

DR. POOJA AGARWAL

Consultant - Surgical Oncology (Breast Cancer Surgery)

Qualification

MBBS | MS | General Surgery | Fellowship in Surgical Oncology

Overview

Dr. Pooja Agarwal is a distinguished Consultant in the Department of Surgical Oncology at Manipal Hospital Broadway, Salt Lake, Kolkata. She is a highly skilled breast onco-surgeon in Kolkata with specialised expertise in breast cancer surgery, breast oncoplasty, Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy (SLNB), and multidisciplinary cancer care. With strong academic qualifications, advanced surgical training, and a patient-centred approach, Dr. Agarwal is dedicated to offering comprehensive and evidence-based cancer treatment for patients with breast cancer and other surgical oncology conditions. Dr. Pooja Agarwal completed her MBBS in 2009, followed by MS in General Surgery in 2015. She further strengthened her expertise by completing a Fellowship in Surgical Oncology in 2019. Her focused training in cancer surgery has helped her develop the clinical knowledge and surgical skills required to manage complex oncological cases with precision and care. Over the years, she has gained significant experience in the surgical management of breast cancer, with a special focus on treatment techniques that aim to achieve effective cancer control while also considering the patient’s quality of life, confidence, and post-surgical

recovery. As a dedicated breast cancer surgeon in Salt Lake, Kolkata, Dr. Agarwal specialises in the diagnosis and surgical treatment of breast cancer using modern and patient-friendly approaches. Her areas of expertise include breast-conserving surgery, breast oncoplastic surgery, mastectomy, reconstructive surgical planning, Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy, and advanced breast cancer management. Breast oncoplasty is an advanced surgical technique that combines cancer surgery with plastic surgical principles. This approach helps in removing cancerous tissue while preserving or restoring the natural appearance of the breast wherever clinically suitable. For many patients, this plays an important role not only in physical recovery but also in emotional healing after breast cancer treatment. One of Dr. Pooja Agarwal's key areas of proficiency is Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy, also known as SLNB. This procedure helps determine whether breast cancer has spread to the nearby lymph nodes. In suitable cases, SLNB may reduce the need for extensive lymph node removal, helping minimise risks such as arm swelling, discomfort, stiffness, and restricted movement. Her expertise in SLNB reflects her commitment to precision-based, evidence-driven, and less invasive surgical oncology care. Dr. Agarwal believes strongly in a multidisciplinary approach to cancer treatment. Breast cancer care often requires coordinated planning between surgical oncologists, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, radiologists, pathologists, and other specialists. At Manipal Hospital Broadway, Salt Lake, Kolkata, Dr. Pooja Agarwal works with a comprehensive oncology team to ensure that each patient receives a personalised treatment plan based on the type, stage, biology, and progression of the disease. This collaborative model helps align surgery with chemotherapy, radiation therapy, targeted therapy, hormonal therapy, and post-treatment follow-up whenever required. Her clinical practice is guided by evidence-based treatment protocols, patient education, and compassionate communication. Dr. Agarwal ensures that patients and their families clearly understand the diagnosis, treatment options, surgical plan,

expected outcomes, and recovery process. She believes that informed patients are better prepared to make confident decisions regarding their health. Her approach helps reduce anxiety and builds trust, especially for patients who are newly diagnosed with breast cancer or are preparing for surgery. Dr. Pooja Agarwal is also actively involved in academic work, research presentations, and continuous medical learning. She has presented research findings at several reputed medical conferences, including FHNO Mumbai in 2017, ICC Bangalore in 2017, and ABSICON New Delhi in 2018. She also delivered a video presentation on Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy at ICON Kolkata in 2019 and participated in an MDT presentation at the conference “Navigating Clinical Conundrums in Breast Cancer” in Mumbai in 2019. These academic contributions reflect her interest in advancing cancer care and staying updated with current developments in surgical oncology. In addition to her conference presentations, Dr. Agarwal has participated in specialised workshops and training programs, including the Breast Oncoplastic Workshop in Pune in 2019. She has also completed Biostatistics courses at Tata Memorial Centre, Kolkata in 2017 and 2018, strengthening her understanding of research methodology, clinical data, and evidence-based medical practice. Her academic background supports her ability to follow updated treatment approaches and deliver care aligned with modern oncology standards. Patients looking for a surgical oncologist in Salt Lake, Kolkata, breast cancer surgeon in Kolkata, or breast oncoplasty specialist in Kolkata can consult Dr. Pooja Agarwal at Manipal Hospital Broadway, Salt Lake, Kolkata. She provides expert care for breast cancer, breast lumps, suspicious breast lesions, surgical evaluation of breast conditions, and post-operative cancer care. Her treatment approach focuses on timely diagnosis, accurate surgical planning, safe procedures, and long-term follow-up. Dr. Agarwal also places strong emphasis on post-operative care and survivorship support. Breast cancer treatment does not end with surgery alone. Patients often require guidance on wound care, recovery, movement, follow-up visits, further treatment planning,

emotional well-being, and long-term surveillance. Dr. Pooja Agarwal supports patients through every stage of the treatment journey, helping them regain confidence and move forward with clarity. Dr. Pooja Agarwal speaks English, Hindi, Bengali, and Telugu, allowing her to communicate effectively with patients from different linguistic backgrounds. This helps patients and families discuss their concerns comfortably and understand medical advice in a language they are familiar with. With her expertise in surgical oncology, breast cancer surgery, breast oncoplasty, Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy, and multidisciplinary cancer care, Dr. Pooja Agarwal continues to contribute meaningfully to advanced cancer treatment in Kolkata. Her dedication to precision surgery, ethical care, patient education, and holistic recovery makes her a trusted name for patients seeking breast cancer treatment at Manipal Hospital Broadway, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

Field of Expertise

- Surgical Oncology
- Breast Oncoplasty
- Expertise in SLNB (Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy)

Languages Spoken

- English
- Hindi
- Bengali
- Telugu

Awards & Achievements

- Poster Presentation at FHNO, Mumbai (Nov 2017)
- Poster Presentation at ICC, Bangalore (2017)

- Poster Presentation at ABSICON, New Delhi (2018)
- Video Presentation on SLNB at ICON, Kolkata (2019)
- MDT Presentation at Navigating Clinical Conundrums in Breast Cancer, Mumbai (2019)
- Participated in Breast Oncoplastic Workshop, Pune (2019)
- Biostatistics Course, Tata Memorial Centre, Kolkata (2017 & 2018)