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The only source of
knowledge is
experience.

Editorial

April has been a busy month not just for Aravind but for the entire nation. People participated in the Indian parliament elections, world's biggest democratic exercise. But all the vibrant happenings around – elections campaigns, rallies and other preparations – do not seem to deter patients from seeking eye care. April is probably one of the busiest months at Aravind, more so in terms of the huge patient load handled. This time as in previous years, staff from various departments were pitched in to support the patient care activities and to ensure smooth flow.

For the first time, Aravind organized a skill certification programme for the Technicians and Coordinators of all the vision centres within the network. The programme was organized under the leadership, guidance and support of Dr. Usha Kim. The event turned out to be a rich platform for knowledge sharing and getting to know each other.

It is often said that what gets measured gets improved. Recently, chief medical officers of all Aravind centres were brought in for a benchmarking exercise at LAICO. The purpose of the workshop was to look at the variations across the hospitals, discuss and learn from each other. Necessary recommendations were made to improve the performance in various areas, in order to provide better patient-centred care.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Astigmatism Management Workshop

Aravind-Chennai, April 5



The workshop focused on astigmatism management during cataract surgery with special emphasis on Toric IOLs. 23 doctors from all Aravind centres participated in the workshop which included lectures, discussions and hands-on practice on preoperative reference and demo on axis marking on model eyes.



Aravind Benchmarking (2018) Workshop

Aravind-Madurai, April 9-10



During the workshop performance of seven Aravind hospitals (Madurai, Tirunelveli, Theni, Coimbatore, Pondicherry, Salem and Chennai) was discussed. Altogether 32 participants including CMOs of the respective centres, Medical Officers, Nursing Superintendents and Managers attended. The purpose of the workshop was to look at the variations across the hospitals, discuss and learn from each other. Performance data on various service delivery aspects – outpatient visits, surgery proportion, quality of treatment, specialty services, optical delivery, staff productivity, attendance, etc for the year 2018 was compiled from the recently completed annual Parameters. The two day workshop was facilitated by Dr G Natchiar, Dr R D Ravindran and Mr R D Thulasiraj. Followed by the workshop each hospital has come up with a set of actionable items with time frame.



Tour for Admin staff

Aravind-Tirunelveli, April 7



Second year employees, both MLOPs and Admin were taken on a one day tour to Nagercoil and nearby places. The team visited Thovalai Murugan temple, Thottipalam and Thiruparuppu falls. All had a refreshing bath in the falls to beat the summer heat.



Cancer Screening Camp

Aravind-Tirunelveli, April 12

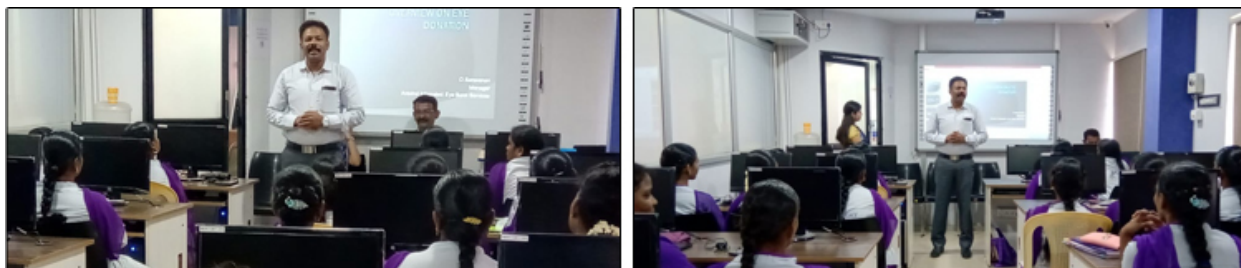


As part of employee welfare activity, a free cancer screening camp was conducted in association with Nellai Cancer Care Centre for married staff. A total of 65 persons were benefited. For ladies, screening was done for oral, breast and cervical cancers while men were screened for oral cancer.



Eye Donation Awareness Programme

Kalvi Trust Office-Madurai, April 08



Mr. Saravanan, Manager, Rotary Aravind International Eye Bank, Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai handled an awareness on eye donation and the importance of students' participation in it at Kalvi Trust Office, Madurai. 40 students attended.



Vision Centre Central CME

Aravind-Madurai, April 5-7



The event focused on skill certification of the Technicians and Coordinators of all 75 vision centres of Aravind Eye Care System. The programme was organized under the leadership, guidance and support of Dr. Usha Kim, Head, Vision Centre In Charge. Dr. Kowsalya Balaji, Clinical In Charge Madurai VC's co-ordinated the event. 150 sisters from all the Vision Centres attended the programme. Aravind's Senior leadership team, Doctors from various specialty clinics, Nursing Superintendents from Madurai and other base hospitals were invited. Assessment of skills and content knowledge was held in two batches and the whole organizing team was involved in organising the arrangements. Apart from skill certification, there were sessions on clinical updates. Dr. Dheep, Psychiatrist and Mrs. Chitra Ganapathy gave motivational talk. The participants were taken to Aurolab and Nithyatha for cultural programme and dinner, which was packed with fun and entertainment. Dr.G.Natchiar briefed the participants on the importance of the CME, importance of adhering to values and culture and the roles and responsibilities of staff. This was followed by Certificate distribution. Dr.Usha Kim proposed vote of thanks. The programme was a grand success, thanks to the whole-hearted efforts, support and commitment by the organizing team.



