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MBBS: J.J.M. Medical College, Davangere, Kuvempu University, Shimoga

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**Professional Experience:**

* As a Resident Medical Officer in the Department of Neuromicrobiology,NIMHANS**,** Bangalore, for 4 years. Have taken classes for DM (Neurology) & MCh (Neurosurgery), MD (Microbiology), M Sc (Microbiology), MBBS, and B Sc (Nursing) students. Presently working as Assistant Professor in Department of Microbiology,IGMC & RI

**Research work highlights:**

* Dissertation for the MD degree titled “Comparative performance of Polymerase Chain Reaction based assay versus microscopy and culture for the direct detection of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in different clinical specimens”.

* Antibiogram of *Salmonella typhi* Isolates from Blood – Ten Year Prospective Study**.**  Presented at the XXIX National Conference of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists at Sri Ramachandra Medical College, Chennai
* Recovery of *Burkholderia pseudomallei* from soil in South India and study of arabinose assimilation in clinical and soil isolates. Presented at X Annual Conference IAMM, Karnataka Chapter, BLDEA’s Sri.B.M Patel Medical College, Bijapur.
* Multi Drug Resistant *Escherichia coli* in Nosocomial Infection.sPresented at the VIII National Conference Hospital Infection Society at Apollo hospitals, Hyderabad.
* Incidence of Salmonella infection in Mangalore in 2005. Presented at the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologist Karnataka Chapter at Department of Microbiology, Mangalore.
* Haemorrhagic meningitis caused by *Bacillus anthracis*. A case report presented at IAMM-KC at BMC& RI, Bangalore
* Battle against Tuberculosis. Presented at CME on ‘Updates in Medical Microbiology’ MMC, Mysore

**Publications:**

**International:**

Cerebral phaeohyphomycosis caused by *Scytalidium dimidiatum*: a case report from Indian J Med Mycol.2008;18:1-7.

**National**

* An outbreak of extended spectrum beta-lactamase producing *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in a neonatal intensive care unit. Indian J Pathol Microbiol. 2007;50(3):669-70.
* Seroprevalence of *Brucella* agglutinins: A pilot study. Indian J Pathol Microbiol.2009;52(3):457-8.
* [Prevalence of *Cryptococcus gattii* causing meningitis in a tertiary neurocare center from South India: a pilot study.](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21045446) Indian J Pathol Microbiol. 2010;53(4):855-6.