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50 Years

This Dhanteras on the 25th of October 2019, we complete **50 years** of our practice.

Last year, we had sent out an issue of Inner Spaces, just listing our milestones. In this issue, we would like to share a few vignettes.

Dr. G R Jankharia started Dr. Jankharia's X-ray Clinic in 1969 on Dhanteras day. He had bought the clinic from Dr. R L Shah, who then shifted to Gamdevi. Dr. R M Bhansali was his next-door neighbor and having a successful and busy orthopedic surgeon next door helped the practice...and also helped Dr. Bhansali's practice. Across the corridor was another giant, Dr. K U Jhatakia.

Dr. G R Jankharia also joined Sir H N Hospital and T N Medical College and B Y L Nair Hospital and worked at both places for over 3 decades mentoring an entire generation of radiologists. He was an exemplary teacher, examiner, guide and mentor. Among many firsts, was performing catheter angiograms in the private X-ray clinic room. And even today, he is one of two or three radiologists in Mumbai still performing small

bowel enemas (enteroclysis) on a daily basis.

In 1986, with the advent of ultrasound, he decided to buy an ultrasound scanner and went and learnt how to do sonography. He was able to balance all this well and continued doing USG until other radiologists from the family joined in. In 1998, he helped set up the first digital computed tomography (CR) system in the city and only the second in private practice in India – this changed the way X-rays were performed in the country and today virtually every X-ray centre has CR or DR systems. Perhaps this would have happened eventually, but it all started from our centre.

One small thing that we have always kept to ourselves is that we performed the first teleradiology in the country in 1996 from our CT scan centre in Sir H N Hospital at the time to our homes using 9600 kbps modems and phone lines so as to be able to report urgent CT scans at night.

Apart from our cardiac CT, dual energy CT, 3T MRI and all the interesting and exciting equipment



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- Dr G R Jankharia's motto





that we have installed, we take pride in our subspecialty reporting expertise. When Dr. Meher Ursekar joined us in 2003, we bifurcated our work – she focused solely on neuroradiology and **Dr. Bhavin Jankharia** on everything else below the clavicle. Slowly as more people joined, we all become more and more focused on being better and better and specific things and today we can safely say that in many subspecialties of radiology, there is no one better than us.

Dr. Bijal Jankharia joined in 1996 and took over the USG and mammography departments. Eventually she moved exclusively to breast imaging, performing mammograms, sonomammograms, simple and complex biopsies, including stereotactic localizations and breast MRI. With the full field digital mammogram with 3D tomosynthesis we installed 3 years ago, it is safe to say that there is no better breast imaging centre in the city and country both in terms of equipment and personnel. As she says, we aim to travel *“A true voyage into the inside of the body by imaging”*.

As Dr G R Jankharia says, *“It has been a very satisfying and fulfilling journey. Satisfaction does not come with achievement but with effort. Full effort is full victory.”*

Between 2007 and 2014 we were part of a corporate setup first with the Piramal group and then with SRL. We were fortunate that we were able to buy back our practice from SRL and come

back to being on our own from Jan 2015, with our new brand identity of **Picture This**. We thank all our patients, referring doctors, staff and friends and family for their affection and support.

We have also expanded our services and with Dr. Anuradha Shah's help, we run a successful health check-up and personalized healthcare centre. We have also been running an NABL accredited laboratory for the last 4 years. Our managerial team headed by Mr. Akshay Shah, President and supported by Ms. Madhura Powle, VP have been steering Picture This now for quite some time.

We hope to be around for many more years, though the way things are changing in medicine, it is difficult to predict where any of us will be even a year from now, forget about predicting the next 10 years. Our endeavor however will always be to provide the best radiology and now pathology services to our patients at all times.

We would like to leave you with Dr. G R Jankharia's motto *“Success in life's journey is measured by your discipline and hard work and inner peace.”*

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