

### **TNISGCRC study**

ISG – TN chapter recently completed the largest prospective multi-centre study of newly diagnosed colorectal cancer from India by recruiting 1,208 patients across 23 centres in Tamil Nadu between 2021 and 2022.

The key results are as follows:

- Tamils constituted 81.9% of the study population
- 78.6% belonged to poorer socio-economic classes (III-V).
- The predominant symptoms suggested left sided disease with the majority of the cancers (63.5%) being located within the reach of the flexible sigmoidoscope.
- On presentation, most patients (65.6%) exceeded stage 2 disease.

We hope that the results of this study will help in designing strategies to improve prevention and management of colorectal cancer in our state.

The manuscript is now being prepared for publication.