

Dr. Rashmi Kumar was invited to give a talk at the Pan African Thoracic Society (PATS) conference.

Her talk on '*Managing Life Threatening Pediatric Respiratory Infections in Resource Limited Settings*', focused on an important fact that empirical treatment for severe pneumonia and ventilator-associated pneumonias, the very common and severe respiratory conditions treated in the intensive care units, accounted for approximately 50% of antibiotic use in PICUs. Hence, close follow-up and early diagnosis of Severe Pneumonias and Ventilator-Associated Pneumonias, progressing to Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) is extremely valuable for better outcomes.