

4TH INTERNATIONAL GANSID CONGRESS

CONGRESS PROGRAM

GANSID CONGRESS 2026
IN COLLABORATION WITH NIMS, HYDERABAD
AND AIIMS, NEW DELHI



OCT. 23-25
HYDERABAD
INDIA

DAY ONE - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

6:00 AM - 5:30 PM

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

Speakers:

Congress Leadership / Invited Dignitaries
Dr. Adekunle Adekile - GANSID Board Chairman
Ms. Vinita Srivastava - NHA, India
Drs. Dipty Jain & Jameela Sathar - Congress Co-Chairs
Pfizer Inc.

Moderator: Ms. Lanre Tunji-Ajayi

8:00 - 8:30 AM

OFFICIAL OPENING & WELCOME CEREMONY

Speakers:

Dr. Alok Srivastava (India)
Dr. Johnny Mahlangu (South Africa)

Moderator: Dr. Cecil Ross (India)

8:35- 9:35 AM

PLENARY SESSION

Updates in Non-Factor Therapies in Hemophilia

- Balancing Bleeding & Clotting: Thrombosis Risk in Evolving Hemophilia Treatment
- Innovations in Hemophilia: From Rebalancing Agents to Gene Therapy

9:40- 10:00 AM

COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING

Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors

Moderator: Dr. Deepika Darbari(Canada)

10:00 - 11:00 AM

ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

Abstract Presentation Block A
Abstract Presentation Block B
Abstract Presentation Block C

Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors

Moderator: Mr. Prabhat Sinha (India)

11:05 - 12:05 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Industry Symposium (Sponsor-Led)

Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors

Moderator: Dr. Shabnam Arsiwala (USA)

Speakers:

Industry Speakers

Moderator: TBC

GANSID MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Two Years of Advancing Clinician Capacity Building

- Reflections from a GANSID Mentor & Mentee

Speakers:

Dr. Prantar Chakrabarti (India)
Dr. Shabnam Arsiwala (USA)

Moderator: Dr. Jennifer Bryan (Canada)

Advances in Thrombosis Management: From Anticoagulation to Emerging Targeted Therapies

- Current anticoagulation strategies and clinical challenges (including real-world implementation and special populations)
- Emerging targeted therapies (e.g., factor XI/XIa inhibitors, novel pathways)

Speakers:

Dr. Jameela Sathar (Malaysia)
Dr. Vasiliki Danilidou (Cyprus)

Moderator: Dr. Len Valentino (USA)

12:05 - 1:30 PM

LUNCH / EXHIBITION HALL

INTERACTIVE POSTER VIEWING SESSION

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

1:30 - 2:30 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Aging Well with Thalassemia: Navigating the Transition from Pediatric to Adult & Geriatric Care

- Efficacy & Safety of Novel Agents in Thalassemia Treatment
- Bridging Gaps in Transitioning Thalassemia Programs — Pediatric to Adult & Geriatric Care
- Healthy Transitions Across the Lifespan: What Patients Need to Know

Speakers:

Dr. Shruti Kakkar (India)
Dr. Nita Radhakrishnan (India)
Mr. Carl Lander (UK)

Moderator: Dr. Mandy Yap (Malaysia)

Session Chair: Dr. Jagdish Chandra (India)

DAY ONE - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

2:35 - 3:35 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase Deficiency:

- Advances in Screening, Diagnosis, and Risk Stratification
- Drug-Induced Haemolysis in G6PD Deficiency

Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia: Advances in Diagnosis, Management, and Systemic Therapies

- Diagnosis and Multidisciplinary Management of HHT: Current Evidence and Global Standards

PATIENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Understanding Health Risks in Hemoglobinopathies and Bleeding Disorders Trait

- Genetic Counselling and Family Planning in Hemoglobinopathy Traits
- Health Risks and Clinical Implications of Sickle Cell Trait
- Patient Organizations' Role in Reducing Unplanned Bleeding Disorders Births

COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING

PLENARY SESSION

Blood Health is Bone Health

- Blood Health in Inherited Blood Disorders
- Osteoporosis - A Neglected Consequence of Blood Disorders

