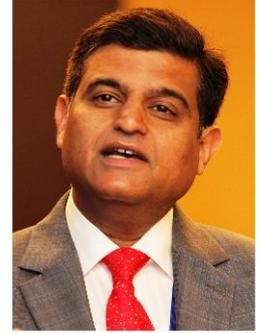


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From the Course Director's Desk

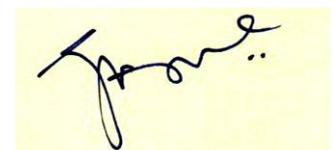
Diseases of the Breast- benign and malignant affect a large proportion of Indian women. Breast cancer is the commonest cancer occurring in Indian women, and has emerged as a major health issue in recent decades. Majority of breast cancer patients are treated by surgeons, and oncologists who practice outside of comprehensive cancer centers or institutions. It is vital to have appropriate and cost-effective treatment infrastructure and expertise at even the remotest place so that basic safe and effective treatment can be made available to all breast cancer patients. The department of Endocrine & Breast Surgery, SGPGIMS; and the SGPGI Breast Health Program conceived "SGPGI Breast Courses" to be held periodically with the aim of imparting knowledge and training to in-training and practicing surgeons and oncologists.

The **SGPGI Breast Course-2016** is being organized by the SGPGI Breast Health Program in collaboration with the Breast Surgery International and the UP Chapter of Association of surgeons of India. It has been our endeavor to make the scientific program of this course comprehensive, addressing most of the contemporary and contentious issues relating breast cancer management. A galaxy of eminent breast surgeons and oncologists- including the overseas faculty from BSI and Indo-UK Breast forum- will be serving as the faculty for this course. Besides, faculty from various collaborating departments at SGPGI, notably Radiation oncology, Pathology and Radiology have contributed immensely to this organization and I am thankful to them all from bottom of my heart.

As the course director and organizing chairman, I wish to put on my record my deepest appreciation and gratitude towards the SGPGIMS authorities, the leadership of the BSI, and UP Chapter of ASI, my department colleagues and residents, sponsors, and all individuals and organizations who have helped and supported us.

This course manual compiled by Dr Gyan Chand, along with colleagues in department of Radiation Oncology and Endocrine & Breast Surgery gives the course participants a ready reckoner of the current breast cancer management guidelines. I hope the readers would find it useful, especially those who have difficulty in accessing medical literature in remote places.

I thank all faculty and participants of the SGPGI Breast course 2016. Please do send me your valuable feed-back of this course- so that we can further improve our future breast courses. With warm wishes for a productive, pleasant and comfortable stay at SGPGI during the "SGPGI Breast Course-2016".



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