



## HBNI Alumni Webinar

**Wednesday,  
February 18, 2026  
at 5:00 PM**

### Venue:

**Conference Hall ,  
First Floor, HBNI Building  
Training School Complex,  
Anushaktinagar,  
Mumbai**

### **Link of :-**

- ◆ **YouTube:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/live/nxTQzOMN2CQ>
- ◆ **Webex :**  
<https://hbni.webex.com/hbni/j.php?MTID=m426646a30665448b75c8493922596a96>

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### **“From Oncology- Driven Transfusion to Hospital - Wide Blood Safety: Translating Academic Rigor into Quality Focused Practice”**

Dr. Aafreen Kotadiya is an alumnus of Tata Memorial Centre, Parel, under the Homi Bhabha National Institute, and currently serve as Consultant & Head, Department of Transfusion Medicine at S. L. Raheja Hospital (A Fortis Associate), Mumbai.

The talk will focus on how training in a high-volume cancer centre shapes clinical judgement, quality systems, and transfusion safety practices which are inevitably necessary to run any tertiary care centre, and how these principles are carried forward while leading a blood centre in a multi-specialty hospital setting. The session would aim to offer practical insights relevant to trainees preparing for academic, clinical, and leadership roles.

### **Abstract**

Transfusion Medicine is a discipline where scientific accuracy, system-based practice, and patient safety intersect daily. Training at a high-volume oncology centre such as Tata Memorial Centre under the Homi Bhabha National Institute instils not only technical competence, but also discipline, accountability, and respect for structured quality systems. These attributes become especially relevant when transitioning from an apex referral institute to leading a blood center within a multi-specialty tertiary care hospital.

This talk reflects on the historical perspective of the Transfusion Medicine field as well as on the current trends in the translation of oncology-driven transfusion practices into hospital-wide blood safety systems. Drawing from MD (IHBT) training experiences at TMC—including massive transfusion protocols, transplant and cellular therapy support, audit-intensive workflows, and COVID-era service delivery—the session highlights how academic rigor shapes leadership and judgement in real-world practice. The discussion also touches upon nodal responsibilities, regulatory audits, haemovigilance, and team training while heading a blood centre in a tertiary care set-up.

The session shall emphasize on sustaining academic discipline, learning readiness, and leadership competence across diverse healthcare environments..

**All are cordially invited for in person attendance**