

**St John's Medical College Hospital**  
**St John's Unit of Hope Center for Children with Special**  
**Needs Department of Paediatrics**  
**Indian Academy of Paediatrics Fellowship In Developmental and Behavioural Paediatrics**  
**2024-25**

The Department of Paediatrics is pleased to announce a one-year **Fellowship Training Program in Developmental and Behavioural Paediatrics under the Aegis of The Indian Academy of Paediatrics, Chapter of Neurodevelopmental Paediatrics** at The Unit of Hope, St. John's Center for Children with Special Needs, St. John's Medical College Hospital.

**Introduction to the Unit of Hope.**

The Unit of Hope was established over 20 years ago by a group of committed doctors across specialties, supported by the management to provide comprehensive multidisciplinary care for children with special needs at a single point of care. This center caters not only to medical and healthcare needs, but also provides early intervention, guidance on education, empowerment and assists with social aspects of care and support to the individual child and family, aimed to optimize the function and potential of the child with special needs. The Unit has had approximately 8000 consultation visits across the various specialties and therapy services in 2023 with over 4200 patients registered since the start of services.

The multidisciplinary team includes faculty with expertise in Developmental Paediatrics, Pediatric Orthopedics, Child Psychology, Child Psychiatry, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, ENT, Ophthalmology, Audiology, Speech and Language therapy, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Special Education, Pediatric Genetics, Medico Social work and Community Medicine. Children across the spectrum of neurodevelopmental and behavioural disorders, genetic disorders with neurodisabilities, sensory and motor impairments and multiple disabilities are provided medical evaluation, detailed assessments, counseling, therapy services and interventions, either on Outpatient or Inpatient basis. Followup and monitoring of functional progress with focus on age related needs and services is an essential component of this comprehensive care. Early intervention and therapy with an individualized approach is an important component of the Unit. An outreach clinic extends services and care to Special Needs children at the College community center in Mugulur.

The Unit of Hope conducts trainings through CMEs, Workshops, Conferences, and Integrated Clinics for undergraduate and postgraduate medical, nursing and paramedical students within and outside the institution, healthcare workers in the Community, Primary Care Physicians and

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Practicing Professionals both at the Regional and National level. Research projects across disciplines in the subject and related fields are ongoing and part of the academic goal linked to improving outcome and /or prevention.

### **Fellowship Training Program**

The Fellowship Training Program in Developmental and Behavioural Paediatrics is a **one-year full time training program** under the Department of Paediatrics. The training includes exposure to both the outpatient and inpatient services at the Unit of Hope Center and St. John's Medical College Hospital, where children with developmental concerns are admitted for evaluation and management. The programme will enable the IAPNDP Trainee to acquire the necessary skills and competencies to appropriately assess, evaluate, diagnose, counsel, manage, monitor and follow up children with developmental and behavioural disorders with opportunities to interact with team faculty and understand needs of long term care required for the child and family. The Fellow will also follow institutional and department protocols for Fellowship programs including on call duties, subject related teaching and participation in unit/ departmental activities.

### **Eligibility: as per the IAP NDP Chapter Criteria.**

Please check [www.iapndp.org](http://www.iapndp.org) for details and application.

**Selection of Candidates will be through the IAP ICP Common Entrance Test and counselling.**

DCH / MD/DNB Paediatrics.

**Post:** Full time trainee as a Senior Resident under Department of Paediatrics

**Stipend:** As per SJMC scales for fellowship students,  
Rs 37,000.

**Hostel Accommodation on Campus is subject to availability only.**


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**Course starts 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

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