

DR. RAJ VIGNA VENUGOPAL

HOD & Consultant - Medical Gastroenterology

Qualification

MBBS - TDMC Alappuzha | MD (General Medicine) - KMC Manipal | DM (Gastroenterology), SGPGI Lucknow

Overview

Dr. Raj Vigna Venugopal is a distinguished gastroenterologist currently serving as HOD & Consultant – Medical Gastroenterology at Manipal Hospital Old Airport Road, Bengaluru. With extensive expertise in advanced diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy, he has been instrumental in introducing several pioneering gastrointestinal procedures in Karnataka. His exceptional proficiency in advanced endoscopy, endoscopic ultrasound (EUS), and complex gastrointestinal interventions has established him as one of the best gastroenterologist Doctors in Bangalore. Dr. Raj Vigna completed his MBBS from TD Medical College, Alappuzha, followed by an MD in General Medicine from Kasturba Medical College, Manipal. He further specialised in Gastroenterology by earning his DM from the prestigious Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGI), Lucknow. To further refine his expertise, he underwent advanced training in Endoscopic Ultrasound and Therapeutic Endoscopy at internationally renowned centres, including Paoli-Calmettes Regional Cancer Centre in Marseille, France, Academic Medical Centre in Amsterdam, University of Alabama, Medical University of South Carolina, Selyang University

Hospital in Malaysia, and Asan Medical Centre in South Korea. He is also certified in Advanced Endoscopy by the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE). At Manipal Hospital Old Airport Road, Dr. Raj Vigna specialises in advanced therapeutic endoscopy, endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)-guided interventions, therapeutic ERCP, third-space endoscopy procedures including Per-Oral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM), Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD), Endoscopic Mucosal Resection (EMR), gastro-oncology, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), and complex pancreaticobiliary disorders. He was instrumental in establishing Karnataka's first Endosonography Unit in 2006 and is regarded as one of the pioneers of third-space endoscopy in the region. Beyond his clinical expertise, Dr. Raj has made substantial contributions to gastroenterology through research, academics, and specialist training. His research includes studies on Crohn's disease, intestinal tuberculosis, advanced gallbladder cancer, pancreatitis, and therapeutic endoscopy outcomes. Since 2013, he has actively trained DNB Gastroenterology students at Manipal Hospitals, guided postgraduate research, and served as an examiner for the National DNB Exit Examination. He has authored numerous publications in national and international journals and regularly participates as faculty and speaker at leading gastroenterology conferences. His extensive clinical experience, research contributions, and expertise in advanced gastroenterology have established him among the best gastroenterologist Doctors in Bangalore. Fluent in English, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, and Tamil, Dr. Raj believes in combining cutting-edge technology with compassionate, patient-centred care. His commitment to clinical excellence, innovation, teaching, and research continues to make him one of the best gastroenterologist Doctors in Bangalore for advanced gastrointestinal and liver disease management.

Field of Expertise

- EUS guided therapeutic work. Therapeutic ERCP
- Per-oral Endoscopic Myotomy for Achalasia Cardia.
- ESD EMR for early gastrointestinal cancer

Languages Spoken

- English
- Hindi
- Malayalam
- Kannada
- Tamil

Awards & Achievements

- Training in EUS & Therapeutic Endoscopy Paolicalmettes
- Regional Cancer Center, Marseilles, France
- EUS training in Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Therapeutic endoscopy and EUS training in University of Alabama, USA
- Advanced endoscopy training Medical University of South Carolina, USA
- EUS training Selyang University Hospital, Kuala lumpur, Malaysia
- Observership in liver unit Asan Medical Center, South Korea
- European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy certification on Advanced Endossopy Athens Greece
- First Gastroenterologist in Bangalore to set up Endosonography unit
- Has an experience of 1500 cases in Diagnostic & Therapeutic Endosonography

- Largest single centre Experience in Per oral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) for Achalasia Cardia in Karnataka
- Has published articles in various National & International journals

Talks & Publications

- Dr. Rajiv Lochan and Dr. Raj Vighna Venugopal on Health Experts Express Concerns Over Rising Cases of Liver and Gastric Diseases in Eastern India | Kolkata & Guwahati. Click Here
- Dr. Raj Vigna Venugopal on Fatty liver: Expert warns condition can increase risk of depression, anxiety | News 9. Click Here
- Experts Warn Against Artificial Colors And Preservatives In Food Products: Dr. Raj Vigna Venugopal, Hod & Consultant – Medical Gastroenterology, Manipal Hospitals Old Airport Road. Click Here
- Dr. Raj Vigna Venugopalan on Hepatitis can lead to liver cirrhosis: Common treatments you should know | Healthshots. Click Here
- Dr. Raj Vigna Venugopal on The importance of mucus for good gut health | Happiest Health. Click Here