Obituary

“An astute clinician-scientist, dexterous gastroenterologist, humane doctor, last word in Liver diseases in India, a gem as an individual -teacher-researcher & brilliance personified,“are impossible words to describe, was Dr. Deepak Narayan Amarapurkar. Who passed away in an unfortunate freak accident on 29th August 2017 in Mumbai.

He had an extraordinary career in academics, from Dr. V.M. Medical College Solapur, 1977 batch, topper at MBBS, MD Medicine with a Distinction, best student of the year loved by one & all VMMcities till date. After MD (Medicine) from Solapur, he persuaded his DM in Nair Hospital, Mumbai, received, Bombay University Merit scholarship during DM, Best resident award and consecutive 3 years best research paper award, Young Investigator award at 10th World Congress of Gastroenterology 1994, Asian pacific Congress 1996, Asian pacific congress at 1998. Best paper award at INASL meeting 1998, 1999, 2000. Delivered Netaji Oration at APICON 2010, Late Dr. Salaskar Memorial Oration in Goa and Late JN Berry Oration in Nagpur.

Very few doctors have a real star personality on facets of being a good academician, having huge patient load, humane behaviour, astute clinical acumen, masterly skills over the procedures, adored by both teachers & students, cutting edge in teaching, research & publication-presentation. He was one of the darling speakers at both National & International level.

As a member of many Indian and international professional societies and is a Fellow of American college of Gastroenterology, contributed to the academics. A Pubmed list of 202 articles, 400 Publications & Google scholar entries of 723 publications, contributing more than 20 chapters in various textbooks is the testimony.

Featured as a member in several consensus panels dealing with the management of Hepatitis B & C, NASH, hepatocellular carcinoma, EHPVO and minimal hepatic encephalopathy formed by all liver societies. Was on a reviewer board on various national and international journals & judged as best reviewer in APICON Patna 2006.


A guest editor of special issues on Hepatology & Therapeutic Endoscopy, Emergencies in Gastroenterology of Indian Society of Gastroenterology & Improving Survival in Patients with Liver Cirrhosis. Investigator for many trials on different aspects of liver disease.

His untimely demise is a great loss for his family, friends, patients as well the academic medical world.

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