

# INVITATION

Dear friends,

On behalf of the Organising Committee of the National Symposium on Genetics in Clinical Medicine, it is our pleasure and privilege to invite you to participate in this symposium.

The expansion of knowledge related to genetics is changing our understanding of pathophysiology and influencing the classification of diseases. Awareness of genetic etiology can have an impact on clinical management, including prevention and screening or treatment of a range of diseases. The field of clinical genetics is rapidly moving from single gene testing to multigene panel testing, with techniques such as whole-exome and whole-genome sequencing on the horizon, increasing the complexity of test selection and interpretation, as well as patient education and medical decision making.

The developing techniques in genetics and related disciplines have evoked much interest among medical fraternity. The utility of these knowledge and techniques in the diagnosis, treatment, patient management and counseling are the challenges of the day.

We propose that the clinicians and researchers need to meet on a regular basis to share their views to achieve quality deliverables to differently abled individuals of our society. It is also important that the benefits of new advancements in genetics should reach the general public in time.

The following topics will be discussed in the symposium.

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| 1. Paediatric Genetics             | 2. Genetics of Fertility |                        |
| 3. Genetics of Metabolic Disorders | 4. Cancer Genetics       | 5. Diagnostic Genetics |

Each Session will have invited speakers and contributed papers.

We take this opportunity to cordially invite you to Thrissur, the cultural capital of 'God's own country', Kerala, to actively participate in the symposium.

Looking forward to meet you at the symposium.

Scientifically yours,

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