

Dr. Shilin N. Shukla Medical Oncology Oration Award - 2023

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programs. Research projects, clinical trials gave them extra skills in documentations and human relationships. Ongoing public awareness programs and cancer camps were the great experiences for them. Mock remedial examinations removed fears and weak points improving preparations for their final exams. Teachers were guardians taking care of their aspirations, needs, entertainment, celebrations of achievements and life events. GCRIans wherever they are, remain in close contact with each other as a proud GCRI family! We feel proud and satisfied when we see their presence at prestigious conferences and publications as experts and subject authorities.

It is an honour for me to be awarded with Dr. Shilin N Shukla, Medical Oncology Oration. I dedicate my talk to my beloved teachers - Padmashri Dr. Pankaj M. Shah, Dr. Kirti M. Patel and Late Dr. Shilin N. Shukla. During my journey at GCRI from 1980 to 1982 as a MD Student and 1983 to 2013 as faculty, I received training, love, bonding, motivation, guidance, assignments, support and faith from all of them.

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