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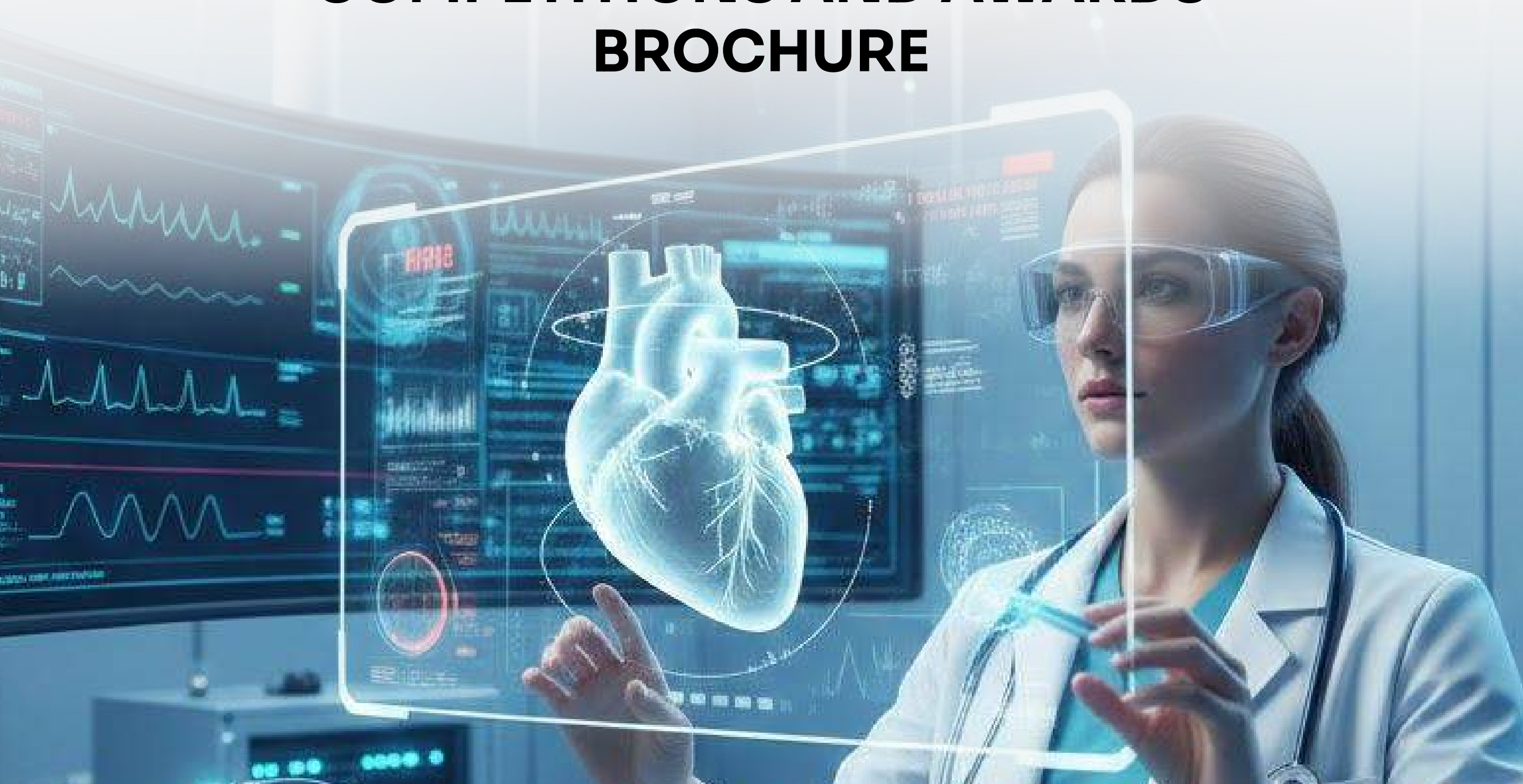
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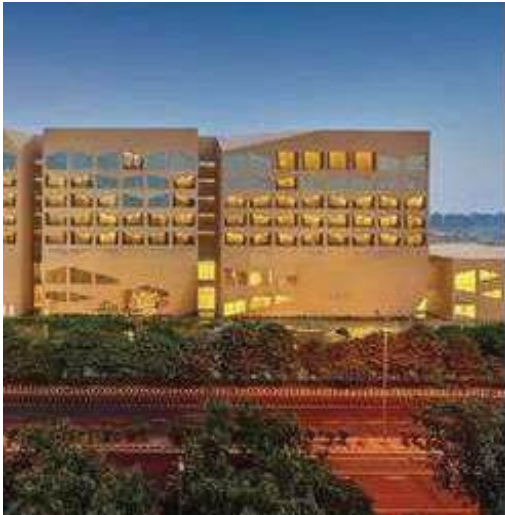
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THEME: BEST PRACTICES IN  
HEALTHCARE

