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## **Track III – Biostatistics & Clinical Data Management Speakers Profile**

# Vishnu Narayanan, B.Tech, PMP



**Vishnu Narayanan, B.Tech, PMP**  
**Head of India Biostatistics &  
Statistical Programming**

- Vishnu has 15+ years experience in the Healthcare/Life Sciences industry. He is currently working as a Senior Director in Covance India and heads the Biostatistics and Statistical Programming group. He started his career as a Software/Clinical Programmer and has played diverse roles like leading the account delivery for multiple Pharma-CRO engagements and leading a Managed Services group in India for a large Healthcare IT Organization. He is an engineer by academic qualification and is also certified as a Project Management Professional from PMI and as a Six Sigma Black Belt from KPMG.

# Sowmyanarayan Srinivasan, Managing Director



**Sowmyanarayan Srinivasan,  
Managing Director  
Life Sciences, Accenture**

- Sowmya is an accomplished Life Sciences Executive with over 20 years of business experience and extensive leadership in driving new platforms and competencies, domain intensive engagements and product management for both large and start up organizations in the Life Sciences industry.
- Sowmya in his current role is the Industry Lead for Life Sciences in Accenture. In this role he is responsible for bringing the best of technology to bear on industry problems and trends.
- He has been associated with industry forums like DIA, SCDM, Pistoia Alliance and tranSMART Foundation

# Raghavendra Kalmadi

M.Sc. (Medical Biochemistry) from Manipal University



**Senior Director, Data Management  
IQVIA, Bangalore**

- Medical Biochemist with 20 years of experience across basic research, academics and clinical research industry.
- He has extensive experience in leading DM team serving large, medium, small pharma and biotech companies across different engagement models like FSP, Full Service and Standalone DM services.
- He has been instrumental in setting up teams for niche services, driving innovations, developing and enhancing skillsets of data managers.
- He is passionate about driving operational excellence through use of new and emerging technologies.
- He is an avid reader, with interests in areas of financial planning and farming.



# Dr. Suresh Neelakantan

## Senior statistical programmer



**Senior statistical programmer in  
Covance, Bangalore**

I have been in the CRO Industry for around 10 years with overall 12 years of corporate experience. I am PhD in Biotechnology, Masters in Biochemistry and PGD in Bioinformatics. I have specifically around 7 years of Clinical SAS programming experience in clinical data analysis using SAS statistical analysis software. Currently working as Senior statistical programmer in Covance, Bangalore.

# Dr Niraj Vyas

## Assistant General Manager



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Assistant General Manager

- Dr Niraj Vyas is the Assistant General Manager, Life Sciences at TCS responsible for providing centralized clinical operations and innovative platform solutions.
- He has over 18 years of experience in the biopharmaceutical industry, managing cardiac safety and centralized clinical monitoring operations.
- In his last role at Quintiles (IQVIA), he was Director Medical data review. He has graduated in medicine from Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital in Mumbai.

# Debjit Chakrabarti

## Director, Centralized Monitoring Services, IQVIA



**Debjit Chakrabarti**  
**Director, Centralized**  
**Monitoring Services, IQVIA**

- Global Professional with proven technical, leadership and management experience in a career spanning nearly 13 years in the landscape of Clinical Data Management and Risk based monitoring
- Currently leading a team of 200+ Centralized Monitoring staffs across 150+ projects in the space of Risk based Monitoring as an Operations Delivery Head
- Experience in RBM process design/implementation, setting up and running large scale CM Operations and account/customer management
- Experience in handling People management, Talent development & Recruitment, Training & Mentoring, Customer Relationship, Project Finance, Operations Management, Process & Operations excellence in driving multiple Lean Six Sigma Projects through continuous process improvements & innovations as part of Delivery Operations

# Sachin Tonapi

## MBA, CCDM



**Sachin Tonapi, MBA, CCDM**  
**Executive Director and Head of**  
**India Clinical Data Management**  
**Covance India**

- ▶ Over 16 years of experience in Clinical Data Management, leading global DM teams serving large, medium, small pharma and biotech companies across different engagement models like FSP, Full Service and Standalone DM services.
- ▶ In the current role as Executive Director, Head of Clinical Data Management India at Covance he leads the CDM team in India and also leads the Global Clinical Data Operations Team.
- ▶ He is the current Co-Chair for ISCR Council for DM-MW-BIOS
- ▶ He is a Certified Clinical Data Manager from SCDM and Certified Six Sigma Green Belt
- ▶ He has been associated with industry forums like ISCR, DIA and SCDM





