



DR. PRATHIBHA G A

Consultant - Critical care and ECMO physician

Qualification

MD (Anaesthesia) | IDCCM | IFCCM | FECMO | International Diploma in ECMO (Paris- ELSO endorsed)

Overview

Dr. Prathibha G. A is an accomplished critical care specialist in Bangalore, with advanced expertise in managing life-threatening emergencies, complex multi-organ failure, and high-dependency ICU care. She is currently practising as a Consultant - Critical Care Medicine at Manipal Hospital Yeshwanthpur, bringing extensive training in Anaesthesiology, advanced critical care, and extracorporeal life support (ECMO). Her combination of clinical depth, academic contribution, and leadership roles positions her as one of the leading young intensivists in the region. After MBBS, Dr. Prathibha completed her MD in Anaesthesia, followed by structured high-level training through IDCCM, IFCCM, and FECMO, culminating in an International Diploma in ECMO (Paris - ELSO endorsed), one of the most respected global certifications in extracorporeal life support. This advanced training allows her to manage critically ill patients requiring ECMO for cardiac, respiratory, and multi-organ support with precision, safety, and evidence-based protocols. Her expertise spans the entire spectrum of critical care medicine, including advanced airway management, mechanical ventilation strategies, sepsis management, hemodynamic

monitoring, shock resuscitation, antimicrobial stewardship, and high-risk perioperative ICU care. She is particularly noted for her work in ECMO programme development, protocol optimisation, and crisis management for severe ARDS, circulatory collapse, and refractory hypoxemia. Her approach combines strong theoretical knowledge with hands-on proficiency, enabling multidisciplinary teams to deliver seamless and coordinated care in the ICU. Dr. Prathibha is also deeply involved in academic, editorial, and leadership roles within national critical care bodies. She serves as an Executive Committee Member of the ECMO Society of India (Karnataka Chapter) and the Indian Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ISPEN), and contributes as Associate Editor of the Journal of Acute Care as well as Associate Editor for Critical Care Communications of ISCCM. She was a key organising committee member for GICS 2024, contributing to national-level scientific exchange in acute and critical care. Recognised for her strong academic presence, she has also been selected as a speaker for Criticare 2026 through the prestigious Young Talent Search (YTS) programme of ISCCM. Her contributions to medical literature include six textbook chapters in critical care, reflecting her depth in areas such as ventilatory strategies, haemodynamic monitoring, ultrasound-guided ICU procedures, and ECMO care pathways. She has authored impactful journal publications, including research on systemic thrombolytics in COVID-19 ARDS, position papers on the use of ultrasound in the ICU, and a reported case of multifocal myoclonus in dengue encephalopathy. She is also an active faculty member at conferences, BSOG scientific sessions, and hands-on national workshops, where she trains clinicians in advanced ICU skills. Fluent in English, Kannada, Telugu, and Hindi, she communicates effectively with families during critical situations, ensuring clarity, empathy, and shared decision-making—qualities essential to critical care medicine. Her holistic patient-first approach enables families to navigate the stress of critical illness with a better understanding and confidence. With comprehensive training, ECMO expertise, and strong academic

leadership, Dr. Prathibha G. A stands as a distinguished Critical Care Consultant delivering advanced, protocol-driven, and compassionate intensive care, committed to improving survival outcomes and driving excellence in critical care practice across the region.

Fellowship & Membership

- Member of ISA
- Life Member of ISCCM, Life member of ESOI
- Life member of ISPEN

Field of Expertise

- Critical Care Medicine
- Antibiotic Stewardship
- Hemodynamic Monitoring
- ECMO

Languages Spoken

- English
- Kannada
- Telugu
- Hindi

Awards & Achievements

- Executive Committee Member of ECMO Society of India -Karnataka Branch
- Executive Committee Member of ISPEN -Bengaluru Chapter
- Associate Editor of Journal of Acute Care

- Associate Editor of Critical Care Communications of ISCCM
- Organising committee member of GICS 2024
- Selected as a speaker for Criticare 2026 through the Young Talent Search (YTS) by the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine

Talks & Publications

- Faculty at various Critical Care conferences, BSOG conference, and Workshops.
- Authored 6 chapters in various critical care textbooks, including the Criticare update book Ashwathappa PG, Jacob I, Rangappa P, Rao K. Systemic thrombolytics as rescue therapy for COVID-19 patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome: A retrospective observational study. *Int J Crit Illn Inj Sci.* 2022;12(4):197-203. doi:10.4103/ijciis.ijciis_45_22.
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