in scientific communication and presentation, while showing promise as a future leader in breast oncology.

Breast Global Excellence in Breast Cancer Research Award

Awarded for the Best Overall Scientific Abstract/Paper presented at BREASTANBUL 2026, recognising outstanding scientific merit, research contribution, and relevance to breast cancer research.

Through these awards, PCCM's BreastGlobal aims to encourage scientific excellence, nurture emerging talent, and support the next generation of breast cancer researchers and leaders, particularly across diverse and resource-limited settings.

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PRASHANTI CANCER CARE MISSION'S BREAST GLOBAL JOURNAL

Volume 3, Issue 1 is now available online.



We are delighted to share that our Breast Global Journal's Volume 3, Issue 1 is now available online. BreastGlobal journal is open-access with no submission fees, and authors retain full copyright. Affiliated with Wolters Kluwer and bearing its own ISSN, the journal offers a respected platform for advancing breast cancer research and clinical practice.

Explore the latest issue here: <https://journals.lww.com/bgjr/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

Dr. Koppiker, along with his colleagues established the BreastGlobal platform to address knowledge gaps, offering a unified portal for experts, trainees, and industry to access global learning and training opportunities.

In collaboration with Wolters Kluwer publishers, BreastGlobal launched the 'BreastGlobal Journal' aimed at providing universal access to specialized breast training worldwide.

The journal features a distinguished editorial board and has already released eight issues. BreastGlobal Journal is currently accepting submissions for future editions, and manuscripts can be submitted through the provided link.

Submit online: <https://review.jow.medknow.com/bgj>.

Please contact the editorial team at thebreastglobal@gmail.com

Journal's editorial board : <https://journals.lww.com/bgjr/pages/editorialboard.aspx>

Access all issues of the journal: <https://journals.lww.com/bgjr/pages/issuelist.aspx>

NEW PUBLICATION: GERMLINE BRCA MUTATION STATUS IN INDIAN BREAST CANCER PATIENTS



A study on germline BRCA mutation status in Indian breast cancer patients, from our cohort is now published in the Indian Journal of Pathology and Oncology (13(3):243–258, 2026), on 29th September 2026. The team looked at 125 patients who had germline testing between 2013 and 2023 and whose tumour tissue is stored in the PCCM biobank. Patients with BRCA mutations presented younger, were mostly pre-menopausal and had smaller tumours at diagnosis. TILs scores were comparable between mutation carriers and non-carriers. The work was carried out by Sakshi Durge, Kuhuk Saran towards their master's thesis.

Read the article: ijpo.co.in/archive/volume/13/issue/3/article/27788

RESEARCH UPDATES

We are glad to announce that Prashanti Cancer Care Mission now has its own property for the research centre, and the new address is as follows.

New Address: 21 Everjoy Bungalow Society, Next to NIBM Institute, before Clover Highlands, NIBM Road, Kondhwa, Pune, Maharashtra- 411 048.

We kindly request you to send all cheques, donations, letters, and posts to this updated address.



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- Enhancing and Enriching the clinical database at PCCM.
 - Fresh frozen biopsy samples from 396 patients, along with 306 fresh frozen surgery samples, have been collected and stored at IISER.
 - PCCM's 2nd Biobanking Workshop & Symposium 2026 was held from 10-12 September, 2026
 - On 4 September, Dr Madhura Kulkarni (Translational Research Lead, PCCM) spoke at the FASEB Hippo Signalling conference in Winnipeg, Canada (1-4 September). She presented the team's work on YAP and TAZ across the spectrum of benign breast disease, using multiplex imaging on patient tissue.
 - Dr. Madhura Kulkarni delivered a talk titled "Digital Pathology in Cancer Research & Patient Prognostication" at C-DAC Accelerated Biology 2026 in Pune.

RESEARCH UPDATES

PCCM'S DR. MADHURA KULKARNI AT THE C-DAC ACCELERATED BIOLOGY 2026



On 9 September 2026, Dr. Madhura Kulkarni, Translational Research Lead, PCCM, was invited to deliver a talk titled “Digital Pathology in Cancer Research & Patient Prognostication” at C-DAC Accelerated Biology 2026 in Pune.

Her presentation highlighted the team’s work in digital pathology and translational cancer research, including the team’s in-house image repository, AI-based TIL measurement using Amaranth, digital collagen analysis, EGFR-AR multiplex analysis, and spatial mapping of the tumour microenvironment.

RESEARCH UPDATES: BIOBANK

Biobank is a repository where biological samples that facilitate research studies are conserved and stored, we specifically have breast tissue biobank- Formalin-Fixed and Paraffin-Embedded (FFPE) and Fresh Frozen (FF).



