



DR. PANKAJ PUNETHA

Chairman- Anaesthesiology

Qualification

MBBS | DNB (Anaesthesiology) | DHM | PGDMLE

Overview

Dr. Pankaj Punetha is an experienced anaesthesiologist in Bangalore. He is currently practising as Lead Consultant - Anaesthesiology at Manipal Hospital Kanakapura Road, Bangalore. With a medical journey spanning over 20+ years, Dr. Punetha is highly regarded for his expertise in clinical anaesthesia, neuroanaesthesia, cardiac anaesthesia, and critical care. He holds an MBBS from Sri Devraj Urs Medical College and a Diplomate of National Board (DNB) in Anaesthesiology. Additionally, he has earned diplomas in Hospital Management from NIHFV and Medical Law & Ethics from NLSIU, reflecting his broad and multidisciplinary approach to healthcare. Dr. Punetha leads the anaesthesia department with distinction. His core responsibilities include managing anaesthesia services for neurosurgery, general surgery, orthopaedics, ENT, and obstetrics-gynaecology. He also contributes to cardiac anaesthesia cases and ensures comprehensive care in the catheterisation lab and radiology suites (CT/MRI). Under his leadership, anaesthesia protocols are continuously enhanced for safety and efficiency. Dr. Punetha is deeply involved in teaching and training at Manipal Hospital Kanakapura Road. As an AHA-certified instructor, he has conducted multiple BLS and ACLS sessions for clinical teams. He also serves as DNB Coordinator, guiding postgraduate students and anaesthesia technicians. His strong presence in the academic and research community is reflected in his numerous publications in national and international journals, including studies on airway assessment, neurocritical care, and pain management. His role extends beyond clinical duties. Dr. Punetha plays a pivotal part in operational and administrative decision-making. He serves as the Member Secretary of the hospital's Ethics Committee, ensuring ethical compliance in all clinical and research activities. His expertise in emergency management and medico-legal protocols adds immense value to hospital operations. Dr. Punetha regularly attends national and international conferences, where he delivers talks and contributes as a faculty member. His lectures and workshops have benefited numerous clinicians and students across India. His approach combines deep clinical knowledge with empathetic patient care. Whether in high-risk surgeries or managing complex intensive care cases, Dr. Punetha ensures each patient receives personalised, safe, and high-quality anaesthesia services. He is also recognised for his expertise in fibre-optic intubation, ultrasound-guided procedures, and pain management interventions. Dr. Pankaj speaks English, Kannada, Hindi, and Telugu, allowing him to connect effectively with a diverse patient community across Bangalore.

Fellowship & Membership

- Karnataka Medical Council, No. 500047 Indian Society of Anaesthesiology (Life member P1300)
- Indian College of Anaesthesiology (Life member 0249)
- Indian Society of Neuroanaesthesia and Critical Care (Life member P34)
- Indian Association of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Anaesthesiologists (CLP167)

Field of Expertise

- General Anaesthesia
- Regional Anaesthesia
- Speciality - Cardiac and Neuro Anaesthesia Hospital Management, Healthcare IT

Languages Spoken

- English
- Hindi
- Kannada
- Telugu

Awards & Achievements

- Organising Committee Member and Faculty 2013 SANCON 2013, 29 & 30 March, SSSIHMS Whitefield.
- 2014 SANCON 2014, 29 & 30 March, SSSIHMS Whitefield Bangalore.
- 2014 Cardiac Anaesthesia Update IACTA 13 & 14 Dec Whitefield, Bangalore.
- 2014 Microneurosurgery & Neuroendovascular workshop, SSSIHMS Whitefield.
- 2015 SANCON, 14 & 15 March, SSSIHMS Whitefield Bangalore Faculty, Organising committee.
- 2016 Indo US Critical Care Medicine Update.
- 2016 SSS IACTA Cardiac Anaesthesia update.
- 2016 SANCON, 2 & 3 July, SSSIHMS Whitefield Bangalore.
- 2017 2nd Indo US Critical Care Medicine Update, SSSIHMS Whitefield, Bangalore.
- 2017 IACTS Score 4 & 5 March, SSSIHMS Whitefield, Bangalore.
- 2017 Sri Sathya Sai IACTA Cardiac Anaesthesia Update.
- 2018 Indo-US Critical Care Update.
- 2019 67th National Conference of Indian Society of Anesthesiologists.
- 2024 SAICAP - SSSIHMS Academic Initiative in Cardiac Anaesthesia Postgraduate Programme, Bangalore.

Talks & Publications

- Talk given at ISA Delhi - Lumbar Spine Surgery in the Elderly A Retrospective Study (July 2006).
- Talk given at Indian Medical Association meeting, Rohtak. The Role of the Anesthesiologist in the Pain Clinic - Interventions in the Management of Low Back Pain (2007).
- Paper presented UP NEUROCON 2007 - Analysis of Peri-operative factors in Decompressive and Reconstructive surgery of the lumbar spine in the Elderly (January 2007).
- Poster presented at ISNACC (February 2007) Dilated cardiomyopathy for excision of cervical cord lesion in the sitting position - A case report.
- Poster presented at Delhi ISA (April 2007) Analysis of perioperative factors influencing postoperative morbidity in Decompressive and Reconstructive surgery of the lumbar spine in the Elderly.
- Poster presented in ASNACC 2011 - Role of stellate ganglion block in the management of sympathetic mediated pain syndrome of the upper limb.
- Resuscitation and Deresuscitation on 25th November 2019 during Hemodynamic Workshop, SSSIHMS, Whitefield.
- A talk on Neuro-Critical Care: concerns of acromegaly undergoing pituitary surgery, at ISCCM CME, Atria Hotel on 29th May 2013.
- A lecture at Apollo Hospital on CME on Paediatric Anaesthesia was conducted by Apollo Hospitals on 19 July

2015. Topic –Anaesthesia for Paediatric Neurosurgical Procedures.
- Faculty – Judged the Poster presentation in ISNACC 2016 held from 5th to 7th February 2016 at NIMHANS Convention Centre, Bangalore.
 - NIMHANS - Neuroanesthesia Demystified- An Anesthesiologist's Guide - 19th January 2025 Bangalore Panellist Speaker"