## Dear Friends and Colleagues,

## **Greetings from HCG Cancer Centre Ahmedabad!**

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to the clinical programmes of our hospital.

I would like to intimate you that HCG Cancer Centre, which is the largest Cancer Care Network hospital and is awarded recently with the Golden Peacock Award in Health Care in India is organizing a **National CME** on **RE-RADIATION – FROM LIMITS TO OPTIONS** on August 30<sup>th</sup>. & 31<sup>st</sup>. 2014 at Eastin Hotel, opp. Gujarat High Court, S.G.Highway, Sola Ahmadabad

One of the most difficult problems facing oncologists is the patient who has been clinically treated by radiation therapy and presents with no evidence of systemic disease but with persistent local disease in the original volume irradiated. In the past, most oncologists would find this an insurmountable problem to deal with. However, with the development of new technologies including Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy, Image Guided Radiation Therapy, Tomotherapy, Stereotactic Body Radio surgical Techniques and Proton Beams opens entirely new vistas as to how best to handle these problems. Along with these technical developments there has been a better understanding of altered fractionation schedules and how these might be used in developing a treatment program to previously irradiated volumes

Recurrences after radiation have become a common problem and the fact is that more than 50 percent of loco regionally advanced cancer recurs in initial few years after treatment. Having seen a good number of them in our daily practice, it is frustrating for the treating physician or surgeon.

This CME we are organizing would try to address radiobiology and fractionation aspects, hyperthermia, the re-irradiation methods, challenges to planning physicists, the technical aspects of important sites where Re-radiation is applicable, the role of combined integrated multidiscipline therapy with surgical and chemotherapy perspective. We will be planning a session on proton therapy and brachytherapy too. We are sure with excellent national and international faculty expected the scientific deliberations would go long way to help you serve better whenever you are dealing with these patients. We would try our best to allocate maximum time for group discussions where one can share their problems and discuss with the specialists.

Dear colleagues this burning apt issue will be addressed for the first time comprehensively at national level with dedicated CME on this topic.

We would request you to block the dates for the same as your presence is important for us. Please pass on this message to your colleagues, friends and juniors for good participation and make this a big success. Registration for the CME is compulsory and it will be on first cum first

**basis(First 200 Registrations only).** The mail is sent to you so that you can block the dates in time.

The details of the two days CME with the names of International and National speakers will be intimated to you very soon through mail.

Looking forward to see you and assuring you of the best hospitality and great academic treat. For any query kindly contact us at the email id - <a href="mailto:rrinfo@hcqoncology.com">rrinfo@hcqoncology.com</a>

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Sincere Regards,

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