# A.V.Prabhakar, PhD (Statistics) | Gujarat University Novartis



**Group Head, Clinical  
Database  
Development,  
Reporting & Analytics  
Novartis**

- Prabhakar is currently working with Novartis as Group Head, Clinical Database Development, Reporting & Analytics.
- Has more than 22 years of Clinical Research experience.
- Worked in CROs/Pharma- Torrent, Lambda Therapeutic Research, Quintiles & Novartis.
- He is part of SCDM India Steering Committee.
- Published more than 15 articles in National & International journals.
- He has presented & chaired sessions at several National & International conferences.
- Underwent 3-TP Middle Management Development Program at IIM Ahmedabad & Leadership Workshop at IIM Bangalore.



**Pavan Kumar KP**  
**Associate Manager**  
**Statistics, Programming and**  
**Data Sciences-India**  
**GSK Asia Private Ltd.**

## **Pavan Kumar KP**

### **Associate Manager**

- I'm based out of Bangalore. I have overall 9+ years' experience in clinical domain. I have done Masters in Information Technology from Sikkim Manipal University and Bachelors in Computer Science from Bangalore University.
- Currently I'm working in GSK as an Associate Manager for a Biostats team. Prior to GSK I worked in different organization like Bioclnica, Parexel, Quintles and Accenture. Worked in different areas like Edit Check Programming, SDTM, ADAM and TLF. Worked in different Therapeutic areas like Respiratory, Cardiovascular, Infectious Diseases...
- Apart from programming I Involved in other activities like Project Management activities, Training, Mentoring and Recruitment.

# Gaurab Chakraborty, Senior Director



**Gaurab Chakraborty**  
**Senior Director Statistical**  
**Programming**  
**Covance FSPx**

- Gaurab brings close to 15 years' experience in a variety of roles within Biostatistics and Programming teams.
- Gaurab holds Bachelor degree in Statistics and Masters in Computers. He joined Covance in early 2010; prior to joining Covance, he was working with GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals.
- In his current role, Gaurab is responsible for statistical programming in Covance FSPx group in India.
- Gaurab is a CDISC enthusiast and one of the founding members of Asia-Pacific Coordination Committee of CDISC (AP3C). He has made several presentations in industry and academia including few at CDISC Asia-Pacific & Japan Interchanges, and PhUSE SDEs.
- He is also actively involved in training people on data standards.

# Venkatesh Krishnamurthy, Associate Director, Covance



**Venkatesh Krishnamurthy,  
Associate Director,  
Statistical Programming  
Covance India**

- Venkat is Associate Director of Statistical programming Covance India where he spearheads a large group comprising of senior managers, managers and stat programmers for multiple sponsors within FSP portfolio.
- He holds Engineering degree and also a certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt professional. He has overall 19 years of experience, including 13 years in Clinical industry, specifically within the Biometrics department. He has spent the past 7 years in Management role involving program management, people & resourcing strategy and designing effective statistical programming solutions for different FSP clients.
- He started his career as a Software Engineer and then moved to Pharma/Clinical Industry around 2005 and has worked for Pharma

# Dr Shanmugavel S Sundaram, Manager, Statistical Programming



Dr Shanmugavel S Sundaram,  
Manager, Statistical Programming  
Chiltern Clinical Research

- Dr Shanmugavel S Sundaram is a Veterinarian by profession and a very thoughtful leader focused on Innovation in Healthcare.
- He is currently managing a team of statistical programmers from Covance, Bangalore focused on delivering good quality CDISC compliant data to sponsors based in Europe.
- He has been associated with the clinical research data analytics spanning over 11 years.
- His major focus is on delivering clinical data compliant with CDISC standards of SEND, SDTM, ADaM, TLF, define.xml (SDTM/ADaM), cSDRG and nSDRG. He has active participation in CDISC and PhUSE deliberations and have presented in forums. He has participated in many ISS and ISE submissions.

