

**DR. GAYATRI SASIKUMAR**

Consultant - Anaesthesiologist

**Qualification**

MBBS | DA | DNB (Anaesthesiology) | Fellowship in Pediatric Anesthesiology

## Overview

Dr. Gayatri Sasikumar is an experienced anaesthesiologist in Bangalore with expertise in paediatric and cancer care. She is currently practicing as a Consultant – Anaesthesiology at Manipal Hospital Old Airport Road. With extensive experience spanning 13+ years, she specialises in Paediatric Anaesthesia with a special interest in Paediatric Airway, Acute Pain, Regional Anaesthesia, Onco Anaesthesia, and Perioperative Medicine. Dr. Gayatri is dedicated to ensuring patient safety and comfort through evidence-based anaesthetic techniques, making her one of the best-trusted anaesthesiologist in Bangalore. Dr. Gayatri's medical journey began with an MBBS degree and a Diploma in Anaesthesia (DA) from Trivandrum Medical College. She further pursued advanced training, earning a DNB in Anaesthesiology from the Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum, and a Fellowship in Paediatric Anaesthesia at British Columbia Children's Hospital, Vancouver. Her academic excellence and research contributions have been recognised with awards, including the Best Poster Award at the 8th Annual Research Day of the Department of Anesthesiology, Pharmacology & Therapeutics, University of British Columbia. Dr. Gayatri Sasikumar is

passionate about paediatric care and is interested in managing anaesthesia for neonates and young children. She excels in administering anaesthesia for paediatric and oncological procedures, ensuring optimal perioperative care. Her expertise extends to providing anaesthesia for complex surgeries, including paediatric airway interventions, where precision and vigilance are critical. At Manipal Hospitals, she plays a crucial role in the Children's Airway and Swallowing Centre, collaborating with a multidisciplinary team to treat children with complex airway conditions. Her commitment to patient safety is reflected in her training in simulation-based crisis management and non-verbal communication skills. She is also adept at using ultrasound-guided regional anaesthesia, which optimises safety and efficacy in pain control. With a commitment to staying at the forefront of anaesthesia advancements, Dr. Sasikumar actively contributes to her field as an Executive Committee Member of the Karnataka branch of the Indian Association of Paediatric Anaesthesia (IAPA). She serves on the IAPA newsletter's editorial team and hosts the Indian Journal of Anaesthesia's official podcast. Her research has been published in prestigious journals, and she regularly presents at international conferences, sharing her expertise in paediatric anaesthesia, airway management, and acute pain control. She actively engages in research and training programs, contributing to developing innovative anaesthesia protocols. Her dedication to continuous learning enables her to adopt the latest techniques in anaesthesia care, ensuring the highest patient safety standards. Dr. Gayatri is known for her compassionate and patient-centred approach. She takes the time to educate patients and their families about anaesthetic procedures, alleviating concerns and fostering a sense of trust. Her ability to provide clear, reassuring communication ensures a smooth preoperative experience for both children and adults. Fluent in English, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, and Tamil, Dr. Gayatri ensures effective communication with patients from diverse linguistic backgrounds.

## Fellowship & Membership

- Fellowship In Paediatric Anaesthesia, British Columbia Children's Hospital, Vancouver
- Membership: Indian Society Of Anaesthesiologists
- Indian Association of Paediatric Anaesthesia
- Asian Society of Paediatric Anaesthesia
- European Airway Management Society

## Field of Expertise

- Paediatric Anaesthesia with special interest in
- Paediatric Airway
- Acute Pain
- Regional Anaesthesia.
- Onco Anaesthesia Perioperative Medicine
- Simulation training in Anesthesia
- 13 years of experience in the field

## Awards & Achievements

- Best poster award at the 8th Annual Research Day of the Department of Anesthesiology, Pharmacology & Therapeutics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- Executive Committee Member of the Karnataka Branch of Indian Association of Paediatric Anaesthesia
- Editorial Board Member of the Newsletter Committee of the Indian Association of Paeditric Anaesthesia