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Overview

Dr Ari G Chacko is a distinguished Neurosurgeon based at the Apollo Proton Cancer Centre, Chennai, India. With an impressive 40 years of experience in the medical field, he has dedicated his career to providing exceptional healthcare services to patients. He has concentrated on clinical neurosurgery with a focus on microsurgical removal of brain and spinal cord tumors, as well as endoscopic removal of skull base tumors including pituitary adenomas. He is a pioneer in the refinement of awake surgeries for gliomas, microsurgical excision of intramedullary spinal cord tumors, vestibular schwannoma surgery for facial nerve preservation and in the maximal safe resection of craniopharyngiomas. Dr Chacko also has considerable experience in surgery for epilepsy including disconnection procedures such as the hemispherotomy for intractable hemispheric epilepsy.

At the Apollo Proton Cancer Centre (APCC), the majority of patients treated suffer from gliomas requiring multidisciplinary care from Neurosurgery, Radiation Oncology, Neuropathology, Neuroradiology, Neurophysiology and Endocrinology. APCC is one of the best hospitals in India dealing with gliomas since the multidisciplinary team has trained in some of the best institutions in the country and keep up to date with recent advances in the field. Dr Chacko has a natural inclination towards interacting closely with colleagues in these disciplines to provide comprehensive care to patients with brain tumors.

Dr Chacko is known for his patient-centric approach, emphasizing the importance of understanding each patient's unique needs and medical history ensuring that patients receive tailored care to their individual requirements. In his practice, Dr Chacko educates patients regarding their health conditions empowering individuals to play active roles in decision making.

Experience

- MBBS: 1980-85 Christian Medical College, Vellore, Tamil Nadu
- Internship: 1985-86 Christian Medical College, Vellore, Tamil Nadu
- Resident Medical Officer: 1986-88 CSI Basel Mission Hospital, Gadag-Betgeri Karnataka, India
- Neurosurgery Residency: 1989-94 Christian Medical College, Vellore
- Lecturer: 1994-1997 Department of Neurological Sciences Christian Medical College Vellore, Tamil Nadu.
- Research Associate: 1997-1999 Department of Neurosurgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, USA
- Associate Professor: 1999-2003 Department of Neurological Sciences, Christian Medical College Vellore, Tamil Nadu.
- Professor: 2003-2022 Department of Neurological Sciences, Christian Medical College Vellore, Tamil Nadu
- Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon 2022-23 Square Hospital, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Awards

- Program director for a structured fellowship program in Vascular Interventional Radiology and trained many students successfully under this fellowship program since year 2016.
- Conducted the biennial international conference on stroke interventions - MASTER(Management of Acute Stroke Thrombolysis and Endovascular Interventions) series - MASTER 2016, MASTER 2019 in Hyderabad
- Best paper award for paper presented on POST TRANSPLANT HEPATIC ARTERY INSUFFICIENCY IMAGING AND INTERVENTION: A SERIES OF 6 CASES in Society of emergency Radiology, National conference-2018
- Best oral paper award for paper presented on “Endovascular management of very small intracranial aneurysms”- in ISVIR national conference - 2018

- 2nd Prize for Poster presented on “Oronasal approaches of CT guided biopsy for skull base lesions” in ISVIR national conference- 2018
- Best poster award for poster presented on “Interventional management of visceral artery dissection in SLE” in IRACON 2017
- 2nd Prize in FRS/ Quiz in ISNR 2009-
- Secured state 1st rank in state premedical entrance test -EAMCET in year 1999 (Given State Govts Prathibha Scholarship for the achievement).
- Secured all India 1st rank in postgraduate entrance examination for entry into prestigious PGIMER, Chandigarh in June 2006, scored all India 2nd rank in entrance exam for super speciality course in DM Neuroradiology and Interventional Radiology at PGIMER, Chandigarh in June 2009.
- Nandamuri Award (in year 1995) for passing 10th standard (SSC) at a young age of 11 yrs.

Research and Publication

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where does Dr. ARI G CHACKO practice?

Dr. ARI G CHACKO currently practices at Apollo Proton Cancer Centre, located in Chennai.

2. Who is Dr. ARI G CHACKO?

Dr. ARI G CHACKO is a highly experienced Neurosurgeon with 30 years of expertise in the field. He is known for providing exceptional patient care and advanced medical treatments. His areas of expertise include Skull Treatment, Trigeminal Neuralgia Treatment. He also treats conditions such as Gaucher Disease, Moyamoya Disease.

3. Why do patients choose Dr. ARI G CHACKO?

Patients trust Dr. ARI G CHACKO for his expertise, patient-centric approach, and commitment to providing the highest standard of care. He is well-versed in the latest medical advancements and ensures personalized treatment for every patient.

4. What is Dr. ARI G CHACKO's specialization?

Dr. ARI G CHACKO specializes in Neurosurgery, with expertise in treatments for Skull Treatment, Trigeminal Neuralgia Treatment.

5. What are Dr. ARI G CHACKO's medical qualifications?

Dr. ARI G CHACKO holds prestigious qualifications, including Mch(Neurosurgery), MBBS.

6. How many years of experience does Dr. ARI G CHACKO have?

Dr. ARI G CHACKO has 30 years of experience in the medical field, treating various conditions related to Neurosurgery.

7. How can I book an appointment with Dr. ARI G CHACKO?

You can book an appointment with Dr. ARI G CHACKO through: Online: Visit <https://www.apollohospitals.com/book-doctor-appointment/> to schedule an appointment.