Formalin-Fixed Paraffin-Embedded (FFPE)

FFPE is a way of preservation of tissue samples in a paraffin block. FFPE blocks can be stored up to 12 years at ambient temperature and used for research purposes. With patient consent, we collect both biopsy and surgery blocks for the biobank. Currently the biobank houses over 1500 FFPE blocks.

Total FFPE blocks collected this month

Biopsy Blocks: 92

Surgery Blocks: 23



Fresh Frozen (FF)

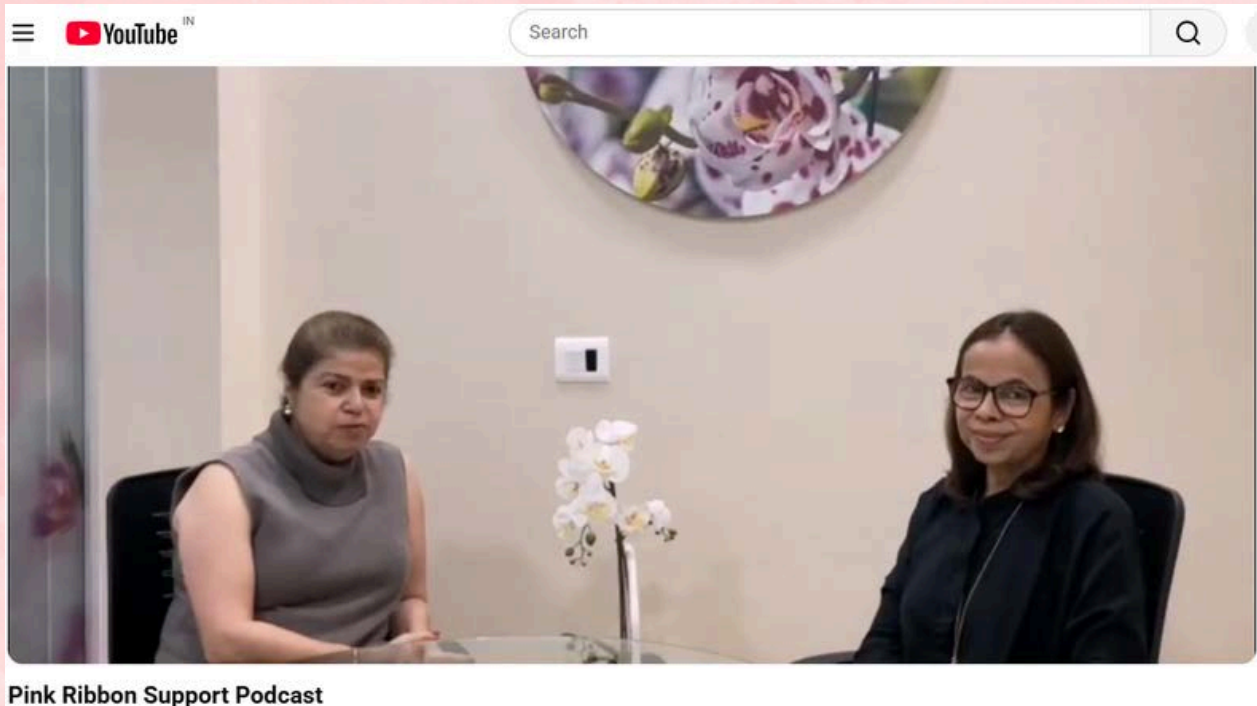
The fresh frozen breast tissue biobank was established to facilitate genomics and proteomics studies. The 'Fresh Frozen' Biobank collects consented fresh frozen breast tissue samples from Tru cut biopsy and VAB procedures. Over 100 patient samples collected till date.

11 Fresh frozen Biopsy and **13** surgery samples collected this month.

ONGOING PROJECTS AND MANUSCRIPTS:

- Advantages of Perforator Flaps in Breast Cancer Surgical Management– A Single Institutional Audit.
- Surgical management of Central Quadrant Tumors – A Single Institutional Audit.
- A single institutional audit of surgical management in Triple Negative Breast Cancers.
- A Cross-Sectional Study Assessing the Impact of a Structured Oncoplastic Training Program on Surgical Practice in India
- Assessing perception of genetic counselling and genetic testing in Breast Cancer Patients.
- Setting up of a complementary nutrition clinic for breast cancer patients at a single surgeon unit from India.
- Breast-Q BCT module translation and linguistic validation to Hindi and Marathi languages.
- Setting up of a complementary onco-psychology counselling for breast cancer patients at a single surgeon unit in India
- Assessing germline mutational profile and its clinicopathological associations in Triple Negative Breast Cancer .
- Triple-negative breast cancer tumor microenvironment profiled for immune infiltrates stratified for treatment response – Indian cohort of breast cancer patients.
- Prognostic significance of Yes-associated protein-1 (YAP1) in molecular subtypes of an Indian cohort of breast cancer patients
- Synergistic effect of YAP and HER2 growth factor receptor signalling in mammary epithelial cell line.

