

RESOURCE PERSONS

INTERNAL RESOURCE PERSON

Dr Apurba S Sastry

Additional Professor

DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

CURRENT AFFILIATION: JIPMER

DESIGNATION:

- Additional Professor in Department of Microbiology
- Officer in-charge of Hospital Infection Control Committee and Antimicrobial Stewardship Lead at JIPMER.



ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- MBBS
- MD and DNB Microbiology,
- MNAMS, Post Diploma in Clinical Research (PDCR)
- Statement of attainment in Antimicrobial Stewardship from the University of Dundee, Scotland.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: Antimicrobial Stewardship, Hospital Infection Control

PUBLICATIONS & MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:

65 scientific publications

9 books which include 25 editions

Contributed book chapters in NCDC, Govt of India, 2019

External peer reviewer in CDC guidelines on Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning in Healthcare facilities.

Dr Sarumathi D

Senior Resident

DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

DESIGNATION: Senior Resident, PDF in Hospital Infection Control

CURRENT AFFLIATION: JIPMER, Puducherry

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MBBS, MD, DNB

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: Antimicrobial Stewardship, Hospital Infection Control

PUBLICATIONS:

- 15 scientific publications
- Won first prize in AMSP Quiz held at MICROCON 2019, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Won second prize in ASPICON 2021 poster presentation held at AIIMS Patna.
- Won second prize in Advanced Mycology workshop 2020 held at SRMC, Chennai.



Dr Rakesh Singh

Professor and Head

DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

DESIGNATION: Professor and Head

CURRENT AFFLIATION: JIPMER, Puducherry

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MBBS, MD Microbiology

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: Mycology and Sexually Transmitted Infection

PUBLICATIONS & MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 33 scientific publications
- Nawopia Dr. Pankajlakshmi V. Venugopal Prize for the best paper in Mycology
- Certificate of Excellence” award for achieving 5 star quality standard in HIV testing and maintaining NABL accreditation of HIV laboratory
- Director of IATP EQAS Program



Dr Sujatha Sistla

Professor

DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

DESIGNATION: Professor (Senior scale)

CURRENT AFFLIATION: JIPMER, Puducherry

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MBBS, MD (Microbiology)

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: Antimicrobial resistance and molecular epidemiology of Gram positive cocci, respiratory infections, melioidosis

PUBLICATIONS & MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 162 publications
- Gold Medalist, MD Microbiology, Pondicherry University
- Best oral paper award in Mycology during IAMM conference in Manipal, 1998



Dr Jharna Mandal

Professor

DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

DESIGNATION: Professor

CURRENT AFFLIATION: JIPMER, Puducherry

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MBBS, MD, FIMSA

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: Antibiotics and antimicrobial resistance, UTI, diarrhoeal diseases

PUBLICATIONS: 104 publications



Dr Rahul Dhodapkar

Professor

DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

DESIGNATION: Professor

CURRENT AFFLIATION: JIPMER, Puducherry

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MBBS , MD (Microbiology)

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: Virology & Regional Influenza Lab

PUBLICATIONS & MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS: 66 publications



Dr Rakhi Biswas

Additional Professor

DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

DESIGNATION: Additional Professor

CURRENT AFFLIATION: JIPMER, Puducherry

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MBBS , MD (Microbiology)

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: Anaerobic bacteria Diagnostics-isolation and identification , Anti-anaerobic susceptibility testing, Drug resistance in Bacteroides fragilis group members, Clostridioides difficile – diagnostics

PUBLICATIONS & MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS: 14 publications



Dr Noyal Mariya Joseph

Additional Professor

DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

DESIGNATION: Additional Professor

CURRENT AFFLIATION: JIPMER, Puducherry

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MBBS , MD (Microbiology)

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: TB diagnostics, Biomarkers of TB, Immunopathogenesis of TB meningitis, Drug resistance in Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Non-tuberculous mycobacteria and Detection of Mycobacterium leprae.

PUBLICATIONS & MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS: 81 publications



Dr Nonika Rajkumari

Additional Professor

DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

DESIGNATION: Additional Professor

CURRENT AFFLIATION: JIPMER, Puducherry

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MBBS, MD Microbiology

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: Microbiology, Human parasitic infections, Drug Resistance. Helminths and protozoal diseases, especially coccidian parasites, parasitic infections in the immunocompromised population and soil transmitted helminths.

She is also working on vector borne infections like malaria, Babesia etc esp on their therapeutic aspects and drug resistance

PUBLICATIONS & MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS: 20 publications



Dr Maanasa Bhasker M

Assistant Professor

DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

DESIGNATION: Assistant Professor

CURRENT AFFLIATION: JIPMER, Puducherry

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MD, Dip RCPATH (Microbiology & Virology)

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: Clinical Immunology.

