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**Qualifications:**

- 2012** FRACP (Medical Oncology)  
The Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Australia
- 2009** Clinical Diploma of Palliative Medicine  
Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine, RACP, Australia
- 1999** Doctor of Medicine, Tver State Medical Academy, Russia
- 1995** ECFMG Certificate  
USMLE, USA
- 1993** MBBS  
Medical College, M.S. University, Vadodara, India

**Current Medical Registration:**

AHPRA (Qld, Australia) MED0000967290

MCI (Gujarat, India) G 20977 & G 21960 (additional Qualification of FRACP)

**Professional Experience:**

- **January 2013 - Current:** Medical Oncologist and Palliative Medicine Physician with Metro North Hospital & Health Services (MNHHS), Queensland Health, working as Consultant Medical Oncologist at Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital (RBWH) and A/Director & Palliative Care Physician at Redcliffe Hospital.

Responsibilities:

- As a **Medical Oncologist** I manage all types of solid tumours with special interest and experience in management of Gastrointestinal malignancies and Geriatric Oncology.
- I have developed New Satellite Centre of RBWH at North Lakes and Caboolture Hospitals.
- As a **Palliative Care Physician**, I manage advanced cancer patients with supportive care, symptom control and end of life care. I provide holistic care by addressing symptom control, social, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs.
- Currently working as **Acting Director** of Palliative Care Unit of Redcliffe Hospital, regular participation in Metro North Palliative Care management meetings and other managerial activities.
- I am part of the committee to develop **community/domiciliary-nursing services** across Metro North HHS.
- As a **Clinical Researcher**, I have done multiple clinical research/trials across both hospitals. I am member for clinical trials group of RBWH and research advisor for junior doctors for their research projects.

- **Clinical Supervisor/Mentor** for Advanced trainee registrars and residents at RBWH and Redcliffe Hospital
- **Clinical Supervisor/Mentor** for Nurse Practitioner Candidates of the Department.
- **Lecturer/Educator** in junior doctors' education sessions and nursing education sessions.
- **Senior Lecturer** with University of Queensland, Medical School, **Examiner** for final year medical students, and **Reviewer** of thesis of Honours students.
- **Examiner** for FRACP clinical examination candidates.
- As **Telehealth Expert**, I have developed Telehealth services between RBWH and remote cancer services.
- Acted as **Academic Faculty** in CAN-REHAB TMH, India April 2017 and GAPIO annual conference 2018.

- **Current Health Service Delivery Participation/Leadership:**

- Executive Committee Member of State-wide Cancer Clinical Network (SCaCN).
- Member of CCS Communication Alliance, MNHHS.
- Member of Metro North Cancer Care Service Clinical Advisory Group (MNCCSCAG).
- Member of Metro North Palliative Care Management and Quality/Safety Committees.
- Completed Medical Leadership in Action (MLIA Cohort 15) programme of Clinical Excellence Division of Queensland Health.
- Member in Death review committee AND Clinical Council at Redcliffe Hospital.
- Currently doing clinical improvement project of **quality and safety Audit** of North Lakes/Caboolture oncology patients.
- 'Rural Cancer Awareness and Early Detection Initiative (RCAEDI)', Cancer screening camps in rural India.
- Leading the project of establishing **Geriatric Oncology services** in North Lakes/Caboolture Hospitals.

➤ **March 2013 – March 2016:** Visiting Medical Oncologist at Hervey Bay Hospital

Responsibilities:

- Four medical oncology clinics per fortnight. I managed all types of solid tumours.
- Telehealth clinic between Hervey Bay and RBWH. I coordinated clinical integration between Hervey Bay Hospital and RBH.
- Remote on call for Hervey Bay Cancer Centre.
- Member of 'Hervey Bay Cancer Care Advisory Committee'.
- On Interview panel for recruitment of Senior and Junior doctors in Hervey Bay Cancer Care.

➤ **2009-2012:** Medical Oncology Advanced Physicians training

Aug. 2011 - Dec. 2012: Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital, Brisbane, QLD.

Feb. 2011 - Aug. 2011: Mater Hospital, Brisbane, QLD.

Jan. 2010 - Feb. 2011: The Townsville Hospital, QLD.

July 2009 - Jan. 2010: Redcliffe Hospital, QLD

➤ **2006-2009:** Basic Physician training

Jan. 2008 - July 2009: Redcliffe Hospital, QLD.

Apr. 2006 - Jan. 2008: Logan Hospital, QLD.