2015



**BENGALURU**  
THEME: QUALITY BEYOND  
ACCREDITATION

2016



**DELHI**  
THEME: MONITOR, MEASURE  
& IMPROVE

2017



**CHENNAI**  
THEME: TIMELY  
INTERVENTION IS KEY  
TO QUALITY

2018



**MUMBAI**  
THEME: HEALTHCARE  
QUALITY SHOULD  
IMPACT OUTCOME

2019



**PANDEMIC PERIOD**  
THEME: PERIOD OF GROWTH  
WITH VARIOUS INITIATIVES  
ON PATIENT SAFETY

2020-21



**KOCHI**  
THEME: BUILDING CULTURE  
OF SAFETY IN HEALTHCARE

2022



**HYDERABAD**  
THEME: LEADERSHIP IS THE KEY  
TO QUALITY

2023



**KOLKATA**  
THEME: MAKING HEALTHCARE  
EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE,  
ECONOMICAL & EQUITABLE

2024



**DELHI**  
THEME: ENHANCING QUALITY  
THROUGH COLLABORATION-  
TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE  
TOGETHER

2025



**CHENNAI**  
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TRUST - THE NEW  
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# GLIMPSES FROM CAHOCON 2025





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# YOUNG QUALITY ACHIEVER AWARD

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To recognize and encourage outstanding achievements of professionals who have contributed to the sphere of healthcare quality.

## Selection Criteria

- Age less than 45yrs
- Substantial work in the field of healthcare quality
- Research publication in the field of healthcare quality
- Change management in healthcare quality
- Life Member of CAHO



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# QUALITY CHAMPION AWARD

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To recognize outstanding individuals who have demonstrated significant contributions to healthcare quality.

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# PAPER PRESENTATION COMPETITION

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## ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION FOR PAPER PRESENTATION

- Name of the project / title (max 30 words)
- Introduction / background (max 100 words)
- Aim / objective (max 100 words)
- Study design / methodology (max 100 words)
- Results (max 100 words)
- Discussion / findings (max 300 words)
- Conclusion (max 150 words)
- Upload any supporting documents (word / pdf) (less than 2mb)

## SUBMISSION CATEGORIES:

- Clinical
- Nursing
- General & Support
- Student categories



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# VIDEO PRESENTATION COMPETITION

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## SUBMISSION FORMAT

- Duration of the Video: 2 – 3Min
- Title (30 Words)
- Introduction (200 Words)
- Upload Video link with accessible visibility(Youtube / Vimeo)



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# BEST RESEARCH PUBLICATION IN QUALITY

Submissions Are Open For Articles Authored And Published Within The Time Frame Of 2022–2025 In Both National And International Journals.

**LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION EXTENDED TO:**

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## SUBMISSION FORMAT

- Title (30 Words)
- Introduction (200 Words)
- Upload the Supporting Journal Publication Link and Corresponding PDF (Max 2 MB)

**The research papers that were awarded in the previous CAHOCON should not be submitted**



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# BEST CLINICAL AUDITS

Submissions Are Open For Clinical Audits On Structure, Process And Outcomes Conducted Within The Time Frame Of 2022–2025.

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## SUBMISSION FORMAT

- Title (30 words)
- Reason for Choice of Audit (150 words)
- Criteria (150 words)
- Standards set and Rationale (150 words)
- Preparation & Planning (150 words)
- Methodology (150 words)
- Inclusion / Exclusion Criteria (150 words)
- Data Collection (150 words)
- Findings (300 words)
- Recommendations (150 words)
- Follow-up & Evaluation of Change (150 words)
- Impact of Audit (150 words)
- Conclusion (150 words)



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# FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR HOSPITALS

To Recognize Hospitals That Have Implemented Exemplary Practices In Ensuring Fire Safety Within Their Facilities.

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## APPLICATION FORMAT

- Fire & life safety framework training & competency initiatives innovative measures & technologies budget allocation & projects emergency communication methods fire incidents overview
- Preventive measures overview performance indicators inspection & audits
- Best practices implementation and awards won passive fire protection

**Application Fees : INR 10000 Inclusive Of 18% GST**



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# SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

To Recognise Hospitals That Have Adopted Exemplary Practices In Ensuring And Promoting Sustainability Within Their Facilities.

