

CME ON OVARIAN CANCER: Basic to Recent Advances

On October 28, 2023, an informative CME on Ovarian cancer took place, organized by AONEI (Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Northeast India) in collaboration with GOGS (Guwahati Obstetrics and Gynaecological Society). This enlightening event was hosted at the Palacio Hotel on G.S. Road in Khanapara, Guwahati.

The day commenced with a spirited Quiz competition for postgraduate students, Mch, DM, and M.S. residents. An impressive nine teams participated, representing institutions such as the Dr Borooah Cancer Institute, State Cancer Institute, and GMCH O&G Department. Dr. Shivaji Sharma undertook the role of quizmaster, while Dr. C. Bhuyan and Dr. Kuddush Ahmed were the esteemed judges for this captivating competition.

Following this engaging start, the first scientific session took place, where several vital topics were expertly addressed. Dr. Dimpy Begum delved into the 'Surgical Anatomy of Ovary,' Dr. Shiraj Ahmed explored the 'Pathogenesis of Ovarian Cancer,' and Dr. Dippy Aggarwal shared insights on the 'Approach to Adnexal Mass.' Dr. J.D. Sharma and Dr. Anupam Sarma presided as chairpersons for this informative session.

Subsequently, the inauguration ceremony unfolded, graced by prominent figures in the field. Dr BC Goswami, Director of the State Cancer Institute, served as the Chief Guest, with Dr. AC Kataki (Former Director of BBCI) and Dr. B. B. Borthakur (Director of BBCI) as esteemed Guests of Honour. The respective presidents of AONEI and GOGS delivered the welcome address, Dr. Jadunath Buragohain and Dr. Panchanan Das. Dr. Debabrata Barman, the organizing chairperson of the CME, also took the opportunity to address the gathering. Dignitaries were then felicitated, and a ceremonial lamp lighting marked the commencement of the second session, chaired by Dr. Abhijit Talukdar, Dr. Gokul Chandra Das, and Dr. Dipti Goswami.

In this session, attendees delved into subjects such as the 'Surgical Management of Early Ovarian Cancer' by Dr. Areendam Barua, 'Total Laparoscopic Pelvic Node Dissection using HD 1000 in Gynaecological Cancer' by Dr. Deepak Neog, and the 'Surgical Management of Advanced Ovarian Cancer' by Dr. Debabrata Barman. The third session, chaired by Dr. Asish Gupta and Dr. Jyotirman Nath, examined the 'Managing upper abdomen and thorax in cytoreductive surgery' by Dr. Gaurav Das and the role of Surgery in recurrent ovarian cancer as presented by Dr. Rajiv Paul.

The fourth session explored the realms of chemotherapy and targeted therapy in ovarian cancer, featuring Dr. Duncan Khanikar and Dr. Venkata P. Babu as the distinguished speakers. Dr. C. Bhuyan and Dr. Panchanan Das presided over this session. The agenda then turned to HIPEC (Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy) and the management of non-epithelial tumours of the ovary. Dr. Jadunath Buragohain provided insights into 'HIPEC and its role in ovarian cancer,' while Dr. Arpita Ray discussed the management of non-epithelial tumours of the ovary. This session was chaired by Dr. S.I. Bora, Dr. Mukul Chandra Das, and Dr. Deepjyoti Kalita.

The scientific session reached its zenith with a thought-provoking panel discussion on ovarian cancer. Dr. Pankaj Deka skillfully moderated the discussion, which included distinguished panelists such as Dr. Neelakshi Mahanta, Dr. Tarali Pathak, Dr. Bipul Deka, Dr. Ganesh Das, Dr. Himadri Shikhor Das, Dr. Gautam Sarma, Dr. Duncan Khanikar, Dr. Priyanka Sharma, and Dr. Rajkumar Prakash. The active participation and insightful discussions throughout the day made this CME event a resounding success.

The event's closing moments were graced by Dr. Abhijit Talukdar, Secretary of AONEI, who extended a heartfelt vote of thanks to all the participants, speakers, organizers, and attendees who contributed to the success of this insightful CME on Ovarian cancer. Dr. Talukdar's appreciation encapsulated the collaborative spirit and dedication that made this event a memorable and enriching experience.

