



SOARCON 2024

Reframing Osteoarthritis:

Pioneering Perspectives & Practices
From Degeneration to Early Intervention

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Dear Colleagues,

We warmly invite all of you to join us at **SOARCON 2024**, a premier national conference on osteoarthritis. This year **Rheumatology Association of Gujarat (RAG)** in collaboration with **Society for Osteoarthritis Research (SOAR)**, will be hosting SOARCON 2024 in **GIFT City**, situated in Gandhinagar, capital of the state of Gujarat. GIFT City is conceived as a futuristic city with world class infrastructure facilities. The city of Ahmedabad is about 30 kms from the conference venue. Ahmedabad is a UNESCO World Heritage city, which seamlessly blends the rich history of the colourful state of Gujarat with modern amenities.

Osteoarthritis is the most common form of arthritis worldwide and in India. Osteoarthritis severely impacts patients' overall quality of life, most often the elderly. The disease significantly affects patients' personal, social, and professional lives. Most of the time, patients' families also suffer along with the patient. In the future decades, India's demographics will be dominated by an aging population. The number of osteoarthritis patients will be huge. Today's clinician needs to be prepared to serve osteoarthritis patients effectively.

At SOARCON 2024 we aim to create a paradigm shift in the understanding of osteoarthritis from "degeneration" to a "potentially modifiable disease". Join a distinguished gathering of experts and researchers in the field of osteoarthritis who will delve into the complexities of the disease and address many practice-relevant topics along with the key focus areas of "**Early osteoarthritis**" and "**Pain in osteoarthritis**".

Salient Features of **SOARCON 2024** Programme



Forefront of Scientific Innovation:

Discover ground-breaking research in early osteoarthritis (OA) detection, biomarkers, phenotypic classifications, and the horizon of future treatments through plenary sessions led by renowned international experts.



Comprehensive Clinical Insight with Multidisciplinary Perspectives:

Engage in in-depth discussions on the clinical aspects of knee, hand, and spine OA, covering the full spectrum from symptomatology to therapeutic strategies. Gain insights from a diverse panel of specialists, including rheumatologists, orthopedic surgeons, pain management experts, physiotherapists, and more, each bringing a unique perspective to the conversation.



Early Intervention Emphasis with treatment Updates:

Focus on the critical importance of early detection in OA and explore the possibilities of altering the disease trajectory with innovative interventions.



Practical Case-Based Interactive Workshop:

Participate in hands-on case-based MRI reading sessions tailored for OA and workshop. Each session is meticulously curated to provide actionable knowledge through real-life case scenarios, ensuring a deep, practical understanding of the subject matter.

Saturday – Sunday | 13 – 14 July 2024

REGISTRATION OPENS ON 1ST APRIL 2024

