

Dr. Ashok Johari



Dr. Ashok N. Johari is a Paediatric Orthopaedic and Spine surgeon based in Mumbai.

After a brilliant post-graduate career in orthopaedics, Dr Johari started specializing in pediatric orthopaedics since early 1980s. He had further exposure in this field in Japan, England, France, USA & the then USSR. He started a pediatric orthopaedic unit at one of Mumbai's medical colleges in end 1985 and then went on for specialized pediatric orthopaedic practice including pediatric disabilities, limb and spinal deformities in addition to routine pediatric orthopaedics.

Dr. Johari was the President (2005 – 2011) and Founder Secretary (1994 – 2001) of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of India (POSI). He spearheaded the growth and development of this specialty in India through the POSI. He has also been the President of the Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOA) in 2010 and his term was marked by a resurgence of interest in academics and better patient care with a number of initiatives. As the 2nd President of the Indian Academy of Cerebral Palsy (IACP) between 2008 to 2011, he placed the Academy on a firm footing and spread

the awareness of neuro-developmental disabilities in the country through the celebration of Cerebral Palsy Day since 2010. He continues on the Board of Directors of IACP. Dr. Johari was also the President of the Asia Pacific Knee Society (APKS) between 2012 and 2014. He is the Vice President and on the Board of Directors for SICOT, the International Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology. He is the National Delegate for SICOT, and is also the Chairman of its Education Council. His tenure as the National Delegate marked India as the nation with the highest membership in SICOT as well as being its most active branch. Dr. Johari was the President for the very first SICOT World Congress held in India in October 2013, Scientific Chairman for the ISPO World Congress held in Feb. 2013 and Congress President of the Asia Pacific Knee Society Congress held in 2012. He also organised the Asia Pacific Childhood Disability Update in 2005. He is the Organising Chairman for the APPOS biennial meeting in Goa in 2017 and Secretary for the World Congress of Neurorehabilitation in Mumbai in 2018. Dr. Johari is also on the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Trauma World Association (OTWA) and is the President Elect of the Asia Pacific Paediatric Orthopaedic Society (APPOS).

Dr. Johari has a number of distinctions, fellowships, awards and numerous papers and publications to his credit. He has many book chapters and is Chief Editor for the series on 'Current Progress in Orthopaedics' of which the first volume was released in 2014 and the second in 2016. He has conducted many workshops on paediatric orthopaedics, spinal deformities, cerebral palsy, spasticity management, and use of botulinum and on surgery in Cerebral Palsy. He is a fellow member of the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine and is an Active Fellow of the Scoliosis Research Society (SRS) and was awarded its prestigious International Traveling Fellowship. He is also the national representative for SRS.

Dr Johari has the distinction of being the Editor in Chief of the prestigious international journal, the Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics (B) for a decade now and is on the Editorial and Reviewer Boards of many others international journals.

Dr. Johari is the Program Director of paediatric fellowships run at his centre. His current research interests include use of Botulinum in the second decade and below the age of 3 years, surgery in neglected Cerebral Palsy patients and spinal deformities in the growing spine. He is a faculty much in demand at various national and international conferences and programs in all parts of the world like the Bernese Hip Symposium in Switzerland or the International Pediatric Orthopaedic Symposium in the US, the British Society for Children's Orthopaedics Current Concepts Course and the Middle East Paediatric Orthopaedic Society's Annual Meeting and Course.

Dr. Johari was awarded the FRCS from the London College and also honored as a Fellow of the prestigious National Academy of Medical Sciences of India and as a Hon. Fellow of the Slovak Orthopaedic and Trauma Society.