➤ **2000-2006:** Overseas Experience

Feb. 2000 - Mar. 2006: Narhari Hospital, INDIA

Full time consultant physician and ICU in-charge  
Aug. 1996 – Dec. 1999: Tver State Regional Hospital, Tver, Russia.  
Postgraduate trainee in medicine

### **Teaching Experience:**

- Senior lecturer at Uni. Of Queensland, Medical School since April'2013. Associate Lecturer from 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011 to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013.
- Regular Examiner for RACP fellowship clinical exams for last three years.
- Examiner for Year 2 & Year 4 OSCE, University of Queensland.
- Clinical Supervisor for Nurse Practitioner candidates for Palliative Care.
- Reviewer for Thesis of Honours students of James Cook University, Medical School.
- Clinical Supervisor for advanced Physician trainee doctors for Medical Oncology and Palliative Medicine.
- Academic Faculty for Gujarat Cancer and Research Institute (GCRI), Ahmedabad and Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH), Mumbai, providing regular Skype lectures to medical oncology trainees and participating in examinations.
- Provide regular Guest lectures at RACP Telehealth Promotion workshops, Primary Health Networking (PHN) seminars and Cancer Institutes, India.

### **Clinical Research Experience:**

- Currently enrolled in MPhil with UQ. Doing research project on Topic: 'Implementation of Comprehensive Geriatric assessment (CGA) for patients older than 70 years in medical oncology clinic to facilitate decision making and provision of supportive management.'
- Member of Australian Gastroenterology integrated trial group (AGITG).
- Co-Investigator for ARIEL 2 & 3 Ovarian cancer studies, TEXT study for Breast Cancer, GINGER study for Urothelial Cancer.
- Member of clinical trial group at RBWH.
- Co-investigator for various cancer trials at Townsville Hospital in 2010.
- Prepared thesis on "palliative management of malignant bowel obstruction" as part of Diploma of Palliative Medicine in 2009.
- Founder member of Redcliffe Group of Research and Writing.
- Did research project on 'Critical Appraisal and Upgradation of Intensive care unit of our hospital' as in charge physician of Narhari Hospital in 2003.
- Prepared research thesis on 'use of laser in medicine' as part of postgraduate training programme in 1999.
- Did research study on 'epidemiology of viral hepatitis' as medical student in 1992.

### **Abstract Presentations:**

#### **Oral:**

**Title:** Cancer Awareness and Early Detection in India, Are we there yet? Lecture followed by panel discussion

**Conference:** GAPIO 2018, Mumbai 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Jan'2018.

**Title:** Modern Oncology and Ancient Ayurvedic Medicine. Are they Alternative OR Complementary to each other? Key Note Lecture.

**Conference:** CAN-REHAB TMH, India April 2017.

**Title:** Determining the value of Palliative Prognostic Index Calculations in a Palliative Care Unit.

**Conference:** ESMO ASIA Dec'2015.

**Title:** Tele Oncology clinics in Rural Australia: a cost-effective cancer care model.

**Conference:** European Multidisciplinary Cancer Congress 2011, Stockholm, Sweden. In Proffered paper session in Onco-technology section.

