

# DIA-KMTC MedTech Conference – 2026

Advancing Medical Technology from Innovation to Impact

Theme: Concept to Care – Safe, Smart, and Scalable MedTech

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## OVERVIEW

The DIA-KMTC MedTech Conference – 2026, to be held in Kerala in collaboration with the Kerala Medical Technology Consortium (KMTC), is a focused single track, two-day conference designed to address the rapidly evolving MedTech landscape in India and globally.

Building on the momentum of the DIA MedTech Conference 2025, this conference will bring together *regulators, industry leaders, innovators, clinicians, and academia* to discuss the end-to-end lifecycle of *Medical Devices, Digital Health Technologies, Diagnostics, Software as a Medical Device (SaMD), and Combination Products*.

The program will emphasize *quality, regulatory science, innovation enablement, clinical evidence, and market access*, with a strong focus on practical insights, policy alignment, and future-ready capabilities.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

### Learning Objectives

By attending this conference, participants will be able to:

- Understand current and emerging regulatory expectations for MedTech, SaMD, diagnostics, and combination products
- Gain clarity on clinical evidence, safety, performance, and lifecycle management requirements
- Explore digital transformation, AI-enabled MedTech, and data-driven decision-making
- Learn best practices in quality systems, risk management, and post-market surveillance
- Identify pathways to accelerate innovation while ensuring patient safety and compliance

### Key Priority Science Topics

DIA MedTech Conference 2026 will focus on priority science and regulatory domains critical to enabling quality-driven innovation and global market access for medical devices, in vitro diagnostics, combination products, and Software as a Medical Device (SaMD). Sessions are designed to address real-world regulatory expectations, compliance challenges, and execution best practices across highly regulated markets.

- Quality & Compliance Excellence
- Regulatory Pathways for Global Market Access
- Clinical Evidence & Performance Evaluation
- Risk, Safety & Human Factors Engineering
- Digital, Software & AI-Enabled Medtech
- Advanced Manufacturing & Export Readiness
- Business Insight, Leadership & Talent

Together, these topics deliver a structured, end-to-end learning experience, spanning science, regulation, manufacturing, and leadership, equipping MedTech stakeholders to build trusted, globally competitive products with patient safety at the core.

### Who Should Attend

The **DIA MedTech Conference 2026** is designed for professionals involved in the development, testing, regulation, and commercialization, and end users of medical devices, in vitro diagnostics, combination products, and Software as a Medical Device (SaMD).

- MedTech, Medical Device, and Diagnostics industry professionals
- Quality, Regulatory Affairs, Clinical, and R&D leaders
- Digital Health, SaMD, AI/ML solution developers
- Clinicians, biomedical engineers, and hospital technology leaders
- Start-ups, innovators, and MedTech entrepreneurs
- CDSCO and State regulatory stakeholders
- Academia, research institutions, and policy influencers.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE



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## AGENDA: Day 1, 21 May 2026; Thursday

8:00 – 8:45 AM **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

8:45 – 8:50 AM **Welcome Remarks from DIA [5 min]**

**Ashok Kumar Swain**, General Manager & Executive Director - DIA (India)

8:50 – 8:55 AM **Welcome Remarks from KMTC [5 min]**

**C. Padmakumar**, Special Officer, Kerala Medical Technology Consortium (KMTC)

8:55 – 9:10 AM **Meeting Opening Remarks by Program Chair [15 min]**

**Balagopal Chandrasekhar**, Chairman, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC)

9:10 – 9:25 AM **D1.KNA 1: Opening Keynote Address by USFDA [15 min]**

**Gregory Smith**, Country Director - FDA India - US Embassy, New Delhi

9:25 – 9:45 AM **D1.KNA 2: Opening Keynote Address [20 min]**

**B.V.R. Mohan Reddy**, Founder Chairman, Cyient Group. Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Hyderabad. Founder Director, T-Hub.

