

## **A Tribute to Dr V.V. Joshi**

(1936 to 2023)

By

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Dr VV Joshi was born in Poona ,now Pune on 10 March 1936. He completed MBBS from BJ Medical College Poona in 1959 and MD Pathology from Grant Medical College Bombay in 1962.He did his Residency in Virginia from 1965 to 1968 and PhD from West Ontario University Ontario Canada in 1970.

Dr VV Joshi returned to India in 1970 and served in 2 prestigious Indian Medical Institutions namely PGIMER Chandigarh and Seth G.S. Medical College and KEM Hospital from 1970 to 1980.

He went back to the US and was certified by the American Board of Pathology Anatomic Pathology and the American Board of Pathology Pediatric Pathology and was the Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists .He was the Clinical Professor of Pathology Medical College of Virginia .Hartford Hospital Connecticut USA and the Director of Pediatric Pathology. He was also the Prof of Pathology and the Clinical Prof of Pediatrics East Carolina University School of Medicine Greenville . Director of Pediatric Pathology Children's Hospital New Jersey USA

Dr VV Joshi a world famous Pediatric Pathologist was intelligent .erudite a teacher with a crystal clear and crisp delivery .a Researcher .Educator .Pathologist and a Visionary all rolled into one with a stupendous achievement in the Pathology and Academic space and sphere.He was highly respected and revered and loved by all Pathologists.His mission and passion was to develop Pathology in India.teach Pathology and share his knowledge .wisdom .experience and expertise.

He was a Diagnostician, Pediatric Pathologist, Researcher and Educator par excellence having seen Pathology at close quarters with a first hand experience of Pathology in India and the Western world.

He was instrumental along with my friend Dr Megha Joshi to start AIPNA and launch the International CME in Surgical Pathology held annually. He was also responsible for a huge grant by USAID to KEM Hospital Pune for Research. He has been invited as a Faculty all over the globe and in different parts of India including my home state Goa. His talks always carry a lasting memory and enhance knowledge. He also inaugurated the APPI (Association of Pediatric Pathologists of India in Chennai in 2020. Many Indian Pathologists have been trained by him. His massive Research is in Pediatric tumors, Wilms tumors, Neuroblastoma , Electron Microscopy, Congenital anomalies .Inborn errors of metabolism .immune disorders. Autoimmune diseases . placenta .AIDS in children. He was also associated with.NIV and NIH USA.

Dr Megha Joshi interviewed Dr VV Joshi sometime back which is published. She spells out the other side of Dr VV Joshi his interest in liberal arts . Marathi literature . Indian classical music . Western classical music Orchestra conducted by Zubin Mehta . ice hockey . He loved his walks and kept his mind alert with meditation . He is truly a Role Model and Inspiration to all Pathologists

The last time I listened to his talk was at the CME and Conference of the Association of Pediatric Pathologists of India held at Tata Memorial Hospital Mumbai on August 13 th .14 th and 15th August 2022. This was an online virtual presentation from USA by Dr VV Joshi .

He will be sorely missed.

We all learnt a lot from this stalwart and legend.

My sincere Condolences to his family

I am sure you will be doing Pediatric Pathology and Academics in Heaven above  
RIP the Soul of Dr VV Joshi

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