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I am working in Seth GSMC & KEM Hospital, Mumbai, as Professor & Head of Department of Neurology since 2001. I got promoted as Dean for the same hospital in January 2022. I started state of art Comprehensive Epilepsy Care Center (CECC) at our hospital in 2001, which was first of its kind in any government hospital then. I am very passionate about epilepsy which has kept me engaged over these many years to learn in depth about the subject and teach students about various aspects of epilepsy. Over 22 years at CECC we have performed more than 20,000 VEEG's and 667 epilepsy surgeries for drug refractory epilepsy patients till date, serving as Tier 2 Epilepsy surgery center.

We see 350- 400 epilepsy patients (new and follow up) per week which is one of the highest numbers of epilepsy OPD patients serving in a Tertiary care epilepsy center in Western India. I have recently launched an application 'WIN Epilepsy' on smart phone for maintaining EHR of our epilepsy patients and to educate them and supervise their health.

I have been member of IAN right from its conception. I was EC member of IAN for one term, EC Member for IES for two terms & once for IEA. I have organized ECON 2007 and various such Epilepsy related national events in past. I thought of having separate subsection on epilepsy in IAN, and so started it after lot of hard work in 2021 November. Presently I am chairperson for Epilepsy subsection of IAN since then, but I have plan to do many more activities through this subsection. I have worked hard to get members for this subsection. We arranged international speaker program and journal club sessions with renowned Epileptologists in this short span and both were attended by good number of neurologists.

During my career I have published 21 Epilepsy related articles in International and 11 such in national journals. I have written 6 book chapters pertaining to epilepsy for various reputed publication houses. Non-epilepsy related publications include 29 articles in various international and national journals and 5 book chapters.

I had started Neuropsychology division in my department 20 years back, which is exclusive and only one in government set up across Maharashtra. I have started a Memory clinic in 2021 for Dementia patients, which is one of its kind across western India. I also started Stroke ICU and formed Stroke Unit in 2021 to enhance our patient care for acute stroke patients. We also have a specialty clinic for pediatric neurology and movement disorders at our center. Despite these significant contributions in starting all subspecialities, my passion and love for epilepsy remains unchanged. Having such vast experience in Epilepsy academics and administration, I consider myself eligible to continue as Chairperson for Epilepsy subsection. I have certain objectives and ideas for improving epilepsy related treatment practices in country and also for increasing awareness among PWE in the country. I wish this subsection to grow more to a higher level and surpass the standards of international epilepsy forums for better care for people of my country.