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Message from the Course Director and Course Co-ordinator

Dear Colleagues,

It is my privilege to welcome you to **"Neck to Neck,"** the pre-conference workshop of **FHNO 2025.** We sincerely thank the **Foundation for Head and Neck Oncology (FHNO)** for this opportunity.

This workshop is dedicated exclusively to **robotic neck surgery,** focusing on **Robotic-Assisted Breast-Axillo Insufflated Thyroidectomy (RABIT)** and **Robotic Infraclavicular Approaches (RIA)**—innovative techniques developed and refined by our team and now adopted by a growing number of surgeons.

Sessions will be led by myself, my team, and colleagues who routinely perform these procedures, ensuring a **practical, hands-on, experience-based learning environment.** Participants will explore every aspect—from program setup and surgical planning to operative execution and complication management.

We look forward to sharing our journey, exchanging ideas, and advancing the field of **robotic neck surgery** together.

Dr. Sandeep Nayak

Dr. Athira Ramakrishnan

Warm regards,
Dr. Sandeep Nayak
Course Director
"Neck to Neck" – FHNO 2025 Preconference Workshop, Bengaluru

Dr. Athira Ramakrishnan
Course Co-ordinator
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Workshop Focus

1. Robotic-Assisted Breast-Axillo Insufflated Thyroidectomy (RABIT)
2. Robotic Infraclavicular Approaches (RIA)

Session 1: Robotic-Assisted Breast Axillo Insufflation Thyroidectomy (RABIT)

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
8:00 – 8:20 AM	Establishing a Robotic Neck Surgery Program: Infrastructure, Challenges, and Patient Selection	Dr. Abhilasha Sadhoo & Dr. Arun Mitra Singamneni
8:20 – 8:35 AM	Operating room configuration, patient positioning, surgical planning, flap elevation, and robotic docking	Dr. Ameenuddin Khan
8:40 – 8:55 AM	Stepwise technique for RABIT procedure	Dr. Abhilasha Sadhoo
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Difficulties in the management of large thyroid tumors by RABIT technique	Dr. Sandeep Nayak
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Anatomical variation, complication avoidance, and management in RABIT surgery	Dr. Abhishek Bhardwaj
9:30 – 9:45 AM	Navigating the learning curve in Robotic Neck Surgery	Dr. Ameenuddin Khan & Dr. Thalavai Sundarram
9:45 – 10:15 AM	**TEA BREAK**	
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Robotic Management of Thyroglossal Duct Cysts	Dr. Athira Ramakrishnan
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Central Compartment lymph node dissection	Dr. Sandeep Nayak
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Robotic lateral neck dissection in thyroid malignancies	Dr. Athira Ramakrishnan
11:00 – 11:15 AM	Risk mitigation in revision robotic thyroid surgery	Dr. Sandeep Nayak
11:15 – 12:15 PM	Panel Discussion: Minimally Invasive Thyroid Approaches	Dr. Shawn T. Joseph
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Session 2: Robotic Infraclavicular Approaches (RIA)

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:00 – 2:15 PM	RIA approach: Principles, preoperative planning, and patient selection	Dr. Ameenuddin Khan
2:15 – 2:30 PM	RIA approach: Minimally Invasive Neck Dissection	Dr. Sandeep Nayak
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Robotic Parotidectomy via RIA approach	Dr. Bharath G
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Robotic access to deep neck spaces and skull base	Dr. Athira Ramakrishnan
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Robotic Parathyroidectomy: Technique and outcomes	Dr. Sreekanth Reddy
3:15 – 4:00 PM	**TEA BREAK**	

8:00 AM - 6:30 PM: Hands-on Robotic Thyroidectomy Simulator Course

About the Workshop

"Neck to Neck" provides an immersive educational experience combining hands on robotic practice on low fidelity model, expert lectures, and case-based discussions. The workshop emphasizes practical skill-building for surgeons keen to integrate RABIT and RIA techniques into their clinical practice.

Organizing Committee

Course Director: **Dr. Sandeep Nayak**

Faculty

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