## APPLICATION FORMAT : HOSPITAL SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

### I. Environment

- Environmental Management System
- Energy Consumption & Carbon Footprint Reduction
- Waste Management
- Waste Conservation
- Single use plastic management

### III. Governance

- Leadership and Commitment
- Ethical Practices and Compliance
- Transparency and Accountability
- Information security and data privacy

### II. Social

- Patient Care and Safety
- Employee Well-being and Development
- Community Health and Engagement
- Accessibility and Equity

### IV. Supply Chain Management

- Environmental and social practices in suppliers

Application Fees : INR 10000 Inclusive Of 18% GST

Last Date Of Submission: 15<sup>TH</sup> February, 2026



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# NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY CHAMPION AWARD

(NIRMALA DEVI ENDOWMENT PRIZE)

Honouring Courage, Commitment, And Care

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## Submission Format

- Brief Profile Of The Nominee
- Description Of The Patient Safety / Life-Saving Action
- Additional Information Supporting The Nomination

## Awards And Recognition

- The Winner Will Receive A Cash Prize Of INR 10,000 Along With CAHO Training Sponsorship Up To INR 10,000,
- The Runner-Up Will Receive CAHO Training Sponsorship Up To INR 5,000.

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## IDEA-A-THON 2026

*(Innovate, Inspire & Impact)*

### ● Have an idea that can change healthcare?

This is your platform! Your idea could be the next big breakthrough!

An exciting Idea-A-Thon designed to identify innovative, practical, and scalable solutions to real-world problems.

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#### Who Can Participate

- Teams of 2 members
- Health care professionals and students

#### What You Need to Do

- Choose a problem from the exhibited problem statements
- Translate your innovative idea into a PPT
- Submit via QR Code

#### Problem Statements

- How can we eliminate delays in patient care?
- How can we do more with fewer healthcare resources?
- How can we build real accountability in health care teams?
- How can patients become true partners in safety?
- How can we get clinicians to truly adopt EMRs?

- How can medication errors be driven to zero?
- How can we close communication gaps in care delivery?

#### Evaluation Process

- Initial Screening by subject experts
- Shortlisting of top ideas
- Virtual Presentation by shortlisted teams
- Finalist at CAHOCON 2026

#### Grand Finale

- Finalists will present at CAHOCON 2026
- Top 3 winners will be awarded



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# YOUNG CLINICIAN LEADER IN QUALITY & PATIENT SAFETY

(Dr. Joseph Fidelis Memorial Award)

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# MEMES. COMPETITION

**Because Healthcare Messages Can Be Funny Too!**

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## Guidelines

- \* Day-to-day healthcare scenarios are encouraged
- \* Content must be professional with good humour
- \* Entries are limited to English only
- \* Offensive, discriminatory, or unprofessional content will be disqualified
- \* Memes should be creative and imaginative

## Submission Format

- \* A4 size page
- \* High-resolution image preferred
- \* Clip art/ graphical images are acceptable. Avoid hospital name/logo/real images/patient images

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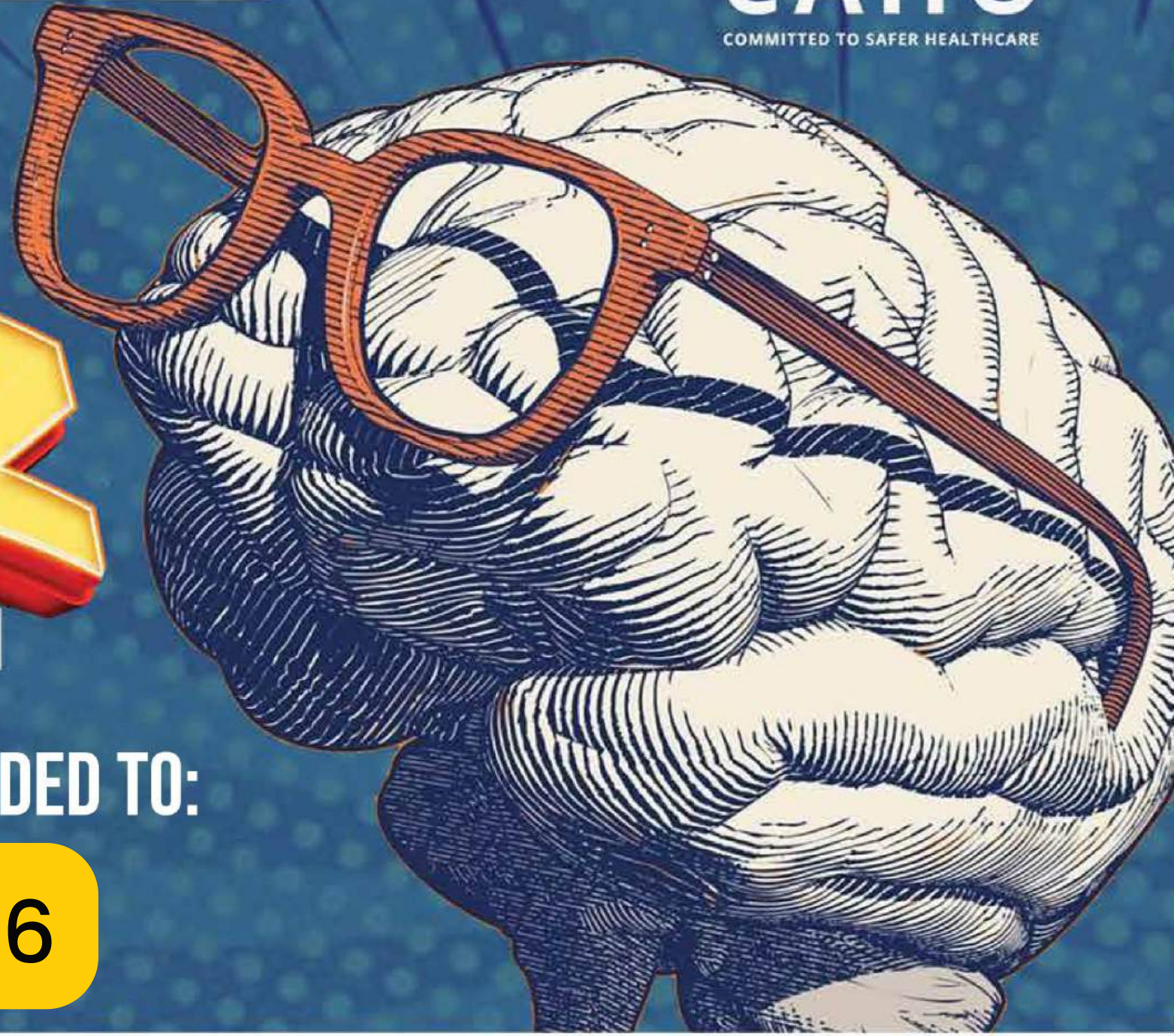
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# QUIZ

