



## **DR. HARSH DHAR**

HOD & Senior Consultant - Surgical Oncologist (Head and Neck Surgery)

### **Qualification**

MBBS | MS (ENT) | M.Ch (Head & Neck Surgery- TMH Mumbai)

### **Overview**

Dr. Harsh Dhar is a Senior Consultant in the Department of Head and Neck Surgery at Manipal Hospitals, E.M Bypass, Kolkata, with an extensive background in the field of Head Neck Oncology and a reputation for clinical excellence. His academic journey began with an MBBS degree from a prestigious medical institution, followed by an MS in ENT and an MCh in Head and Neck Surgery from the prestigious Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. In addition, he has also trained extensively in the field of Skull Base Surgery, with clinical observerships from the University of Pittsburgh, USA and the University of Brescia, Italy. Dr. Dhar's unwavering commitment to his field is evident from his multiple accolades, including a Gold Medal in Surgical Oncology (Batch of 2017) and Silver Medals in ENT and Internal Medicine, as well as numerous publications during his academic tenure. His memberships in esteemed professional bodies such as the Foundation of Head and Neck Oncology, the Indian Society of Thyroid Surgeons, the Asia Pacific Thyroid Society, and the European Society of Medical Oncology underscore his dedication to staying at the forefront of advancements in head and neck surgery. His expertise encompasses the treatment

and surgical management of oral, salivary, thyroid, and sinonasal cancers, especially tumours of the skull base as well as paragangliomas. Locally advanced thyroid cancers and Endoscopic Skull base surgeries are his prime areas of expertise. With a commitment to bringing better care through technological advancements, he and his team are the first in the region to bring in intraoperative nerve monitoring routinely in thyroid surgeries, as well as establish a state-of-the-art Skull Base surgical unit. Beyond clinical practice, Dr. Dhar is passionate about education and is responsible for training many junior surgeons at his centre and through invited talks at national and regional conferences, contributing to knowledge dissemination in his speciality. With over a decade of experience, Dr. Dhar has become a trusted name in the management of complex oncological cases involving the head and neck region.

### **Fellowship & Membership**

- Member of the Foundation of Head and Neck Oncology
- Member of the Indian Society of Thyroid Surgeons
- Member of the Asia Pacific Thyroid Society
- Member of the European Society of Medical Oncology

### **Field of Expertise**

- All Types of Head and Neck Malignancies
- Thyroid Tumors

### **Languages Spoken**

- English
- Hindi
- Bengali

- Marathi
- Tamil

### Awards & Achievements

- Gold Medal in Surgical Oncology, Batch of 2017, Tata Memorial Hospital
- Silver Medal in ENT, MBBS (III Year)
- MUHS Silver Medicine in MS ENT
- MGR Medical University Silver Medal in Internal Medicine -Batch of 2009

### Talks & Publications

- Dr. Dhar has actively contributed to clinical research, with a focus on Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy in Oral Malignancies. His work supports organ preservation strategies and improves the quality of life for cancer patients. [Click Here](#)
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- Dhar, H., Thiagarajan, S., Yousuf, A. et al. Referral Practice for Radioactive Iodine Ablation. (RAI) after ATA guidelines 2015: results from a Tertiary Cancer Care Centre. Eur Arch Otorhinolaryngol (2020).  
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