**Special interest group meeting on Osteoarthritis.**

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**Dec. 3, 2017 9:00 to 10:30 AM**

We welcome you all to the Special Interest Group meeting on Osteoarthritis at IRACON 2017. This is the first time that this special interest group will meet at IRACON. The purpose of this meeting would be to join hands with people interested in OA so that research in OA could be advanced. The following 3 topics will be discussed, and one or more topics will be taken up for collaborative research:

1. Epidemiology of Osteoarthritis and the risk factors. An update on risk factors for incident and progressive knee OA and their perception would be discussed. The discussion would be started by Prof. Arvind Chopra, who would speak for 10 minutes and then there will be a discussion for 20 minutes.

2. Early Osteoarthritis. Need for Diagnosis of Early Knee and Hand OA. Definition of early OA. Diagnosis of Early OA. Establishment of cohorts of early OA to be followed long term to establish efficacy of drugs that may produce disease modification. The discussion will be started by Prof. Siddharth Kumar Das for 10 minutes and then there will be a discussion for 20 minutes.

3. SNP and GWAS studies on OA. The discussion would be started by Prof. George Nuki. He will present a summary and discussion of some of the results and ongoing work being done by his Edinburgh colleagues who have been involved in the arcOGEN GWAS (10 minutes). This will be followed by a discussion for 20 minutes.

Delegates who attend this special group meeting may like to join hands for collaborative research projects which will be discussed.

Prof. Siddharth Kumar Das, Facilitator

Dr. Urmila Dhakad, Rapporteur

Dr. Pooja Dhaon, Rapporteur

Dr. Ragini Srivastava, Rapporteur