



DR. VEENA MANJUNATH

Consultant - Lab Medicine

Qualification

MBBS | D.Bact (Microbiology)

Overview

Dr. Veena Manjunath is a senior clinical microbiologist in Jayanagar, Bangalore. She's currently practising as a Consultant - Lab Medicine at Manipal Hospital Jayanagar, with over two decades of experience in diagnostic microbiology, infection control, outbreak investigation, and antimicrobial resistance studies. She has played a significant role in strengthening infection prevention policies, laboratory quality systems, and evidence-based diagnostic microbiology. Her work combines laboratory precision, public health awareness, and hospital-wide clinical collaboration, positioning her as a key contributor to infection safety and antimicrobial stewardship in the hospital. Dr. Veena completed her MBBS and further earned her D.Bact (Microbiology), following which she developed a wide-ranging expertise in clinical microbiology, infectious disease diagnostics, hospital infection control, and biomedical waste management. She has independently led microbiology services at St. Martha's Hospital since 1999, later extending her role to infection control leadership across NIJ Hospitals and Malathi Manipal Hospitals in Bengaluru. As a designated Medical Officer for RNTCP, she has also contributed to tuberculosis awareness,

diagnostics, and DOTS implementation, strengthening multi-level treatment and surveillance systems. Her work spans the full spectrum of microbiology, including culture-based diagnostics, infectious disease awareness programmes, outbreak tracing, and infection surveillance. She has managed biomedical waste compliance as per regulatory guidelines and contributed to quality assurance initiatives across NABL and NABH processes. Her experience with NABL internal audits, infection control indicators, and EQAS/IQC in microbiology and biochemistry has been crucial to maintaining high laboratory and infection control standards. Under her guidance, nursing teams, clinicians, and laboratory personnel have been trained repeatedly in infection-safe practices, reinforcing hospital safety culture. Dr. Veena has delivered numerous lectures and chaired sessions at prestigious academic forums, including Microcon, IAMM KC, SEPSICON, and conferences hosted at Rajarajeshwari Medical College, JSS Mysore, and NIMHANS. She received a prize at the Infectious Disease Certificate Course held at P.D. Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai, reflecting her contribution to discussions on emerging infectious diseases and sepsis updates. She has presented research in national and international conferences, including Nepal and Jaipur, covering topics such as bloodstream infections, nanomedicine in infectious diseases, ESBL-prevalence in UTI pathogens, and outbreak investigations such as Burkholderia cepacia bacteremia in dialysis units. Her published work includes an article on the role of NGOs in tuberculosis programmes, along with multiple CME talks on antibiotic stewardship, automation in microbiology, sepsis diagnostics, and infection surveillance. With extensive experience in antimicrobial resistance studies, biomedical waste compliance, and hospital infection control accreditation, she continues to advocate for rational antibiotic use and safer hospital environments. Her work is characterised by a blend of diagnostic clarity and public health vision, ensuring laboratories function not just as testing units but as active partners in patient safety and infection prevention. Fluent in English and Kannada, Dr. Veena Manjunath

remains a respected clinical microbiologist at Manipal Hospitals, contributing to scientific microbiology practice, clinician training, community awareness, and the ongoing fight against antimicrobial resistance.

Field of Expertise

- Clinical Microbiology
- Hospital Infection Control
- RNTCP – DOTS Medical Officer
- Biomedical Waste Management
- Infectious Diseases Awareness & Diagnostics
- Antimicrobial Resistance Studies
- Outbreak Investigation & Infection Surveillance

Languages Spoken

- English
- Kannda

Awards & Achievements

- Won Prize in Quiz Contest at IDCC, P.D. Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai (2014)
- Chaired CME Session at Rajarajeshwari Medical College
- Chairperson for Poster Presentation – Microcon 2018 at NIMHANS

Talks & Publications

- Published article: “Role of NGO’s in RNTCP Programme” –

Hospital Today (May 2000)

- Multiple CME presentations on antibiotic resistance, sepsis, automation in microbiology
- Presented papers in national & international conferences (Nepal, Jaipur, Pondicherry, Bangalore, Davangere)
- Oral & poster presentations at Microcon, IAMM KC, ICIDN
- Conducted educational sessions for nursing staff & physicians at NU Hospitals