

DR. MUNIRAJU MARALAKUNTE

Consultant - Radiology

Qualification

MBBS | MD

Overview

Dr. Muniraju Maralakunte is a highly skilled radiologist in Yelahanka. He is currently practising as an Assistant Professor – Radiodiagnosis and Imaging at Manipal Hospital Yelahanka, Bangalore, bringing extensive experience in diagnostic imaging, interventional radiology, and artificial intelligence-driven imaging innovations. With a strong academic foundation and over a decade of clinical, research, and teaching experience, Dr. Maralakunte has established himself as a trusted specialist for patients and referring clinicians alike. His expertise spans neuro, musculoskeletal, chest, abdominal, vascular, and fetal imaging, with particular proficiency in advanced MRI, CT, ultrasound, and image-guided interventional procedures. Recognised as one of the best radiologists in Yelahanka, Dr. Maralakunte has a unique combination of clinical and research-oriented expertise. He has been actively involved in groundbreaking projects integrating artificial intelligence into medical imaging, including chest and abdomen pathology segmentation, spine MRI analysis, and cancer response assessment. His research contributions focus on critical areas such as diffusion kurtosis imaging for psychiatric disorders, advanced imaging in post-COVID pulmonary assessment, interventional oncology procedures, and pediatric imaging, reflecting a commitment to evidence-based practice and innovation in radiology. Through peer-reviewed publications in high-impact journals, presentations at international and national conferences, and ongoing textbook contributions, he continues to influence the academic and clinical radiology community. Beyond his clinical and research work, Dr. Maralakunte is deeply invested in teaching and mentoring. He has trained postgraduate radiology students, medical imaging technology students, and radiology technicians, conducting seminars, journal clubs, film reading sessions, and panel discussions. He has also delivered talks and workshops at state, national, and international forums, bridging research and clinical application, and promoting patient safety and workflow optimisation in medical imaging. His role as a quality champion, radiation safety professional, and active member of patient safety and clinical audit committees further underscores his dedication to operational excellence, ethical practice, and clinical governance. In addition to conventional imaging, Dr. Maralakunte is a recognised authority in interventional radiology, performing image-guided procedures including vascular interventions, varicose vein management, and percutaneous tumour ablations. His clinical acumen is complemented by advanced AI projects, which streamline imaging analysis, improve diagnostic accuracy, and support precision-based patient management. His work ensures that patients receive timely, accurate, and minimally invasive diagnostic and therapeutic interventions. Patients and colleagues regard Dr. Maralakunte as a meticulous, compassionate, and highly reliable specialist. His dual focus on clinical excellence and research-driven innovation positions him at the forefront of modern radiology. Whether interpreting complex imaging studies, performing interventional procedures, or implementing AI-driven solutions, he delivers care with precision, empathy, and professionalism. For those seeking the best radiologist in Yelahanka, Dr. Muniraju Maralakunte exemplifies the integration of cutting-edge technology, rigorous clinical practice, and continuous scholarly contribution to advance patient care.

Fellowship & Membership

- Indian Society of Interventional Radiology (I.S.V.I.R.)
- Indian Radiological and Imaging Association (I.R.I.A.)

Languages Spoken

- English
- Hindi
- Kannada
- Telugu

Awards & Achievements

- Second prize for poster presentation at AOCC 2025 & IRIA 2025, Chennai.
- Poster presentation at AOCC 2025 & IRIA 2025, Chennai.
- Selected for Short-term student project (ICMR) – 2024.
- Oral paper presentation at IRIA 2022, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Selected for oral presentation on the American Society of Neuroradiology (A.S.N.R.) annual meeting, 2019, Las Vegas. However, it presented as E poster at the virtual conference. The United States.
- Selected as a semifinalist for the prestigious Cornelius Dyke award, American Society of Neuro Radiology (A.S.N.R.) annual meet, 2020, Las Vegas. The United States.
- Selected for the nationwide I.S.V.I.R. (interventional radiology) quiz, 2019, Goa. India.
- I have been recommended for the "Walia Gold medal – Batch 2016" from the Department. Of Radiodiagnosis and Imaging, P.G.I.M.E.R., Chandigarh. India.
- Secured second position in "18th Kakarla Subbarao Gold Medal Competition for Best Paper presentation by a postgraduate in Radiology", 2018, Hyderabad. India.
- Secured second position for oral paper presentation, 20th annual conference of Indian Society of Neuroradiology (I.S.N.R.) in collaboration with The American British course in Neuroradiology (A.B.C.N.R.), 2018, New Delhi. India.
- E poster presentation at the European Society of Radiology (E.S.R.), 2018.

Talks & Publications

- Research to Publication certification – BMJ and UCSF (British Medical Journal and University of California, San Francisco). (Year 2021).
- Health Research Fundamentals Course – IIT Madras (NleCer- National Institute of Epidemiology- Indian Council of Medical Research e-Certificate). (Year 2020).
- Basic Course in Biomedical Research – IIT Madras (NleCer- National Institute of Epidemiology- Indian Council of Medical Research e-Certificate). (Year 2021).
- Back to basics: Building statistical literacy. (Year 2020).
- Statistics Made Easy: Virtual SPSS workshop on basics and beyond. (Year 2020).
- Role Of Whole-brain Diffusion Kurtosis Imaging In Differentiating Unipolar Depression From Bipolar Depression.
- A textbook on integrated and evidence-based varicose vein management
- A textbook on Research methodology and Basic biostatistics to Medical students and practitioners (NMC curriculum-based).
- A textbook on Clinical care and Patient safety to Medical Imaging Technology students (NMC Curriculum-based).
- Microbial profile analysis study on the critical and semi-critical region ultrasonography
- District-level PCPNDT impact assessment
- Virtual autopsy
- Abbreviated MRI and Clinical Imaging CT protocols assessment
- Patient safety and workflow improvement in Medical OPDs
- Unification of the interdepartmental scheduling/ appointment systems in OPD services
- Integrated medical management of the varicose veins
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