ICS HISTORY

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Indian Chest Society was formed in the year 1980. A few foresighted respiratory medicine specialists couriered the idea. The lead was taken by Dr. S.R. Kamat, the then Chief of the Department of Chest Medicine at the K.E.M. Hospital, Mumbai. The core group involved in the planning and promoting of this society consisted of Dr. P.G. Kamath, Dr. J.C. Kothari and Dr. A.C. Shah from Mumbai, Dr. C.V. Ramakrishnan and Dr. C.N. Deivanayagan from Chennai, Dr. K.J.R. Murthy from Hyderabad, Dr. S.N. Tripathy from Orissa and Dr. Samir K. Gupta from Kolkata. The office of the society headquarters started functioning from K.E.M. Hospital, Mumbai with the registered office at T.B. Hospital Shivadi, Mumbai.

The main objective of the Society was to generate and disseminate the knowledge on respiratory medicine and to give the medical fraternity interested in this specialty. A common platform to discuss and put forward their views. The financial needs required for the various activities of the society are met by donations, membership fee and unspent amount from the conferences.

INDIAN CHEST SOCIETY : AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Indian Chest Society is the organization of qualified Chest Physicians and physicians interested in the field of Respiratory medicine. Indian Chest Society is a non-profit making organization devoted to research, academic, educational and patient welfare activities in respiratory medicine. The main objective of the Society was to generate and disseminate knowledge on respiratory medicine through following activities:

- By promoting Research and Academic activities in the field of Respiratory medicine.
- By organizing periodic academic meetings and conferences at International, National, Zonal and local level and to bring together, periodically, the medical fraternity interested in respiratory medicine, at a common meeting point.
- By organizing periodic patient awareness and educational programmes at various levels to spread knowledge and understanding about the important respiratory diseases.
- To assist in creating technical manpower required to handle various diagnostic and therapeutic activities related to the field of respiratory medicine.
- To assist in creating trained manpower, both medical and technical required for handling everyday increasing need of the patients in various hospitals and intensive care units.
- To open booth at various international conferences for creating understanding between the ICS and International Societies.
- To promote basic research and disease registry of various diseases in the country.
NAPCON History:

In 1998, the society was decentralized four zones, to facilitate independent and smoother functioning. The first National Congress on Respiratory Diseases (NCRD) was held in September 1981 at the Hotel President in Mumbai in which a committee was formed to develop by law/constitution of the society.


In 1999, Indian Chest Society joined the hands with the National College of Chest Physicians NCCP (I) for organizing a joint national conference of both the societies and thus first NAPCON was born. It was decided to hold NAPCON alternate year by each society. First NAPCON was held at New Delhi in the year 1999.

NAPCON 1999 was hosted by the ICS in New Delhi, with Dr. J.C. Suri as the Organizing Secretary. NAPCON 2000 was hosted by the NCCP in Kanpur. The ICS hosted NAPCON 2001 took place from 7th to 11th November, 2001 at Mumbai and 2002 NCCP hosted the conference at Jaipur.

Following are the National Conferences of the Society held from Inception

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**ONLINE MEMBERSHIP OF INDIAN CHEST SOCIETY**

Now Indian Chest Society starts a new feature of online membership has been added to the website of Indian Chest Society, which will bring further convenience for all the physicians who are interested in joining Indian Chest Society. Now one can join the society instantly using his debit or credit card or net banking.
facility without having to go through the hassles of sending Demand Drafts to the society. We are sure that this initiative will further give tremendous boost to membership drive of the society.

The democratic soul of the Indian Chest Society lies in the elections of the office bearers and Governing Body by the members of the Society every year. ICS Election 2018 for the first time held through E-Voting. The Society holds quarterly Governing Body meetings and one Annual General Body meeting in a year to ensure proper functioning of the society so as to meet out its objectives.

**Indian Chest Society Membership Benefits:**

1. Dual Membership of Indian Chest Society (ICS) and European Respiratory Society (ERS)
2. Access to online content on ERS website like Journals, Monographs, Breath Magazine etc.
3. Receive Lifelong printed copies of Lung India (An Indexed Publication) - six times a year.
4. Receive Lifelong printed copies of RESPIRE, the ICS Newsletter, three times a year.
5. A chance to get various ICS Travel Grants (ACCP, ERS, ATS), Short Term Fellowships and training, research Fellowships.
6. Discounted ICS Membership rates for CME/Conferences
7. Discounted ICS Membership rates for ERS Conference
8. Opportunity to participate in ICS research activities / Indian Registries for respiratory diseases and contribute to building robust data for the nation
9. Participate in the ICS Kothari Young Researcher (PG) Award Session at NAPCON every year
10. Can apply for the FIC – Fellowship of Indian Chest Society Awarded at Annual Conference
11. Take part in the ICS Leadership Election conducted via e-voting
12. Apply for various Awards, fellowships, Orations given by the ICS at NAPCON
13. Avail reduced registration fee for members at Annual ICS Conference
14. Participate in the Annual General body and be a part of the decision making the process of ICS
15. Become a part of the electoral process of ICS e-voting rights to all life members.
16. Opportunity to become an office bearer of this prestigious society.
17. Enhancing knowledge by Attending workshops and events under the ICS Banner

18. Association/Networking with Top Notch Doctors and Academicians in the field of Respiratory Industry

19. Avail exclusive deals for ICS Members for International Conferences & other Medical Events.

20. ICS has exclusive tie up with Lung Health Organisation for travel grants, Rising Star program and discount for their Lung Health Workshops.

21. Avail ICS –ERS Clinical and Research Fellowship ranging from 1-6 months.

22. Benefit of Short Term Fellowship in various Centre of Excellence within India in Interventional Pulmonology, Critical Care, Sleep Medicine etc.

23. Ever increasing tie up with international societies with ACCP BTS on the anvil