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### Round-1

**Preliminary Round**  
**KAHOOT** (TEAM BASED)

2 Per Team  
Top Scorers Qualify for Round-2

### Round-2

**Intermediate Round**  
**KAHOOT** (TEAM BASED)

2 Per Team  
Selected Participants Qualify to Final Round

### Round -3

**Final Round**

Live Quiz at CAHOCON  
Winners will be awarded in CAHOCON 2026

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**to participate**



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| CAHO Membership Status<br>/ Registration Options           | CAHO / ISQUA /<br>ASQUA Member | Non-<br>Member | Student |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| CAHOCON CONFERENCE<br>(11 & 12 April 2026)                 | \$60                           | \$100          | \$50    |
| BANQUET DINNER<br>(11 April 2026)                          |                                |                |         |
| CAHOCON CONFERENCE<br>(11 & 12 April 2026)                 |                                |                |         |
| BANQUET DINNER<br>(11 April 2026)                          | \$85                           | \$125          | \$75    |
| PRE-CONFERENCE<br>WORKSHOP (CHOOSE ONE)<br>(10 April 2026) |                                |                |         |

### INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES (REST OF THE WORLD)

| CAHO Membership Status<br>/ Registration Options           | CAHO / ISQUA /<br>ASQUA Member | Non-<br>Member | Student |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| CAHOCON CONFERENCE<br>(11 & 12 April 2026)                 | \$150                          | \$200          | \$100   |
| BANQUET DINNER<br>(11 April 2026)                          |                                |                |         |
| CAHOCON CONFERENCE<br>(11 & 12 April 2026)                 |                                |                |         |
| BANQUET DINNER<br>(11 April 2026)                          | \$175                          | \$225          | \$125   |
| PRE-CONFERENCE<br>WORKSHOP (CHOOSE ONE)<br>(10 April 2026) |                                |                |         |

- \*Early bird discount applicable till 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026: 5% discount
- \*More than 3 Delegates: 10% Discount on Registration
- \*Registration is non-refundable.
- \*Pre-conference workshops will be held at various hospitals of Chennai.



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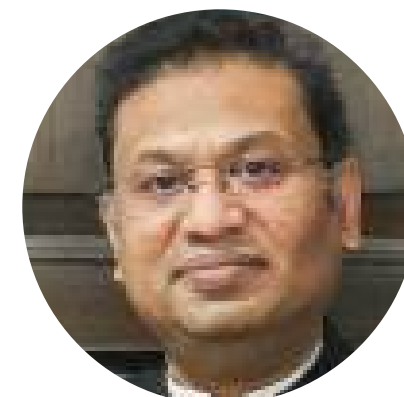
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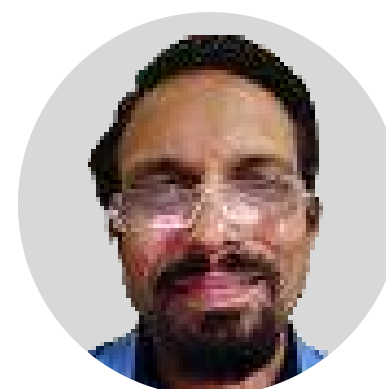
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