



## DR. AMIT DHAKOJI

Head Of The Department and Consultant - Neuro Surgeon

### Qualification

MBBS | MS | M.Ch | Post Doctoral fellowship

### Overview

With an experience of 13 years in Neurosurgery, Dr. Amit Dhakoji is a highly skilled neurosurgeon in Baner Pune. An alumnus of the prestigious Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute, Trivandrum, he completed his medical graduation at the renowned KEM Hospital, Mumbai with three distinctions. After completing post-graduation in General Surgery at GMC, Nagpur as a merit holder, he was selected at a National Entrance Exam for the SCTIMST Neurosurgery program on the First Attempt. Completing his Neurosurgical Training, he pursued a 1 year Post Doctoral Fellowship in Cerebrovascular Surgery from SCTIMST, Kerala in the year 2011. He has worked at Central India Institute of Medical Sciences (CIIMS), Nagpur for 6 long years and established a comprehensive Epilepsy Surgery Unit. CIIMS, Nagpur is a 100 bedded dedicated Neurosciences Setup, one of its kind in Maharashtra and Dr. Dhakoji performed many Complex Neurosurgeries, Spine, Aneurysms, along with Epilepsy Surgeries. He visited Cleveland Clinic, Ohio for advanced Epilepsy Surgery Training under Prof. Gonzalez. His keen interest in Microvascular Anastomosis gave him the opportunity to visit various state-of-the-art, Medical Centers in Japan. He has successfully completed more than 300 Epilepsy Surgeries at various centers. In 2017, he came to Pune and was associated with Sahyadri Hospitals and Jupiter Hospital for 5 years before joining Manipal Hospital, Baner. His special interests are Awake Craniotomy, Complex and Eloquent Brain Tumors, Epilepsy Surgeries, Bypass Surgeries, and Deep Brain Stimulation.

### Fellowship & Membership

- Indo-Japanese Fellowship at Hiroshima and Fukushima University, Japan.
- Cerebrovascular Anastomosis Observership at Fukushima Medical University, Japan.
- Observership at Cleveland Clinic for Epilepsy Surgery and Stereo EEG, Ohio, Cleveland.
- Neurological Society of India (NSI).
- Indian Society of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery.
- Walter E Dandy Neurological Society.
- Member of AO Spine(Bronze).

### Field of Expertise

- Neurosurgery

- Epilepsy Surgery
- Cerebrovascular Surgery
- Spine Surgery
- Deep Brain Stimulation
- Awake Craniotomy
- Telovelar Approaches
- Minimally Invasive Skull Base Surgery
- Endoscopic Transnasal Pituitary Surgeries
- STA-MCA Bypass
- Aneurysms Intramedullary Spinal Tumours
- Craniovertebral Junction Surgeries
- C1-C2 Fixations

## Languages Spoken

- English
- Hindi
- Marathi
- Malayalam

## Awards & Achievements

- Best paper award at NSI Chapter Kerala 2009 held at Trivandrum for "Focal cortical dysplasia surgical challenges."

## Talks & Publications

- C.V. Gopalkrishnan, Amit Dhakoji, Suresh Nair, Adesh Shrivastava. Neurenteric cyst of the cerebellopontine angle with fetal type posterior circulation, Volume 20, Number 4, December 2010, Neurosurgery Quarterly.
- C.V. Gopalkrishnan, Amit Dhakoji, Suresh Nair, Mathew Abraham. Sudden Paraplegia in Anterior Communicating Artery Aneurysm Rupture: A Rare Presentation. November 2012 - Volume 22 - Issue 4 - p 245-248.
- C.V. Gopalkrishnan, Amit Dhakoji, Suresh Nair. Brainstem epidermoid cysts in children: Case-based update. J Child Neurol. 2012 Jan; 27(1):105-12.
- Amit Dhakoji, Gopalakrishnan CV, Suresh Nair. Hemimasticatory spasm following surgery for vestibular schwannoma. Movement Disorders Volume 26, Issue 14, pages 2481-2482, December 2011.
- Giant vertebral artery aneurysm presenting as hemiplegia cruciata; under review in The Neurologist. [Manuscript id NRL-11-59].
- Gopalakrishnan CV, Dhakoji A, Nair S, Menon G, Neelima R. A retrospective study of primary cerebellar glioblastoma multiforme in adults. J Clin Neurosci 2012 Dec; 19(12):1684-8.
- Gopalakrishnan CV, Dhakoji A, Menon G, Nair S. Factors predicting the need for cerebrospinal fluid diversion following posterior fossa tumor surgery in children Pediatr Neurosurg. 2012; 48(2):93-101.
- Gopalakrishnan CV, Amit Dhakoji, Suresh Nair. Spontaneous cervical epidural hematoma of idiopathic etiology: case report and review of the literature. J of Spinal Cord Cord Med 2012;35:113-117.
- Epilepsy Surgery: My Experience; was presented at the 6th Maharashtra Chapter of Neurological Surgeons, held at Kolhapur, Maharashtra.
- My Experience in Epilepsy Surgery -Finding Cure for the Curse presented at Epilepsy Forum, Organised by the 7th Maharashtra Chapter of Neurological Surgeons, held at Nashik, Maharashtra.
- Unruptured Intracranial Aneurysms - Management presented at Neurology CME, Association of Physicians India, Vidarbha Chapter, 2015, Nagpur.
- Complications in Epilepsy surgery: A Steep Learning Curve, presented at MCNS, Wardha, April 2022.
- Dr. Amit Dhakoji successfully performed a direct anastomosis surgery on an 8-year-old boy suffering from MoyaMoya disease covered in the media. [Click Here](#)
- Learn the secrets to a healthy ageing brain | Dr. Amit Dhakoji | India Times. [Click Here](#)
- Dr. Amit Dhakoji explains how Keyhole Surgeries are Less Invasive, causing Less Damage to the Brain | Manipal Hospitals Baner | ESKAL. [Click Here](#)

