

Workshop: Understanding the Enigma of Autism Spectrum Disorder

 16th September'25  AIIMS, New Delhi

Time	Title	Overview
08:00 - 08:30 AM	REGISTRATION	
08:30 - 08:40 AM	Welcome & Introduction	Dr. Sheffali Gulati
08:40 - 10:40 AM	Autism Research and Clinical Practice	Coordinator: Dr. Aparajita Gupta
	Translating Autism Research into Practice: Early Surveillance and Family-Centred Models	Dr. Valsamma Eapen
09:10 - 10:10 AM	Early Identification & Transition to Adulthood	
	Screening to Support: Using Eye Tracking as a Quantitative Tool Early Autism Detection	Dr. Karen Pierce
	Lifelong Care in Autism: From Childhood to Adolescence and Beyond	Dr. Angelina Kakooza
10:10 - 10:40 AM	Music as Medicine	
	Harnessing Rhythm and Emotion in Autism Interventions	Dr. Megha Sharda
10:40 - 11:00 AM	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
11:00 - 01:30 PM	Technological Advances in Autism Research	Coordinator: Dr. Aradhana Rohil
	Point OutWords: Targeted Intervention for Motor-Impaired Individuals with Autism Who Understand More than They Can Say	Dr. Matthew Belmonte
	From Eye-Tracking to AI: Predictive Technologies in Autism Research	Dr. Bhisimadev Chakrabarti
12:00 - 12:30 PM	Online Practice & Global Perspectives	
	Global Telehealth for Autism: Reaching the Unreached	Dr. Tuba Rashid Khan
12:30 - 01:30 PM	Co-occurring Psychiatric Conditions	
	Emotional and Behavioral Challenges in Autism: Psychiatric Perspectives	Dr. Soumyashree Mayur Kaku
	Understanding the Mental Health Landscape of Autism: From Diagnosis to Care	Dr. John Vijay Sagar Kommu
01:30 - 02:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
02:30 - 04:30 PM	Speech & Communication Development	Coordinator: Dr. Shruthi NM
	Foundations of Speech and Language Therapy in Autism: Principles and Practice	Dr. Prathibha Karanth
	Building Functional Communication in Minimally Verbal Children	Dr. Meera S S
03:30 - 04:30 PM	Parent-Delivered Interventions & Inclusion	
	Empowering Families, Transforming Care: Scalable Interventions for Autism in Low-Resource Settings	Dr. Gauri Divan
	Serving the underserved: using participatory methods to reach marginalised families in autism research	Dr. Rosa Hoekstra
04:30 - 04:45 PM	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
04:45 - 05:45 PM	Case Based Panel Discussion and Q&A Moderators - Dr. Lokesh Saini, Dr. Harsh Patel Coordinator - Dr. Gautam Kamila	
05:45 - 06:00 PM	CLOSING SUMMARY & TAKEAWAYS	