**9:45-11:15AM** **Session 1: Quality Leadership — Building Inspection-Ready, Scalable Compliance**

**Session Chair: Manoj A**, Independent Consultant, Former Vice President & Director - Global Product Development and Engineering, Terumo Penpol Pvt Ltd.

**Session Focus:** How to move from “audit preparation” to quality as a leadership system. Focus on ISO 13485 alignment, CAPA discipline, supplier controls, data integrity, design controls, and creating a culture where quality accelerates speed-to-market instead of slowing it down.

9:45-10:00 AM **S1.T1: Presentation: Redefining Quality: FDA's Alignment with ISO 13485 and Its Impact on Manufacturers [15 min]**

**Rupam Chaudhury**, Global Business Head, Medical, Lifesciences and Healthcare, L&T Technology Services (LTTS)

10:00-10:15AM **S1.T2: Presentation: Beyond compliance - Quality as a leadership system [15 min]**

**Sreejith Viswam**, Director- Innovation Enablers (RAQA, R&D Test Lab and R&D Operations), Stryker Global Technology Center, India

10:15-11:15AM **S1.T3: Panel Discussion [60 min]**

**Moderator: Manoj A**, Independent Consultant

**Panelists:** Speakers with the additional presence of

3. **Sarada Jayakrishnan**, General Manager - Quality, Terumo Penpol Pvt Ltd
4. **P. S. Chandranand, PhD**. WHO Prequalification Consultant. Director, Iqzyme Medtech Pvt. Ltd
5. **Srihariraju Manthena**, Service delivery Manager-BSI India Regulatory Services

11:15-11:45AM

**Tea / Coffee & Networking Break**

11:45-1:00PM

**Session 2: Safe & Sure - Clinical Evidence & Performance Evaluation**

**Session Chair: Satheesan B, MS, DNB, MCh (Surg Oncology).** Director, Malabar Cancer Centre (Postgraduate Institute of Oncology Sciences and Research)

**Session Focus:** What “good evidence” actually means—and how to generate it efficiently. Covers performance evaluation logic, clinical evidence expectations, endpoints, study design choices, and documentation that stands up to scrutiny—so you don’t over-invest where it doesn’t add value, or under-invest and get stuck.

11:45-12:00 PM

**S2.T1: Presentation: Changing paradigms in Clinical trials and validation of MedTech [15 min]**

**Anju Gopan, MBBS.** Director Medical Affairs, IQVIA

12:00-12:15 PM

**S2.T2: Presentation: Clinical Evaluation and Validation of Med Tech devices- Strengths and Challenges in India [15 min]**

**Atonu Dutta,** Founder and CEO, Neujin Solutions

12:15 – 1:00 PM

**S2.T3: Panel Discussion: Building Trust in MedTech - Ensuring Safety, Clinical Evidence, and Performance in India [45 min]**

**Moderator: Satheesan B,** Director, Malabar Cancer Centre

**Panelists:** Speakers with the additional presence of

3. **Vivek Ahuja, MBBS, MD,** EVP – Global Delivery Excellence, Strategy & Growth, Eversana
4. **E. Sreekumar, MVSc, PhD,** Directors, Institute of Advance Virology, Kerala
5. **Vijayakumar Manavalan, MBBS, MS, MCh (Surg Oncology),** Pro chancellor, Yenapoya university. Former Director of KIDWAI Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bangalore

1:00-2:00PM

**Lunch Break**

2:00-3:30PM

**Session 3: Navigating the AI Frontier in MedTech: From SaMD to AI-Driven Drug Development**

**Session Chair: Sridevi Nagarajan,** Founder & Director, AyusArogya Ltd. DIA Communities Chair for AI in Healthcare.

**Session Focus:** The global MedTech environment for medical AI has reached a decisive turning point. Topics addressed include SaMD classification under the EU AI Act and FDA guidance; AI applications in drug development and MedTech innovation; validation and lifecycle control for adaptive algorithms; cybersecurity obligations; post-market surveillance; and a multi-jurisdictional regulatory strategy spanning the FDA, EMA, MHRA, and CDSCO. A panel discussion covering the future of AI in MedTech and what it means for India.