PINK RIBBON SUPPORT PODCAST | HEALTHY LIVING MADE SIMPLE



In this episode of the Pink Ribbon Support Podcast, Ms. Laleh Busheri is in conversation with Ms. Rakshanda Ansari, sharing practical and easy-to-follow insights on healthy eating, weight management, mindful habits and regular exercise.

The conversation focuses on simple, sustainable ways to build healthier routines and make everyday choices that support overall well-being.

Watch the full podcast here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzZJT58ORaM>

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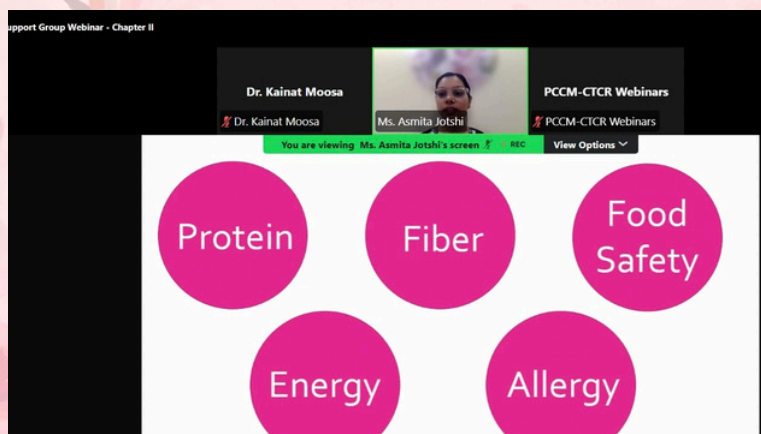
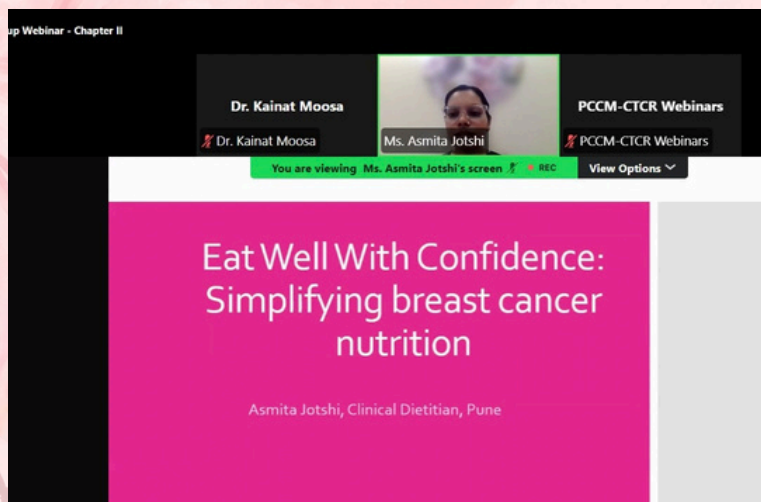
Building on the success of Chapter 1 (Sept 2024–Mar 2025) — where we explored key aspects of survivorship such as mental health, nutrition, yoga, meditation, and genetics — Chapter 2 ‘Small Acts, Big Impact During Recovery’ now turns the spotlight to everyday activities that uplift the spirit and foster healing in meaningful, accessible ways.

On Wednesday, 23rd of September 2026, the Pink Ribbon Support Group hosted Lecture 24th of its ongoing webinar series.

This Pink Ribbon Webinar featured ‘Eat Well with Confidence: Simplifying Breast Cancer Nutrition’ by Ms. Asmita Jotshi

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Ms. Asmita Jotshi
Clinical Dietitian

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BLOGS

Pumpkin & Moong Dal Soup



Ingredients:

- 2 cups pumpkin
- ½ cup moong dal
- 1 carrot
- 1 onion
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1-inch ginger
- ½ tsp turmeric
- ½ tsp cumin, black pepper
- 1 tsp oil, salt and 3–4 cups water

Method:

Sauté onion and garlic in olive oil. Add vegetables and stock. Simmer for 15–20 minutes until tender. Season with salt and pepper. Blend if desired and finish with a squeeze of lemon.

Tip: Add ¼ cup cooked lentils or shredded chicken for extra protein.



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