PUBLICATIONS & MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS: 25 publications



EXTERNAL RESOURCE PERSONS

Dr Ketan Priyadharshi

Assistant Professor

DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

DESIGNATION: Assistant Professor

CURRENT AFFLIATION: AIIMS, Patna

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MBBS, MD, DNB, PDCC-ID, PDF-HIC

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: Antimicrobial Stewardship, Hospital Infection Control



PUBLICATIONS & MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:

- ≥ 25 publications
- Author, Essentials of Antimicrobial Stewardship

Dr Deepashree R

Professor

DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

DESIGNATION:

- Assistant Professor,
- Assistant Surveillance officer, HIC Unit
- Antimicrobial Stewardship officer, JSS Hospital (2019 - till date)

CURRENT AFFLIATION: JSS Medical College, Mysore

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MD, DNB, MNAMS Microbiology

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: HICC, AMSP including Diagnostic Stewardship



PUBLICATIONS & MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 28 in various National and International journals
- Gold Medalist, MD Microbiology, JSS University
- Author, Essentials of Hospital Infection Control
- Author, Essentials of Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Co-Editor, Essentials of Medical Microbiology 2nd and 3rd edition

Dr Sumit Rai

Assistant Professor

DEPARTMENT: Department of Clinical Microbiology

DESIGNATION: Professor and Head

CURRENT AFFILIATION: AIIMS, Mangalagiri

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MBBS, MD (Gold Medalist), PDCC
(Infectious Diseases)

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST:

- Bacteriology, Serology and Clinical Infectious Diseases
- Antimicrobial, Diagnostic and Hospital Infection Control Integrated Stewardship

PUBLICATIONS & MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:

Publications: 49

Google Scholar Citations: 580

Over 100 Laboratory Audits as NABL Assessor

Over 75 Guest Lectures at National and International Conferences, CME's, Workshops etc

Life Member: IAMM National Body, IAMM Delhi Chapter, IAMM UP UK Chapter, IAMM
Telangana Andhra Pradesh Chapter

Full Member: European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
(ESCMID)

Full Member: British Society of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC)

Subject Matter Expert of National Action Plan for Containment of Antimicrobial Resistance
2022

Premium Member, Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI), 2021, 2022

Member of Editorial Board: Indian Journal of Medical Microbiologists since 2020



Dr Akshatha R

Senior Resident (DM Infectious Diseases)

DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

DESIGNATION: SENIOR RESIDENT

CURRENT AFFLIATION: AIIMS JODHPUR

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MD, DNB, MNAMS

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: Diagnosis & Management of MDROs, fungal infections, bacterial infections, opportunistic infections, HIV & TB & Antimicrobial stewardship



PUBLICATIONS & MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 20 publications in National & International journals & 15 book chapters
- Won multiple prizes in National level Quiz competitions in National conferences - ASPICON 2021 & 2022, CIDSCON 2020 & 2022, HIV Day, CIDS Webinars
- Won multiple prizes in Poster & Oral presentation in different National level conferences - CIDSCON 2022, MICROCON 2020
- Received Attendance grant for poster presentation in ISHAM 2022
- Top 10 in Oral case presentation in CIDSCON 2022
- Won Young Researcher award 2020, by Institute of Scholars (InSc), Bangalore - 2020
- Won prize for the “Best short video on awareness for TB/COVID” in NATCON 2020
- Served as Resource person & delivered lectures in various National level Workshops & Conferences
- Delivered multiple webinars in multiple National level Workshops, Conferences & Webinars - HICC, AMSP, IDCON 2022, CIDS Jodhpur chapter & YouTube channel - Learn with Dr Akshatha,
- Formulated Institution antimicrobial policy, AIIMS Jodhpur & active part of Antimicrobial stewardship team from 2018 at JIPMER & AIIMS Jodhpur

Dr Monika S
Senior Resident



DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

CURRENT AFFILIATION: ESIC and PGIMS, KK Nagar, Chennai

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MBBS,MD,DNB Microbiology

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: Bacteriology, HICC, AMSP

PUBLICATIONS & SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT:

- Publications : 12
- Won first prize in AMSP Quiz held at MICROCON 2022, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Won first prize in ASPICON 2021 poster presentation held at AIIMS Patna
- Won first prize in IATP West Bengal chapter 2021 poster presentation

Dr Symphonia
Senior Resident

DEPARTMENT: Microbiology

CURRENT AFFILIATION: Sri Venkateshwara Medical College Hospital and Research, Puducherry

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: MBBS,MD,DNB Microbiology

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST: Antimicrobial Stewardship, Hospital Infection Control, Virology, Bacteriology (Scrub typhus), Molecular diagnostics.



PUBLICATIONS & SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT:

- Publications: 3
- Awarded third prize for the best seminar presentation in National PG
- Seminar Competition, conducted by Vinayaka Mission's Kkirupananda Variyar Medical College and Hospitals, Salem for "WORLD ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK".