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Thursday, 29th October 2026

Session 1 : 06.30 pm (IST) onwards

New approaches to the treatment of Adult Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia



Dr. Mark R. Litzow, MD

Professor of Medicine
Division of Hematology
Mayo Clinic
Rochester, MN, USA

Session 2 : 07.30 pm (UK time: 2.00 pm)

MCL: Front line treatment in 2026



Dr. Shankara Paneesha

Consultant Haematologist
Honorary Associate Clinical Professor
Birmingham Centre For Cellular Therapy &
Transplant & University Of Birmingham
Birmingham, UK

Session 3 : 08.30 pm (Central time: 10.00 am)

VTE Treatment and Prophylaxis: case-based (Recent Updated 2024 and 2026 guidelines from ASH/ISTH)



Dr. Rukhmi Bhat, MD, MS, DNB

Section Head Hematology and Director
Thrombosis Program Center for Cancer &
Blood Disorders, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
A. Watson and Sarah Armour Professorship in Childhood Cancer and
Blood Diseases
Associate Professor of Pediatrics,
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, USA



Panel discussion

Session 4 .: 09.30 pm (IST) onwards

Evolving Potential of Zanubrutinib in B-Cell Lymphomas



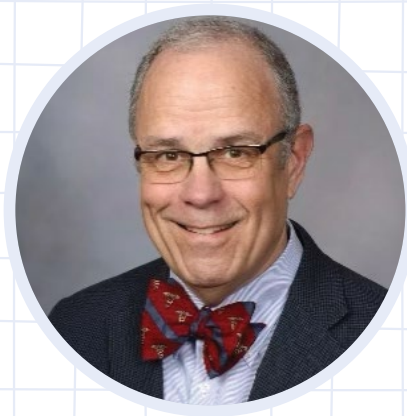
Moderator:

Dr. M. B. Agarwal

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Guest Speaker



Dr. Mark R. Litzow, MD

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- Dr. Litzow is Professor of Medicine in the Division of Hematology at Mayo Clinic.
- He was the Director of the BMT Program at Mayo from 1992 to 2008 and continues to remain active in the BMT program.
- He was the Director of the Myeloid Disease Oriented Group in the Division of Hematology from 2002 to 2016.
- He was appointed chair of the Leukemia Committee of the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group-American College of Radiology Imaging Network (ECOG-ACRIN) in September 2013 after having served as co-chair of the committee since 2001.
- He is a past co-chair of the Acute Leukemia Working Committee of the CIBMTR.
- He became board certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine in 2013 and is a member of the Palliative Medicine Program at Mayo Clinic in Rochester.
- His research interests include clinical trials for acute and chronic leukemia including blood and marrow transplantation and supportive care of blood and marrow transplant patients.
- He is the author of over 600 manuscripts and multiple book chapters.



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Dr. Shankara Paneesha

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- Dr. Shankara Paneesha is a Consultant Haematologist with over two decades of experience in the treatment and management of blood disorders including leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma.
- He sees patients at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, the Spire Little Aston Hospital, and the Spire Parkway.
- Dr. Paneesha earned his primary medical qualification at Mysore University, India, and later earned his degree in General Medicine at Bombay University.
- He then undertook his basic training at the Royal Marsden and Royal Free Hospital, after which, he completed his specialist hematology training at the prestigious West midlands deanery.
- Dr. Paneesha then focused his career on myeloma and venous thrombosis research at Warwick University, where he gained knowledge and expertise in the treatment and diagnosis of those disease areas, in addition to the effective treatment of lymphoma, myeloma, inherited thrombophilia, and stem cell transplantation.
- Upon completion of his research, Dr. Paneesha was appointed Consultant in 2017 at the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust, where he has since been appointed principal investigator/sub-investigator for several haemato-oncology clinical trials.
- He is also actively involved in scientific research and has authored several peer-reviewed articles in renowned journals medical journals. He has also presented his research at national and international conferences.



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- Dr. Rukhmi Bhat, Pediatric Hematologist with an academic focus and clinical expertise in Thrombosis and Hemostasis and Neonatal Hematology.
- She is passionate about understanding the role of the developing hemostatic system and its impact on neonatal thrombosis, the interaction of clinical and acquired risk factors in thrombus development and developing risk stratification models to predict thrombosis.
- Her ultimate goal is to improve outcomes in children with thrombosis through collaborative research, education and clinical innovations.

Education

- **MD:** King Edward Memorial Hospital, India (2000)
- **MD:** SUNY/State University of New York, Brooklyn (2006)
- **MS:** Northwestern University (2009)

Postgraduate Training

- **Intern:** Grant Medical College/University of Bombay, India, Rotating (1997)
- **Resident:** King Edward Memorial Hospital, India, Pediatrics (2000)
- **Resident:** State University of New York at Brooklyn, Pediatrics (2006)
- **Fellow:** Northwestern University, McGaw Medical Center (Children's Memorial Hospital), Pediatrics Hematology-Oncology (2009)

Certification

- **Board Certification:** Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, American Board of Pediatrics
- **Board Certification:** Pediatrics, American Board of Pediatrics

Scientific Agenda

Date .: Thursday, 22nd October 2026

- Welcome note and introduction of guest speaker
Dr. M. B. Agarwal, Mumbai

- **Guest lectures**

Session 1: **New approaches to the treatment of
Adult Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia**

Speaker: **Dr. Mark R. Litzow, Rochester, MN, USA**

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Session 4: **Evolving Potential of Zanubrutinib in
B-Cell Lymphomas**

Moderator: **Dr. M. B. Agarwal, Mumbai**

Panelists **TBD**

- **Interactive session with Indian discussants**

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Vote of thanks: **Dr. M. B. Agarwal, Mumbai**

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