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The Centre for Oncopathology—Your Trusted Partner
for Accurate and Comprehensive Diagnostics



ABOUT

TATA CANCER CARE FOUNDATION

Established by Tata Trusts, the Tata Cancer Care Foundation exists on a single, defining conviction: that no one, regardless of their means, should be denied access to quality cancer care.

The Centre for Oncopathology (COP) is one of TCCF's most defining expressions of this mission, built to deliver world-class diagnostic precision to those who need it most.

COP was founded under the vision of the late Dr. Anita Borges, one of India's most respected oncopathologists and a Professor of Pathology at Tata Memorial Hospital for over two decades. She built COP to live up to the standard she set herself: rigorous, compassionate, and unconditionally patient-first. To her, a slide was never "just a slide." A report was never "just a report." It was a promise, made to a patient you might never meet, but whose life would be shaped by what you chose to see, question, confirm, and communicate. That is the standard she set for COP: precision and expertise, with unwavering compassion and dedication.



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REDEFINING CANCER DIAGNOSTICS

Integrity, precision, and expertise define the mission of the Centre for Oncopathology (COP). As a NABL-certified unit of the Tata Cancer Care Foundation, COP bridges the gap between global medical breakthroughs and local clinical practice. We provide the infrastructure and medical expertise required to transform complex pathology into actionable hope, through reports that are meticulous and precise, providing clear and actionable insights that empower clinicians to map the path ahead for their patients.



COMPREHENSIVE DIAGNOSTIC PRECISION

COP integrates advanced technology with unparalleled medical expertise to deliver a full spectrum of oncopathology services:

Histopathology & Cytopathology

Expert morphological assessment for definitive primary diagnosis.

Advanced Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

Utilizing state-of-the-art platforms, including the VENTANA and DAKO systems, for precise biomarker characterization.

Molecular Oncology & Cytogenetics (FISH)

Specialized testing to identify genomic drivers and support targeted treatment planning.

Preventive Oncology

High-standard cervical cancer screening and early detection protocols.

ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS THROUGH EXPERTISE

Our diagnostic team, trained under the vision of the late Dr. Anita Borges, ensures world-class standards for every patient.



Dr Sumeet Gujral

**MD (Pathology), Senior Advisor,
Centre for Oncopathology (COP), Tata Cancer Care Foundation**

Dr Sumeet Gujral is a senior oncopathologist and hematopathologist with decades of experience across India's premier cancer institutions, including AIIMS and Tata Memorial Centre. A contributor to the WHO Classification of Tumours (5th edition) and a member of several leading journal editorial boards, he brings exceptional depth in hematolymphoid diagnostics.

At COP, he provides senior clinical guidance and strategic oversight. Together with the late Dr Anita Borges, he co-led two nationally recognised teaching programs: the Online Teaching Program for Post Graduates of Pathology and the TMC Travelling School of Oncopathology, both of which continue today.



Dr Vinita Pant

**MD Senior Consultant Pathologist and Procurement Lead,
Centre for Oncopathology (COP), Tata Cancer Care Foundation**

Dr. Vinita Pant brings over two decades of oncopathology experience, with deep expertise in breast, genitourinary, and bone and soft tissue tumours. She has been a part of Dr. Borges's team of oncopathologists for over 15 years, contributing to a legacy of clinical excellence. Trained at the Armed Forces Medical College and Tata Memorial Hospital, she further holds an advanced certification in Molecular Oncology, strengthening her focus on precision diagnostics. Her practice is built around the integration of IHC and molecular pathology, working across complex referral cases from across India.

At COP, she contributes to reporting, quality programs, and procurement, while remaining actively engaged in teaching and professional education.



Dr Shilpa Prabhudesai

**MD, DNB - Senior Consultant Pathologist & Head of Operations,
Centre for Oncopathology (COP), Tata Cancer Care Foundation**

Dr Shilpa Prabhudesai completed her MD and post-MD training at Tata Memorial Hospital and has since specialised in oncology-focused histopathology and hematopathology for over 24 years. Her areas of focus include breast, bone and soft tissue, head and neck pathology, and hematolymphoid malignancies. Before joining COP, she served as National Director of Laboratories at a leading cancer care network.

At COP, she has been central to building quality management systems and strengthening advanced diagnostic capabilities, reinforcing its standing as a trusted destination for complex oncopathology and second opinions.



Dr Vinita Pandey

**MD, DNB, FRCPath, Senior Consultant Pathologist and In-charge
Department of Cytogenetics,
Centre for Oncopathology (COP), Tata Cancer Care Foundation**

Dr Vinita Pandey is a gold medalist from KEM Hospital and Seth GS Medical College and holds the internationally recognised FRCPath credential in Histopathology. Trained under the mentorship of Dr Anita Borges, her subspecialty focus spans female genital pathology, soft tissue tumours, lymphoma, and tumour cytogenetics.

At COP, she leads the solid tumour cytogenetics and FISH service, supporting biomarker and companion diagnostics essential to precision oncology. She is a widely sought faculty at national conferences, particularly in breast and gynaecologic pathology.



Dr Poorva Gurjar

**Consultant - Molecular Diagnostics,
Centre for Oncopathology (COP), Tata Cancer Care Foundation**

Dr Poorva Gurjar is a molecular pathologist with focused expertise in haemato-oncology and solid tumour diagnostics. She holds an MD in Pathology and a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Molecular Haemato-Oncology from ACTREC, Tata Memorial Hospital. Her work spans real-time PCR, Sanger sequencing, and NGS-based testing across acute leukemias, lymphomas, myeloma, and key solid tumour markers.

At COP, she brings hands-on experience in the standardisation, validation, and clinical interpretation of advanced molecular assays that directly inform patient care.

Trusted Second Opinions

As one of India's premier second-opinion laboratories, we go beyond routine reviews to provide the needed clarity on clinical decision making.

Expert Pathologists

Led by senior specialists including Dr. Vinita Pant, Dr. Shilpa Prabhudesai, Dr. Vinita Pandey, and Dr. Poorva Gurjar, our team provides deep diagnostic expertise.



RAISING THE STANDARD OF ONCOPATHOLOGY

COP's contribution goes beyond reporting. Through fellowships, continuing education, expert-led teaching initiatives, and knowledge-sharing platforms, we help strengthen the community of pathologists and histotechnologists. Built on the teaching legacy of late Dr. Anita Borges and carried forward by COP's faculty, this commitment reflects our belief that better cancer diagnostics begin with better-trained minds.





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Expert Diagnosis, with Precision and Care.



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