



DR. RAJ VIGNA VENUGOPAL

HOD & Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology

Qualification

MBBS - TDMC Alappuzha | MD (General Medicine) - KMC Manipal | DM (Gastroenterology), SGPPI Lucknow

Overview

Dr. Raj Vigna Venugopal is a highly accomplished gastroenterologist in Bangalore, currently associated with Manipal Hospital Old Airport Road as the Head of the Department and Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology. His areas of interest include Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy, EUS-guided Procedures, Third Space Endoscopy Procedures (POEM, ESD, EMR), Gastro-oncology, and Inflammatory Bowel Disease. Dr. Raj was instrumental in setting up the First Endo-sonography Unit in Karnataka in 2006 while performing many therapeutic EUS-guided procedures. He has been one of the pioneers in performing Third-space Endoscopy Procedures in the region and has the highest number of per-oral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) procedures to his credit. He is the Best Gastroenterologist Doctor in Bangalore. Dr. Raj Vigna Venugopal's medical journey began with an MBBS from Kerala University, followed by an MD - Internal Medicine from the Manipal Academy of Higher Education. He further specialised in Gastroenterology with a DM from the Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences. Dr. Raj's clinical training is equally extensive, including a Rotating Internship at TD Medical College, Alappuzha, Kasturba Medical College, and Endoscopic Ultrasound Training at the Calamite-Paoli Cancer Institute in Marseille, France, and many others. His residency experiences in Gastroenterology at Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences in Kochi, Christian Medical College in Vellore, and SGPPI in Lucknow provided him with a robust foundation in his speciality. The contributions of Dr. Raj Vigna Venugopal in the medical field include significant research in gastroenterology. His work also includes research on the differentiation of Crohn's disease and tuberculosis, palliation of gastric outlet obstruction in advanced carcinoma gallbladder, and the outcomes of endoscopic therapy in recurrent acute and chronic pancreatitis associated with pancreas divisum. Throughout his career, Dr. Raj has presented his findings at numerous national and international conferences. He has also discussed management strategies for chronic hepatitis B in children and participated as a panellist in discussions about constipation at various forums. Dr. Raj's teaching experience is notable, having trained undergraduate and postgraduate students during his tenure as an assistant professor at AIMS, Kochi. Since 2013, he has been conducting the DNB - Gastroenterology course at Manipal and has guided numerous students in their thesis work. He has also conducted the national DNB exit exam in 2020. Besides, Dr. Raj is a member of several professional bodies, including the Indian Society of Gastroenterology, the Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy of India, the Indian National Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, and the Indian Medical Association. His dedication to teaching and training DNB gastroenterology students, along with his numerous publications and conference presentations, underscore his commitment to advancing the field of gastroenterology and providing exceptional patient care.

Field of Expertise

- EUS guided therapeutic work. Therapeutic ERCP

- Per-oral Endoscopic Myotomy for Achalasia Cardia.
- ESD EMR for early gastrointestinal cancer

Languages Spoken

- English
- Hindi
- Malayalam
- Kannada
- Tamil

Awards & Achievements

- Training in EUS & Therapeutic Endoscopy Paolicalmettes
- Regional Cancer Center, Marseilles, France
- EUS training in Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Therapeutic endoscopy and EUS training in University of Alabama, USA
- Advanced endoscopy training Medical University of South Carolina, USA
- EUS training Selyang University Hospital, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Observership in liver unit Asan Medical Center, South Korea
- European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy certification on Advanced Endoscopy Athens Greece
- First Gastroenterologist in Bangalore to set up Endosonography unit
- Has an experience of 1500 cases in Diagnostic & Therapeutic Endosonography
- Largest single centre Experience in Per oral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) for Achalasia Cardia in Karnataka
- Has published articles in various National & International journals

Talks & Publications

- Dr. Rajiv Lochan and Dr. Raj Vigna Venugopal on Health Experts Express Concerns Over Rising Cases of Liver and Gastric Diseases in Eastern India | Kolkata & Guwahati. [Click Here](#)
- Dr. Raj Vigna Venugopal on Fatty liver: Expert warns condition can increase risk of depression, anxiety | News 9. [Click Here](#)
- Experts Warn Against Artificial Colors And Preservatives In Food Products: Dr. Raj Vigna Venugopal, Hod & Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology, Manipal Hospitals Old Airport Road. [Click Here](#)
- Dr. Raj Vigna Venugopalan on Hepatitis can lead to liver cirrhosis: Common treatments you should know | Healthshots. [Click Here](#)
- Dr. Raj Vigna Venugopal on The importance of mucus for good gut health | Happiest Health. [Click Here](#)