ANCILLIARY MEETINGS

Speakers:

Dr. Jacob Pendergrast (Canada)
Dr. Yaddanapudi Ravindranath (USA)
Moderator: Dr. Adekunle Adekile (Nigeria)

Speakers:

Dr. Raj Kasthuri (USA)
Moderator: Dr. Mandy Yap (Malaysia)
Session Chair: Dr. Uday Kumar (India)

Speakers:

Dr. Catherine Chunda-Liyoka (Zambia)
Dr. Marimilia Pita (Brazil)
Ms. Andrea Trinidad (Philippines)

Moderator: Dr. Samuel Mbunya (Kenya)

Speakers:

Dr. Jameela Sathar (Malaysia)
Dr. Lynn Azura (Malaysia)

Moderator: Dr. Johnny Mahlangu (South Africa)
Session Chair: Dr. Seema Bhatwadekar (India)

3:35 - 3:55 PM

4:00 - 5:00 PM

6:00 - 8:30 PM

DAY TWO - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

7:00 AM - 6:30 PM

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

8:00 - 9:00 AM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Comprehensive Approaches to Iron Overload Prevention in Thalassemia

- Clinical Impact of Ineffective Erythropoiesis & Anemia
- Stepwise Laboratory Evaluation of Thalassemia
- Iron Toxicity in Thalassemia: Key Concepts in Iron Overload Management

Diagnostic Pitfalls in Mild and Atypical Hereditary Spherocytosis & Red Cell Membrane Disorder

- Modern Diagnostic Approaches to Hereditary Spherocytosis and Overlapping Membrane Disorders
- Atypical and Mild Presentations of Red Cell Membrane Disorders: Avoiding Misdiagnosis in Clinical Practice

Legal Issues in Medical Practice - Current Perspectives

PLENARY SESSION

Comprehensive Management of Pregnancy in Sickle Cell Disease: Therapeutic Strategies & Maternal-Fetal Outcomes

- Hydroxyurea, Transfusion & Beyond: Treatment Decisions in Pregnancy with SCD
- Pregnancy in SCD: Optimizing Maternal & Fetal Outcomes

9:05 - 10:05 AM

10:05 - 10:25 AM

10:25 - 11:35 AM

COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING

ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

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Abstract Presentation Block C



Speakers:

Dr. Mandy Yap (Malaysia)
Dr. Sitalakshmi Subramanian (India)
Dr. Varun Bafna (India)

Moderator: Dr. Suman Jain (India)

Speakers:

Dr. Theodosia Kalfa (USA)
Dr. Reena Das (India)

Moderator: Dr. Dipty Jain (India)

Speaker:

Dr. Heena Tabassum (India)

Moderator: Dr. Akshat Jain (USA)

Speakers:

Dr. Seema Bhatwadekar (India)
Dr. Eugene Oteng-Ntim (UK)

Moderator: Dr. Biree Andemariam (USA)

Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors
Moderator: Delaney Hines (Canada)

Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors
Moderator: Dr. Manisha Madkaikar (India)

Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors
Moderator: Dr. Len Valentino (USA)

CONT. DAY TWO - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

11:40 - 12:40 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS Industry Symposia

Inclusive Clinical Trials for Global Impact: The Role of GANSID in Driving Change

- Designing Inclusive Clinical Trials in Rare Hematological Disorders: From Eligibility Criteria to Real-World Representation
- Global Equity in Hematology Trials: Bridging Gaps in Access, Participation, and Impact

Von Willebrand Disease in the 21st Century:

- VWD: The Global Challenge
- Integrating Molecular Science with Clinical Care

Speakers: Industry Speakers
Moderator: TBC

Speakers:

Dr. Fenella Kirkham (UK)
Dr. Catherine Chunda-Liyoka (Zambia)

Moderator: Dr. Vasiliki Danilidou (Cyprus)

Speakers:

Dr. Len Valentino (USA)
Dr. Sitalakshmi Subramanian (India)

Moderator: Dr. Jameela Sathar (Malaysia)

