

# Rare Disease Diagnostics & Awareness in India: "Suspect, Screen, Diagnose, Refer" : A Practitioner's Primer

**30th May 2026 | Saturday**

**6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Online on Zoom**

This webinar is dedicated to the memory of Padma Shri Awardee Dr Ishwar Chander Verma



**ADVANCED DIAGNOSTICS**  
Improving access to genetic testing and accurate diagnosis.



**PATIENT SUPPORT & COUNSELING**  
Providing emotional support and guidance for patients and families.



**AWARENESS & EARLY RECOGNITION**  
Building awareness among communities and healthcare professionals.



**RESEARCH & INNOVATION**  
Promoting research for better treatments and cure discoveries.



**REACHING THE LAST MILE**  
Ensuring equitable access to diagnosis, care and support across India.

**RARE DISEASE**  
DIAGNOSTICS & AWARENESS  
IN INDIA

## SPEAKERS



**What are rare diseases? Rare Diseases in India: The Hidden Epidemic**

Dr Vijay Chandru  
CEO and Co-Chairman  
CRISPRBITS Pvt Ltd, Bangalore



**Red Flags in the Clinic: When to Suspect a Rare Disease**

Dr Madhulika Kabra  
Former Professor & Head, Department of Pediatrics & In-Charge, Division of Genetics  
AIIMS, New Delhi



**Newborn Screening in India: Catching Disease Before It Speaks**

Dr Alap Christy  
Head – Global Reference Lab,  
Metropolis Healthcare Limited, Mumbai



**From Suspicion to Diagnosis: Navigating Diagnostics in India**

Dr Ratna Dua Puri  
Professor in Genetics, GRIPMER:  
Chairperson - Institute of Medical Genetics and Genomics  
Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi



**The Indian Policy Landscape: NPRD 2021 in Practice**

Prof Sarman Singh  
Founder & Director -  
Advanced Center for Chronic & Rare Diseases



**Closing & Call to Action**

Dr Nilesh Shah  
President - Internal Assurance  
Metropolis Healthcare Limited



**CAHO Introduction to the Topic, Panel Facilitation & Moderation**

Prof. (Dr) Ashok Rattan  
Advisor/Consultant, Diagnostics

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