

Prof. (Dr.) Rohini V Chowgule

M.D., FCCP (USA) – Chairperson



Dr. Chowgule is considered a visionary leader who has the vision of creating a virtual hospital where the expert opinion of medical specialists from across the globe will be available to patients in any corner of the world. This vision was the seed that also bore the saplings of Telemedicine, Personal (Electronic) Health Record and Online Consultation portals.

One of India's leading experts in Pulmonology and Environmental Medicine, Dr. Chowgule has served as Professor and Head of Medicine Department, Bombay Hospital Institute of Medical Sciences and prior to that as Associate Professor, Grant Medical College & Group Hospitals.

She is also the Founder-Director of The Foundation for Environmental Medicine (FEM), a non-Government Agency. Under the umbrella of the FEM are:

- The Indian Institute of Environmental Medicine (IIEM – located at Kasturba Hospital, Mumbai) – a research institution focusing on environmental and health degradation
- NINA (National Initiative against Asthma) – a free asthma education and pulmonary rehabilitation programme.

Dr. Chowgule was representing India in the International Committee of American Thoracic Society, and Country Head of GOLD (Global Lung Disease) and NINA (National Initiative against Asthma) programmes.

She has served the Indian Chest Society in capacity of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and during that time, also served as the Secretary General and Chairperson, Scientific Committee, NAPCON 2001 (National Conference on Pulmonary Diseases). She has also been the Organizing Secretary for two prestigious International Conferences, on behalf of the CII (Confederation of Indian Industry). She is on the Editorial Board member of Clinical Pulmonary Medicine.

As a Rotarian, Dr.. Chowgule has regularly conducted a chest disease clinic in the tribal adivasi village of Talwada since 2000, as part of her many roles towards corporate social responsibility.

Armed with an MD degree from Grant Medical College, Mumbai University and Fellowship in Pulmonary Critical Care from Loyola University Medical College and the Hines Veteran Hospital (IL, USA), Dr.. Chowgule has published over 38 peer-reviewed papers in prestigious journals on her two areas of expertise and interest – Pulmonology and Environment.

A keen golfer, Dr.. Chowgule has represented India in golf at the international level.