2:00-2:15PM

**S3.T1: Presentation: The Regulatory Landscape in 2026 [15 min]**

**Sridevi Nagarajan** (Session Chair)

2:15-2:30PM

**S3.T2: Presentation: AI in Drug Development & MedTech Innovation [15 min]**

**Adarsh Srivastava,** Head of IVD Data Insights - Data, Analytics & Research, Roche, India

2:30-2:45PM

**S3.T3: Presentation: Validation, Cybersecurity & Lifecycle Control [15 min]**

**Jaydeep Ruparelia,** Founder and CEO, Infopercept

2:45-3:30PM

**S3.T4: Panel Discussion: Future of AI in Medtech [45 min]**

**Moderator: Sridevi Nagarajan**

**Panelists:** Speakers with the additional presence of

3. **Aseem Sahu,** Deputy Drug Controller (DDC), Medical Device Division, CDSCO (HQ), India
4. **Mohammed Y Safirulla K,** IAS, Director Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India and Director, IndiaAI Mission
5. **Rohit Philip,** Senior Program Consultant, KMTC
6. **MiRa Jacobs, PhD,** Head of Digital Health, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), UK – Virtual
7. **European Medicines Agency (EMA),** Europe – Virtual

3:30-4:00PM

**Tea/Coffee & Networking Break**

4:00-5:30PM

## Session 4: The Regulatory Maze: Mapping Pathways to India, EU, and US Market Access

**Session Chair:** Sinto Poullose, Director at IQZYME MEDTECH PVT. LTD

**Session Focus:** A practical navigation session on US FDA, EU MDR, and India's CDSCO regulatory routes—how to choose the right pathway, avoid common and avoidable delays, and build a regulatory strategy aligned with your product type, risk class, and target market timelines. Expect concrete do's and don'ts from real submissions, approval journeys, and market-entry playbooks across mature and emerging markets.

4:00-4:15PM

### S4.T1: Introduction to FDA CDRH and Medical Devices [15 min]

**Pooja Jani, MD, MPH**, Acting International Relations Specialist, US FDA India Office, US Embassy, New Delhi – virtual

4:15-4:30PM

### S4.T2: Keynote Presentation [15 min]

**Aseem Sahu**, Deputy Drug Controller (DDC), Medical Device Division, CDSCO (HQ)

4:30-5:30PM

### S4.T3: Panel Discussion [60 min]

**Moderator:** P.S. Chandranand, WHO Prequalification Consultant. Director, Iqzyme Medtech

**Panelists:** Speakers with the additional presence of

3. **Dr. K Sujith Kumar**, Drug Controller & State Licencing Authority, Kerala
4. **Sreejith Viswam**, Director- Innovation Enablers (RAQA, R&D Test Lab and R&D Operations), Stryker Global Technology Center, India
5. **Wil Vargas**, MEM, International Regulatory Policy Analyst, CDRH, US FDA - Virtual
6. **Stephanie Shedd**, RAC, CQA, International Regulatory Policy Analyst, CDRH, US FDA - Virtual
7. Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), UK – Virtual
8. European Medicines Agency (EMA), Europe – Virtual

5:30-5:45 PM

Day 1 Wrap Up

## AGENDA: Day 2, 22 May 2026; Friday

9:00 – 9:05 AM **Welcome & Recap of Day 1 – DIA [5 min]**

Program Chair / DIA

9:05 – 9:15 AM **D2.KNA 1: Keynote Address [10 min]**

**C. Palani Palaniappan, Ph.D**, CEO, Aridica Corporation, USA, **DIA Global Board of Directors**

9:15- 9:30 AM **D2. KNA 2: Keynote Address [15 min]**

**Mohammed Y Safirulla K**, IAS, Director, IndiaAI Mission. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India

**9:30-11:00AM**

### **Session 5: Creating a Business, Leadership & Talent Ecosystem for Global Medtech**

**Session Chair: Chetan Makam**, General Manager, Global Blood Solutions - Terumo Blood and Cell Technologies, and Managing Director & Board Chair - Terumo Penpol

