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Indian Association of Palliative Care

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Preconference Workshop

ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVES



18th February 2027 | Thursday

Patient Autonomy
Your wishes matter

Legal Awareness
Know your rights

Ethical Considerations
Values in care

Informed Decision-Making
Clearer converstations

Dignity & Choice
A more compassionate tomorrow

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

An Advance Medical Directive (AMD) is a vital legal document that allows individuals to express their healthcare preferences in case they lose the ability to communicate. With increasing medical complexities and ethical dilemmas, it is essential for people to be aware of their rights and options. This workshop addresses the growing need for informed decision-making, ensuring dignity and autonomy in healthcare. By educating participants on the legal framework, practical steps, and communication strategies, the workshop aims to empower individuals to safeguard their wishes, reduce family stress, and promote patient-centered care in critical medical situations. It will be an interdisciplinary, action-oriented programme grounded in India's legal, clinical, and cultural reality.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, social workers)
- Legal advisors and policymakers
- Elderly individuals and caregivers
- General public interested in planning for future healthcare decisions

KEY LEARNING TOPICS

1. AMD: Definition, Purpose, and Types of Directives The Legal Landscape
2. History of AMDs in India
3. Supreme Court Judgment 2026
4. Implementation in Healthcare Settings: Steps to create and register an AMD.
5. Communication strategies: Communication, Ethical Considerations, Cultural and Religious Perspectives discussion with family and doctors.
6. Organ Donation: Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA) and National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) Framework
7. Common Challenges and Future Trends.

FACULTY

1. **Advocate, Sri Prashant Ajmera**
   Ahmedabad
2. **Dr Yashavant Joshi**
   Vadodara
3. **Dr. Sarita Singh**
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DURATION

Half a Day (0900 – 1300 hours)
Can be extended, if required.

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Theme:

Humanising Hi-Tech Medicine –
Where Algorithm Meets Empathy

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