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On the panorama of cytology in India, the name of Dr. Usha Saraiya has a unique place for she is amongst few Gynaecologists, actively involved in the microscopy of cytology.

She passed M. B. B. S. in 1960 from Grant Medicle College, Bombay by standing first amongst lady candidates and won the Lady Reay and President's Silver Medals. While studying for her D. G. O. & M. D. in Obstetrics and Gynaecology she did research on sterility which won her the S. N. Bhansali Prize.

She was introduced to cytology and Colposcopy during her brief association with Contraceptive Testing unit, of I. C. M. R.

She began Cytology Clinic in Cama and Albless Hospital in the late 60's when she was appointed as an Assistant Honorary. It was an uphill task for it was the first such clinic to be established in Bombay Later a "Dysplasia Clinic" was added to it, in view of the special care and attention needed for these women.

She is an Associate Honorary Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Grant Medical College and an Examiner at Osmania Poona and Bombay Universities. Her attachment to Sir H. N. Hospital has enabled her to run a colposcopy clinic since 1970.

She has been a fellow of International Academy of Cytology and International College of Surgeons for the past several years. She is an active member of Association of Medical women in India, having served as Secretary, Bombay Branch and Editor of Journal and is eventually on the Board of Trustees. She has been the founder member of our Academy and has been deeply involved with its functioning. She edited our Newsletter for three years and has been on the Executive Committee. She was our dynamic Secretary for the past three years. Her succession to Presidentship has been a natural culmination after years of dedicated service to cytology. This is emphasised by the fact that 30 of her 50 national and international publications have been pertaining to cytology.

She has travelled extensively in India and Abroad and has presented material from India at meetings in Manila, Munich and Tokyo. All the Guest speakers at our Conferences have been her personal friends who have been introduced to our Academy.

She enjoys also an excellent reputation as a Clinician. She treads successfully on the tight rope of mother, wife doctor and academician. And yet it is difficult to meet a person so warm, considerate and forthright in today's world of cut throat competition. She has been our beacon of Light and IAC is sure to make great strides under her guidance.

Editorial

Dear Friends :

That Cytology is prospering and expanding as an independent branch is heartening to know, as was proved recently in our Nagpur Conference. Dr. Grover informed us, there were more than 300 delegates and not many were there because of pathology conference following it. In our day to day practice we definitely note a change in trend of approach to cytology. A few years ago cytology was almost totally synonymous with gynecologic cytology. But as it is becoming more publicised and its effectiveness realised, more and more non-gynecologic work is coming our way. Surgeons and physicians are becoming aware of the unique value of aspiration cytology and this is aptly reflected in the changing pattern of our scientific sessions at our annual conferences where a few years ago hardly any non-gynecologic work was presented.

This year at the 11th annual training course of cytology, conducted by the cytology clinic of AMWI at Cama & Alibless Hospital, Bombay, there was a special deputation of about 15 pathologists from Government Hospitals of Maharashtra. This in its own way indicates that the unstinted efforts of all these years, by our more active members is paying dividends. Government too, has come to realise the value of cytology. It also indicates that many of us, who for one reason or the other have not been able to pursue the aim of popularising cytology should make fresh efforts. The time is ripe and so strike while the iron is hot. Do write to us if you need any help and keep us informed of your activities.

So long folks,

Sincerely Yours
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Darshana Daftary

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