**Session Focus:** Creating a Business, Leadership & Talent Ecosystem for Global Medtech is about building what works on the ground. This session looks at how leaders design systems that scale MedTech innovations in complex, regulated markets while hard wiring resilience into supply chains for medical plastics and electronics. We will explore how to architect robust RA/QA and clinical capabilities, enable fast, fact-based decisions under uncertainty, and orchestrate cross-functional teams that deliver consistently at global scale. We will also dig into building a services and talent ecosystem—attracting, growing, and retaining people who can think beyond products, partner deeply with suppliers, de-risk critical component and create an ecosystem into sustainable competitive advantage in MedTech.

9:30-09:45 AM

#### **S5.T1: Helping Build the Bio/MedTech/Life Sciences Ecosystem [15 min]**

**Susheela Branham K, PhD**, Scientist F, CEO, Bio Valley Incubation Council, , AMTZ Campus, Visakhapatnam

09:45-11:00AM

#### **S5.T2: Panel Discussion [75 min]**

**Moderator: Chetan Makam**, General Manager– Terumo BCT, and MD & Board Chair - Terumo Penpol

**Panelists:** Speakers with the additional presence of

2. **Dr Vibhav Garg**, President-Global Govt Affairs, Meril.
3. **Mrutyunjay Suar**, CEO at KIIT-TBI. Director General Industry-Institute-Innovation-Interface at KIIT University. Chairman of BCKIC.
4. **Thomas John**, Managing Director, Agappe Diagnostics Ltd

11:00-11:30AM

### **Tea/Coffee & Networking Break**

**11:30-1:00PM**

### **Session 6: 🌐 World Café: Breaking Barriers to Global Medtech Success**

**Session Chair: Rohit Philip**, Senior Program Consultant, Kerala Medical Technology Consortium

**Session Focus:** An outcome-led, structured discussion format to surface the real blockers across regulation, evidence, quality systems, digital trust, talent, and export readiness—and convert them into an actionable set of ecosystem recommendations. Less “panel talk,” more field intelligence + solutions capture.

11:30-12:30PM

#### **S6.T1: Activity [60 min]**

All delegates

12:30-1:00PM

#### **S6.T2: Presentation by each Facilitators [30 min]**

The Table Facilitators

1:00-2:00PM

### **Lunch Break**

**2:00-3:30PM**

### **Session 7: Manufacturing as the Secret Weapon- Advanced Manufacturing & Export Readiness**

**Session Chair: C. Padmakumar**, Special Officer, Kerala Medical Technology Consortium (KMTC)

**Session Focus:** Manufacturing maturity is a market access advantage. Covers process validation, tech transfer, supplier qualification, traceability, scale-up discipline, and how to translate manufacturing strength into regulatory confidence and buyer trust—especially for export markets.

2:00-2:15PM

**S7.T1: From Low-Cost to World-Class: The Hard Truth About Competing in Global MedTech [15 min]**

**Himanshu Baid**, Managing Director, Poly Medicure Ltd

2:15-2:30PM

**S7.T2: Importing Medical Devices: FDA Overview and Common Issues [15 min]**

**CDR Neil Bonzagni, PhD, MPH**, Acting Deputy Director, US FDA India Office, US Embassy, New Delhi – Virtual

2:30-3:30PM

**S7.T3: Panel Discussion [45 min]**

**Moderator: C. Padmakumar**, Special Officer, KMTTC

**Panelists:** Speakers with the additional presence of

3. **B. Harikrishnan**, General Manager, Terumo Penpol

4. **Aniraj Radhakrishnan**, General Manager, SFO Technologies

3:30-3:45PM

**Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks**

Program Chair, KMTTC and DIA

3:45-5:30PM

**High Tea, Networking & Conference Close**

Wind down over high tea, catch up with peers, and make a few last connections. A relaxed close to the conference before we head out.

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