

Dr. Rabindra Kumar Jena is a Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) Physician currently serving as Professor and Head of the Department of Clinical Haematology at the SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack, Orissa. With more than 15 years of experience in Clinical Haematology, he is well versed with all procedures pertaining to his field. He has a special interest in the areas of haemato-oncology, haemoglobinopathy and haematological malignancy.

Dr. Jena completed his MBBS from the SCB Medical College in Cuttack, an institution he has maintained strong links with throughout his medical career. He has also obtained an MD in General Medicine, acquired a PhD in Clinical Haematology. In addition, he received training in BMT at the University of Minnesota, USA, under the Visitor Training Program (VTP) sponsored by the American Society of Hematology, and advanced training in thalassemia from Cyprus. Dr. Jena is a Fellow of the Indian Society of Haematology and Blood Transfusion (FISHBT).

Dr. Jena served as Assistant Surgeon for the Government of Orissa for seven years from 1987 to 1994. He then went into academics, beginning his teaching career as Lecturer in Medicine at SCB Medical College. In April 1998 he moved to VSS Medical College in Burla, where he was Lecturer in Clinical Haematology until November 2002. Since then he has been at SCB as Head of the Department of Clinical Haematology, holding the posts of Assistant Professor and Associate Professor prior to his current designation of Professor.

Dr. Rabindra Jena has over 50 of his papers published in national and international peer-reviewed journals of repute, has also made several presentations at symposia and conferences connected to his area of expertise. He is a member of many professional bodies of Haematology and Oncology, and has regularly chaired scientific sessions and workshops at various conferences such as ISHBT (Indian Society of Haematology and Blood Transfusion) from 2009 to 2012, Asia-Pacific ISBT in 2003, SIOP, Paediatric Haematology Oncology Chapters of IAP, API, Haematology-Oncology, etc. An award winner during his professional career, he has contributed towards training of juniors, having participated as guest faculty and lecturer regularly at CMEs and other events.

Dr. Jena is an avid reader of professional journals about Haematology and Oncology, to keep himself updated on the latest trends and developments in his field. He is passionate about developing the field of haemato-oncology in his geographical area, and setting up a blood and bone marrow transplant programme in the state of Odisha.