12:40 - 2:00 PM

LUNCH / EXHIBITION HALL INTERACTIVE POSTER VIEWING SESSION

2:00 - 3:15 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Addressing Pain in Inherited Blood Disorders: From Acute Crises to Chronic Care

- Beyond Opioids: Modern Pharmacological Management of Chronic Pain
- Rethinking Pain Care: Non-Pharmacological Interventions in SCD
- Understanding the Lived Experience of Pain in Bleeding Disorder

Speakers:

Dr. Tulika Seth (India)
Dr. Deepika Darbari (USA)
Mr. Prem Alva (India)

Moderator: Dr. Baba Inusa (UK)

3:20 - 4:20 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation in Aplastic Anemia

- HSCT in Aplastic Anemia: Patient Selection, Timing & Outcomes
- Evolving Indications & Outcomes in Aplastic Transplantation

Speakers:

Dr. Radhika Setti (India)
Dr. Akshat Jain (USA)

Moderator:

Dr. Olivier Hermine (France)

Pipeline Therapies for Inherited Blood Disorders

- Pipeline Therapies: What Is the Need?
- Investigational Therapies for SCD & Thalassemia
- Investigational Therapies for Inherited Bleeding Disorders

Speakers:

Dr. Biree Andemariam (USA)
Dr. Miguel Abboud (Lebanon)
Dr. Tulika Seth (India)

Moderator:

Dr. Biree Andemariam (USA)

4:25 - 4:45 PM

PATIENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Patient-Driven Session: Expanding Access to Innovative & Curative Therapies in Inherited Blood Disorders (IBDs) within the WHO Universal Health Care Framework

- Patient Experiences with Innovative and Curative Therapies Across Health Systems
- From Advocacy to Policy: Leveraging the WHO Universal Health Care Framework to Drive Equitable Access for Sickle Cell Communities
- Building Comprehensive Thalassemia Care Within National Health Systems
- Inherited Blood Disorder Programs That Work: A Bahrain Experience

Speakers:

Mr. Carl Lander (UK)
Mr. Lalit Pargi (India)
Ms. Anubha Taneja (India)
Mr. Zakareya Ebrahim Alkadem (Bahrain)

Moderator:

Dr. Len Valentino (USA)

4:50 - 5:50 PM

COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING

PLENARY SESSION

One Data Platform, Many Voices: Co-Creating a Global Registry for Sickle Cell Disease

- Update on the GANSID SCD Global Registry
- The Indian Experience in Setting up a SCD Registry
- Real-Life Challenges in Establishing an SCD Registry

Speakers:

Dr. Adekunle Adekile (Nigeria)
Dr. Bhupesh Jain (India)
Dr. Catherine Chunda-Liyoka (Zambia)

Moderator: Dr. Adekunle Adekile (Nigeria)

6:30 - 8:00 PM

NETWORKING RECEPTION

DAY THREE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

07:00 AM - 4:00 PM

8:00 - 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Redefining Diagnosis & Management in Inherited Thrombocytopenia

- Recognizing Inherited Thrombocytopenia: Diagnosis, Clinical Clues & First-Line Lab Tests
- Management Essentials: When to Treat, When to Refer & Avoiding Common Pitfalls

Speakers:

Dr. Varun Bafna (India)
Dr. Radhika Setti (India)

Moderator: Dr. Dipty Jain (India)

Inflammation & Complement Activation: Mechanistic Drivers of Disease Severity in SCD

- Inflammation & Complement in SCD: Drivers of Vaso-Occlusion & Organ Damage
- Genetic Modifiers of the SCD Phenotype

Speakers:

Dr. Olivier Hermine (France)
Prof. Adekunle Adekile (Nigeria)

Moderator: Dr. Seema Bhatwadekar (India)

Disparities in Access to Lifelong Care for Thalassemia: A Global Lens

- Bridging Gaps in Access to Diagnosis, Transfusion & Treatment Across High- & Low-Resource Settings
- Resolving System-Level Barriers to Continuity of Care

Speakers:

Dr. Jagdish Chandra (India)
Dr. Ravindra Kumar (India)

Moderator: Mr. Chandrakant Agrawal (India)

