

# Report on APPINTCON 2025: 7th International Pediatric Pathology Conference

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**Dates:** August 22-24, 2025

**Venue:** Dr. TMA Pai Auditorium, 3rd Floor, KMC Manipal

**Host:** Department of Pathology, Kasturba Medical College (KMC), Manipal

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## 1. Attendance & Participation

The conference, **APPINTCON 2025**, successfully drew a significant number of participants, both in-person and online. The total delegate count was **184**, comprising 141 delegates who attended offline and 43 who attended **online**. In addition, the event received **55 poster submissions**, with **8 shortlisted posters** presented during the conference.

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## 2. Conference Overview

The event spanned three days, with the first two dedicated to academic sessions and the final day featuring hands-on workshops. The conference maintained a high academic standard, with presentations from eminent national and international speakers covering a wide range of pediatric pathology topics. Notably, international speakers

**Dr. Srinivas Annavarapu Rao** from the UK and **Dr. Sarangarajan Ranganathan** from the USA joined the conference online.

- **Day 1: Friday, August 22, 2025,**
  - The conference was inaugurated by **Dr. Sharath Rao**, Pro VC Health Sciences, MAHE, along with **Dr. Anil Bhat**, Dean, KMC Manipal, and **Dr. Usha Kini**, President, Association of Pediatric Pathology.
  - Key presentations included **Dr. Mary Mathew** on "Minimally invasive tissue sampling in perinatal autopsy" and the
  - **VV Joshi Oration** by **Dr. Dinesh Rakheja** on "Wilms Tumor: Tales of a Pathologist".
  - A notable **Panel Discussion on Bleeding Disorders** facilitated a multi-disciplinary approach to diagnostic challenges.

- Other topics covered included pediatric bone tumors, pulmonary neoplasms, and adrenal gland lesions in children. The day concluded with the **Gala Dinner**.
  - **Day 2: Saturday, August 23, 2025,**
    - The second day featured a keynote address by Dr. Nandita Kakkar on the accurate diagnosis of pediatric renal tumors.
    - **Dr. Jennifer Black** continued her discussion on pediatric bone tumors, and Dr. Usha Kini presented a unique case on an "Appendix with a difference".
    - Sessions also focused on pediatric myeloid neoplasms and rare pediatric enteropathies.
    - The day emphasized community and collaboration, beginning with the **Alumni Meet**.
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### 3. Hands-On Workshops

On the final day, three hands-on workshops provided practical training for a select group of delegates. The workshops and their attendance numbers were as follows:

- **Placental Pathology:** 27 delegates
    - Led by: Dr. G. Umamaheswari
  - **Hirschsprung Disease:** 20 delegates
    - Led by: Dr. Usha Kini, Dr. Jayateerth Joshi, and Dr. Srinivas Annavarapu Rao (online)
  - **Inborn Errors of Immunity:** 19 delegates
    - Led by: **Dr. Mukesh Desai and Dr. Maya Gupta**
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### 4. Conclusion

**APPINTCON 2025** was a resounding success. It provided a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and professional collaboration, covering a vital spectrum of pediatric pathology from minimally invasive techniques to complex tumor types. The active participation of delegates and the expertise shared by both national and international speakers contributed to an enriching experience for all attendees.

Yours sincerely

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