

Dear DFSI members,

With profound grief we would like to inform that **Dr Sharad Pendsey**, founder member of Diabetic Foot Society of India died on 14th June 2023 in Nagpur. He was 69 years old . In his death India and world has lost a pioneer who dedicated his life to teaching of management of Diabetic Foot prevention and treatment.

Dr Pendsey was born in 1954 in Nagpur. His father was a well known medical practitioner in Nagpur. After his post-graduation, Dr Pendsey acquired further qualification in Diabetology from Europe. His entire professional life was focused on Type 1 Diabetes and Diabetic Foot. To help economically deprived type 1 diabetes patients he established Dream Trust early in professional career. This trust has helped large number of type 1 diabetes patients with free Insulin and encouraged them to live normal life without stigma.

Dr Pendsey's another passion was Diabetic Foot Disease. He held a first in India national Diabetic Foot meeting cum workshop in 1998 in Nagpur which was attended by large number of physicians. He had been a regular faculty at national as well as international conferences. He had also authored a book on Practical Management of Diabetes Mellitus (1997 and 2nd edition in 2002) and a monogram – Diabetic Foot , A Clinical Atlas (2003)

He was main pillar of internationally acclaimed “Step by Step” program of World Diabetes Foundation and Diabetic Foot Society of India which trained hundreds of doctors across India in primary prevention and management of Diabetic Foot problems.

He was first Vice President of Diabetic Foot Society of India ,when DFSI was set up in 2003

. Dr. Sharad Pendsey was awarded gold medal and prestigious Late Prof Sam GP Moses Oration in National Conference on Diabetes at Ahmedabad, India in November 2009. He delivered this oration on “Socioeconomic Challenges in Management of Children with Diabetes: Mission To Passion”
Dr. Sharad Pendsey was awarded Late Prof. Dr. Viswanathan Memorial Gold medal at the Annual conference of APDF at Warangal in 2010.

Dr. Sharad Pendsey was an Invited Speaker at World Congress on Diabetes held at Dubai in December' 2011. He delivered Guest lecture on ‘Socio Economic Problems of Diabetic children in India’..

Dr Pendsey was member of first International Working Group on Diabetic Foot which drafted the first guidelines for Diabetic Foot Management. He was also co author of National Diabetic Foot Guidelines of DFI.

In his death we in DFSI have lost a close colleague and stalwart in the field of Diabetic Foot and Type 1 Diabetes. DFSI Executive Committee offers its deepest condolences to Dr Pendsey's family.

On behalf of entire DFSI

Secretary DFSI