

Postgraduate course programme

Essentials of infectious diseases: a focus on tropical infections, HIV & TB

Online

04 – 06 November 2026



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Day 1 Wednesday, 04 November 2026

Fever syndromes in the tropics

Chair: Priscilla Rupali

11:45 – 12:00	Welcome & Pre-Test Organising committee
12:00 – 12:45	Undifferentiated Fever in the Tropics: Stepwise Clinical Approach Priscilla Rupali
12:45 – 13:15	Melioidosis: The Great Masquerader in Endemic Zones Kavitha Saravu
13:15 – 13:45	Brucellosis Beyond Fever: The Multisystem Imitator in Endemic Regions Ajaz Nabi Koul
13:45 – 14:15	Break

Tropical neurological infections

Chair: Kavitha Saravu

14:15 – 15:00	CNS Clues: Approach to Tropical Neuroinfections Akshatha Ravindra
15:00 – 15:30	Viral Haemorrhagic Fevers Kavitha Saravu
15:30 – 16:00	Eosinophilic Meningitis Aravind Reghukumar

Tropical GI and dermatology

Chair: Shyam Sundar

16:00 – 16:45	Parasites, Pathogens & The Gut: GI Infections in the Tropics Swati Rajagopal
16:45 – 17:15	Enteric Fever and Non-Typhoidal Salmonella: Diagnosis & Antimicrobial Resistance Balaji Veeraraghavan
17:15 – 17:45	The Many Faces of Leishmaniasis: Diagnosis and Management Shyam Sundar
17:45 – 18:15	Tropical Dermatology Shikha Verma
18:15 – 18:30	Post-Test & Wrap-Up

Day 2 Thursday, 05 November 2026

Clinical syndromes & co-morbidities in HIV

Chair: Kavitha Saravu; Paul Yonga

11:45 – 12:00	Welcome & Pre-Test Organising committee
12:00 – 12:45	Newly diagnosed HIV: Baseline Evaluation & Initial ART Choices Shivdas Naik
12:45 – 13:30	Approach to Pulmonary Infections in HIV Akshatha Ravindra
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 15:45	Approach to GI Infections in HIV Neha Gupta
15:45 – 16:30	Managing Cardio-Metabolic Complications in HIV Paul Yonga

Innovations in HIV care

Chair: Ivana Gmizic

16:30 – 17:00	HIV Drug Resistance: Identification & Clinical Management Ivailo Alexiev
17:00 – 17:30	From Daily Pills to Twice-Yearly Shots: Update on Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis J.M. Molina
17:30 – 18:00	HIV Cure Research: Where Are We Now? Ivana Gmizic
18:00 – 18:30	Timing ART in HIV-TB & Other Co-Infections: Balancing Risks and Benefits Dr. Zelalem Temesgen
18:30 – 18:45	Post-Test & Wrap-Up

Day 3 Friday, 06 November 2026

Tuberculosis diagnosis and management – Part I

Chair: Kavitha Saravu; Yousra Kherabi

11:45 – 12:00	Welcome & Pre-Test Organising committee
12:00 – 12:30	TB Pathogenesis and Clinical Spectrum Shivdas Naik
12:30 – 13:00	Molecular Tools for TB Detection: Beyond GeneXpert Onya Opota
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:30	Extrapulmonary TB: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Challenges Mohammed Niyas VK
14:30 – 15:00	Short-Course Regimens for Drug-Sensitive TB and TB preventive treatment Thomas Theo Brehm
15:00 – 15:30	XDR-TB: a clinical conundrum Lorenzo Guglielmetti

Tuberculosis diagnosis and management – Part II

Chair: Umang Agarwal; Zelalem Temesgen

15:30 – 16:00	Therapeutic drug monitoring in Antitubercular therapy – Clinical Implications Umang Agarwal
16:00 – 16:30	Cracking the Code: How to Approach a Suspected Case of CNS TB Akshatha Ravindra
16:30 – 17:00	Host-Directed Therapies in TB: The Future Horizon Catherine Ong
17:00 – 17:30	Comorbidities and TB: What Do We Know? Zelalem Temesgen
17:30 -17:45	Wrap-up, post-test & feedback

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