9:05 - 10:05 AM

PLENARY SESSION

Integrating Artificial Intelligence into Clinical Practice: Opportunities & Challenges in Inherited Blood Disorders Care

- Can AI Improve Clinical Care in Inherited Blood Disorders? From Diagnosis to Decision-Making
- Can We Trust AI in Rare Hematology? Ethical Challenges in Inherited Blood Disorders

Speakers:

Prof. Prantar Chakrabarti (India)
Dr. Vasiliki Danilidou (Cyprus)

Moderator: Dr. Vasiliki Danilidou (Cyprus)
Session Chair: Dr. Bodapati Sridhar (India)

10:05 - 10:25 AM

COFFEE BREAK / NETWORKING

10:25 - 11:35 AM

ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

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Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors

Moderator: Dr. Jacob Pendergrast (Canada)

Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors

Moderator: Dr. Sam Mbunya (Kenya)

Speakers: Selected Abstract Authors

Moderator: Dr. Padma Gunda (India)

11:35 - 12:35 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Industry Symposium (Sponsor-Led)

Speakers: Industry Speaker(s)

Moderator: TBC

Clinical & Operational Challenges in Blood Safety: Balancing Demand, Supply & Patient Outcomes

- Hemovigilance & Transfusion Safety: From Adverse Event Reporting to Quality Improvement
- Blood Supply Shortfalls in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Structural Barriers & Pragmatic Solutions

Speakers:

Dr. Manisha Shivastava (India)
Dr. Jacob Pendergrast (Canada)

Moderator: Ms. Vinita Srivastava (India)
Session Chair: Dr. Yizdi Italia (India)

Targeted Therapy in Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (PKD): PK Activators & Beyond

- Genetic therapies in PKD: the platinum standard, but even rarer.
- PK activators, their function, and impact

Speakers:

Dr. Yaddanapudi Ravindranath (USA)
Mr. Carl Lander (UK)

Moderator: Mr. Carl Lander (UK)

12:35 - 1:35 PM

LUNCH / EXHIBITION HALL INTERACTIVE POSTER VIEWING SESSION

1:35 - 2:35 PM

PLENARY SESSION

Cardiopulmonary & Renal Complications in Sickle Cell Disease

- Renal Screening: Early Detection & Management Strategies
- Pulmonary Hypertension & Recognition & Management of Acute Chest Syndrome in SCD

Speakers:

Dr. Dipty Jain (India)
Dr. Elizabeth Klings (USA)

Moderator: Dr. Baba Inusa (UK)



CONT. DAY THREE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

2:40 - 3:40 PM

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes: From Molecular Pathogenesis to Curative Strategies

- Key Molecular Mechanisms Underlying Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes
- From Diagnosis to Cure: Management & Curative Options Including Transplant & Emerging Therapies

Speakers:

Dr. Cecil Ross (India)
Dr. Miguel Abboud (Lebanon)

Moderator: Dr. Radhika Setti (India)

Session Chair: Dr. Ganesh Jaishetwar (India)

Emerging & Long-Term Toxicities of Gene & Cell Therapies: What Clinicians Need to Know

- Early & Delayed Toxicities: Identifying, Monitoring & Managing Adverse Effects
- Safety, Surveillance & Risk Mitigation: Long-Term Follow-Up & Registries

Speakers:

Dr. Akshat Jain (USA)
Dr. Julie Makani (Tanzania)

Moderator: Dr. Jameela Sathar (Malaysia)

PATIENT ENGAGEMENT

Advancing Social Justice & Human Rights in Inherited Blood Disorders: Addressing Work, Disability & Social Participation

- Resolving Employment Barriers, Advancing Disability Rights, and Workplace Inclusion in Inherited Blood Disorders (IBD)
- Social Justice Framework: Rights, Recognition, and Representation in IBD
- Beyond the Disease: Social Participation, Community Belonging, and Quality of Life in IBD Communities

Speakers:

Ms. Vinita Srivastava (India)
Mr. Kareem Karassery (India)
Mr. Delaney Hines (Canada)

Moderator: Dr. Mary Ampomah (Ghana)

3:45 PM

PRESENTATION THEATRE, COFFEE & NETWORKING



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