# Sarvesh Singh Vice President



Sarvesh Singh  
**Vice President**  
ICON Clinical Research

- Sarvesh Singh is **Vice President** for Data Management group in ICON Clinical Research. In his current role he has oversight APAC DM team spread across India, China, Japan. He is also on **PhUSE Board of Directors** representing APAC. As APAC Regional Director of PhUSE, his primary responsibility is to deliver high quality events to advance PhUSE's learning and network opportunities for APAC Data Scientists. He organizes 8 PhUSE events in APAC every year (4 in India, 2 in China, 2 in Japan). He has also been on the **scientific committee and judging panel of CONSPIC** organized by **IASCT (Indian Association of Statistics in Clinical Trials)** for two years in 2015,2016. He is also on SCDM India Steering Committee and has been Chair for SCDM Single Day Event as well as Session Chair in SCDM India Annual Conference.
- Apart from working in India he has also lived and worked in USA and Netherlands for close to 5 years. He completed his MBA from Rotterdam School of Management (Netherlands) and M.Sc. in Statistics from University of Delhi. He has decades of experience in the clinical industry across all phases of clinical trials managing Biometrics (Data Management, Clinical Programming and Biostatistics).

# Swetha Medari

## Statistical Programmer 2



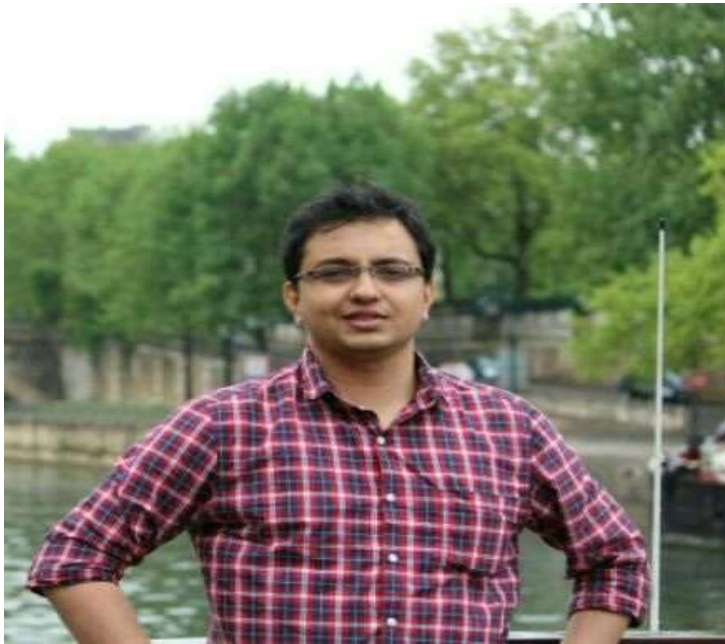
**Swetha Medari**  
**Statistical Programmer 2**  
**GRIDDS Center of Excellence**  
**Biostatistics**  
**IQVIA**

- Swetha has over 9 years of experience in life science industry including Data Management & Biostatistics and completed Masters in Electronics.
- Working currently in IQVIA as Statistical Programmer for Graphical Review Interface for Dynamic Data services Centre of Excellence.
- Started as a Clinical report programmer and involved in different roles as Senior programmer, SME and JReview Administrator



# Nimit Mohan

## Statistical Programmer



Nimit has over 5 years of experience in Healthcare/Life Sciences industry. He started his career with IQVIA and is currently working as a Statistical Programmer for Biostatistics and Statistical Programming group at IQVIA. He is an engineer by qualification, an avid reader and an enthusiastic traveler

**Nimit Mohan**  
Statistical Programmer  
GRIDDS Center of Excellence  
Biostatistics  
IQVIA



# Deven Babre

## Director, Clinical Data Management



Dr Deven Babre  
Director  
**Cognizant**

- ▶ Deven Babre is Director, Digital Operations at Cognizant, responsible for supporting Clinical Data Management.
- ▶ He has over 20 years of experience in Clinical Data Management, Pharmacovigilance and Pharmaceutical Industry.
- ▶ In his previous role at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), he was Associate Vice President for CDM.
- ▶ Prior to TCS Deven has worked in managing Pharmacovigilance Operations at Sciformix and also has worked with esteemed organizations such as PharmNet/13, Quintiles, Wockhardt & TISS
- ▶ He is an Post-Graduate in Life Sciences from Mumbai University.
- ▶ He is associated with several charitable institutes. His association for 10 years with Diabetic Trust at Tarapur is worth mentioning.