**Title:** Tele Oncology clinics in North Queensland: a cost-effective cancer care model.

**Conference:** MOGA ASM 2011, Adelaide, Australia. In the Best of the best abstract session.

**Title:** cost effectiveness analysis of Telemedicine in oncology.

**Conference:** COSA ASM 2010, Melbourne, Australia. I won best of the best award for oral presentation.

**Title:** cost effectiveness analysis of Telemedicine in oncology.

**Conference:** TTH & JCU Inaugural Research Symposium

## Poster:

**Title:** Determining the value of Palliative Prognostic Index Calculations in a Palliative Care Unit.

**Conference:** ANZPM NSM, Sept.2014.

**Title:** Pulmonary Embolism (PE) in Medical Oncology Patients: Symptomatic versus Incidental.

**Conference:** RBWH Research Symposium, July 2013.

**Title:** Neuroendocrine Neoplasms: Epidemiological Trends in 2,430 cases from Queensland.

**Conference:** ENETS 2013, Barcelona, Spain.

**Title:** Pulmonary Embolism (PE) in Medical Oncology Patients: Symptomatic versus Incidental.

**Conference:** MOGA ASM 2012, Brisbane, Australia.

**Title:** Tele Oncology clinics in North Queensland: a cost-effective cancer care model

**Conference:** MOGA ASM 2011, Adelaide, Australia.

## Publications:

- 1) Rural Cancer Awareness and Early Detection Initiative (RCAEDI). Darshit A Thaker, Parth D Thaker. J Clin Oncol 36, 2018 (suppl; abstr e18639)
- 2) An analysis of incidental and symptomatic pulmonary embolism (PE) in medical oncology patients. Thaker, D., Douglas, E., Blazak, J., Xu, W., Hughes, B., Burge, M., Steinke, K. and Wyld, D. (2016), Asia-Pac J Clin Oncol. doi:10.1111/ajco.12650
- 3) *“Cost Savings from a Telemedicine Model of Care in Northern Queensland, Australia.”* Darshit A Thaker, Richard Monypenny, Ian Olver, Sabe Sabesan. *MJA* 2013; 199:414-417.
- 4) *“The seamless transition from student to intern: from theory to practice”.* J. Costello, M. Livett, P. J. O. Stride, M. West, M. Premaratne, D. Thaker. *IMJ* 2010; 40(10):728–31.
- 5) *“Attitudes, knowledge and barriers to participation in cancer clinical trials among rural and remote patients.”* Sabe Sabesan, Bjoern Burgher, Petra Buettner, Peter Piliouras, Zulfiquer Otty, Suresh Varma, Darshit Thaker. *Asia-Pac J Clin Oncol* 2011; 7(1): 27-33.
- 6) *“Telemedicine for rural and indigenous cancer care.”* Sabesan S, Brennan S, Thaker D. *IMJ* 2011; 41 (Suppl.2): 1-48.
- 7) *“A pseudo case of atypical pseudomeig’s syndrome.”* Thaker D, Stride P, Detrick A. *Indian Journal of Cancer* July-September 2011; 48 (3): 364-66.
- 8) *“The nuts and bolts of pills and potions: the functions of a drug safety working group.”* Noleen S. Nath, Ellen H. Jones, Peter Stride, Manuja Premaratne, Darshit Thaker, Ivan Lim. *Australian Health Review* 2011. (AHHA 2011 10.1071/AH09863)

- 9) *"Impact of a drugs and safety sub-committee at a Queensland hospital."* Jones E, Nath N, Stride P, Premaratne Manuja, Thaker Darshit. Lim Ivan. *Aust Health Management* 2011.
- 10) *"Tele Oncology Clinics in Rural Queensland: A Cost-Effective Cancer Care Model."* Darshit Thaker, Sabe Sabesan, Barbara Van Houts, Andrew Bryett, Ian Olver. *Asia-Pac J Clin Oncol* 2011; 7(Suppl. 3): 37-39.
- 11) *"Palliative management of malignant bowel obstruction in terminally ill patient."* Darshit A Thaker, B Stafford, L Gaffney. *Jpalliativecare* 2010; 16(2): 97- 100.

### **Conferences/Workshops attended:**

- SIOG Advanced Course on Geriatric Oncology at Treviso, Italy June' 2018.
- GAPIO 2018 at Mumbai 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Jan'2018
- CAN REHAB at TMH, Mumbai, India 8<sup>th</sup> April'2017
- MASCC June'16 at Adelaide.
- ESMO ASIA Dec'15 at Singapore.
- ENETS Conference March 2015 at Barcelona.
- MOGA ASM 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010.
- ANZPM NSM Sept'14 at Gold coast.
- RACP Supervisors' Workshop 2013 & 2014.
- HOTT Symposium 2014, 2012, 2011.
- ESMO Cancer Congress Sept'12 at Stockholm.
- COSA ASM 2010.
- Communication skills workshop 2010.
- Basic sciences of Medical Oncology workshop 2010.
- Professional development course for Registrars 2008, 2009.
- Advanced Life support course 2008.
- 10th and 11th Annual conference of Indian Society of Critical care Medicine 2004 & 2005.

### **Awards and Scholarships:**

Unicorn Foundation award 2012.

Bristol-Myer-Squib Trainee Travel award for MOGA ASM 2012

GSK Trainee travel award for MOGA ASM 2010, 2011

Best of the Best Award for oral presentation at COSA ASM 2010

Trainee Travel award for COSA ASM 2010.

### **Professional Memberships:**

Member of International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG)

Member of Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC).

Member of Medical Oncology Group of Australia (MOGA).

Member of Australia and New Zealand society of Palliative Medicine (ANZPM)

Member of American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO).

Member of Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA).

Member of Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO)

Life member of Indian Society of Critical Medicine.

Life member of Indian Medical Association

### **Extracurricular Activities/Volunteer Activities and Achievements:**

I have started 'Rural Cancer Awareness and Early Detection Initiative (RCAEDI)' in India, organising cancer screening camps on regular intervals in rural/regional parts of the country. I enjoy community services and like to help needy people. I received certificate of appreciation for selfless contribution in motivating 'eye donations', by Elmex eye bank. I received certificates of appreciation from Vidyut board vidyalaya and Trust for reaching the unreached for my contribution in community services. I have also attended special programs on alternative medicine focusing health benefits of yoga and meditation.

**Referees:**

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***This is to certify that, abovementioned information is correct and current as of June '2018.***

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