Residents Social Responsibility

Aravind-Madurai, Friday, 12 April 2019



Residents Social Responsibility programme was held in Blessed Kids School for Special Children, Vilangudi, Madurai. A total of 26 children with special needs were screened by Dr. Sahithya, Senior Medical Officer, Paediatric Ophthalmology services and our PGs Dr. Pradeepa, Dr. Nivedita, Dr. Meera Rowther and Dr. Anju. Spectacles were provided with extended support from Low vision clinic and Orbis team.



Eye Donation Awareness Programme and Inauguration of Eye Donation Project

Madurai, April 18



Mr. Saravanan, Manager, Rotary Aravind Eye Bank, Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai handled an awareness session on eye donation at St. Paul's Church, Madurai and explained the process.

80 persons attended. At the 3-day campaign organized by the church, 120 people pledged their eyes.



Advanced ReLOAD and Anterior Vitrectomy Workshop

Aravind-Chennai, April 26-27



Twelve external ophthalmologists participated in this workshop which covered advancements in phacoemulsification including complication management. Along with the lectures and interactive sessions, the workshop included a live surgery of 10 cases

performed by Dr. Haripriya and hands on Wetlab session in which they performed anterior vitrectomy, practiced insertion of iris hooks and capsule tension ring in animal eyes.



CONFERENCES ATTENDED ELSEWHERE

Annual Orbis India Partners' Meet

New Delhi, April 05-06



Dr. R. Ramakrishnan and Dr. Narendran attended the Annual Orbis India Partners' meet on the topic "The public face of Leadership".



Controversies in Ophthalmology-Europe(COPHy EU)

Dublin-Ireland, April 04-07



Dr. Prerana presented paper titled "Preventing blindness due to Retinopathy of Prematurity in preterm infants using tele screening in neonatal care units" and she also received a fellowship award "Global Ophthalmology Awards Program (GOAP)" from Bayer.



LAICO HAPPENINGS

Review Meeting – ACCESS Phase II

Dubai, April 11-15



As part of the Phase two of ACCESS Project to improve cataract surgical rate in Sub Saharan Africa, participant hospitals were brought in for a review meeting. LAICO team led by Mr. Thulasiraj Ravilla anchored the meeting. Each hospital presented their performance data, analysis was made and the necessary recommendations were given to further improve their performance. Prior to the meeting LAICO teams made follow up visits as following to the various hospitals concerned and provide the necessary support.

Dr.Shivakumar Chandrasekhar, Ms.Renuka, Ms.Pandiyamma, Ms. Dhivya Ramasamy, Mr. Senthil Kumar - Kitwe Central Hospital Kitwe, Zambia.

Dr.Tiruvengada Krishnan and Mr. Suresh Kumar, Mr. M. Karthikeyan - City Eye Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya.

Dr.Vivekanandhan, Mr. Venkatesh- Fitsum Birhan Hospital, Mekelle, Ethiopia Dr.Rohan Anand Joseph Daniel, Mr. Ganesh Babu Mr. Praveen Kumar- Ijebu hospital, Lagos, Nigeria.



TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Enrolments for April 2019 at Aravind Eye Care System		
Course title	Training Centre	Enrolments for April 2019
Long Term Fellowship Programs - For Ophthalmologists		
Fellowship in IOL & Anterior Segment	Tirupathi	1
	Pondicherry	1
Fellowship in Cornea	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	1
Fellowship in Glaucoma	Coimbatore	1
Fellowship in General Ophthalmology	Madurai	1
Fellowship in Orbit & Oculoplasty	Madurai	1
Fellowship in Paediatric ophthalmology	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	1
Fellowship in Retina Vitreous	Pondicherry	1
Surgical Surgical Paediatric Retina Fellowship (RoP)	Madurai	1
Short Term Clinical courses - For Ophthalmologists		
Lasers in Diabetic Retinopathy	Madurai	2
	Coimbatore	2
	Pondicherry	1
Phacoemulsification	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	1
Clinical observership in glaucoma	Madurai	1
	Pondicherry	1
Short term training in vitrectomy	Madurai	1
Management of Retinopathy of Prematurity and Paediatric Retinal Disorders	Coimbatore	1
	Madurai	1
Small incision cataract surgery	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	1
Paramedical Courses		
Training for Ocularist	Madurai	2
Instrument Maintenance courses		
Instrument Maintenance course for technicians	LAICO	2
Eye Bank courses		
Eye Bank course for technicians	LAICO	2
Management courses		
Management Training and Systems Development for Hospital Administrators / Managers	LAICO	13



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AUROLAB NEWS

DOSCON 2019

New Delhi, April 12-14



Aurolab participated in Delhi Ophthalmological Society Conference and promoted products such as Aurovue Dfine, Hummingbird, e-see, Aurolase Workstation and 2Step slitlamp with integrated camera and Imaging software.

InOptics 2019 New Delhi, April 12-14

Aurolab participated in InOptics exhibition through their channel partner Fine Vision and promoted e-see autorefractor. e-see got very good response among optometrists and opticians. Many high profile opticians participated in the demo and appreciated the accuracy of the device.



MONTHLY PATIENT STATISTICS

April - 2019

Hospitals	Madurai	Theni	Tirunelveli	Coimbatore	Pondi cherry	Dindigul	Tirupur	Salem	Udumal pet	Tuti corin	CBE CC	Chennai	Tirupati	Total
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HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS

Paying (New & Review)	59,384	8,449	29,109	32,725	25,700	6,505	4,106	11,710	3,497	5,184	3,200	15,560	4,322	2,09,451
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Free:Direct walk-in (New & Review)	17,035	2,196	6,743	10,848	10,194	NA	1,354	2,228	2,469	1,120	NA	3,803	1,125	59,115
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OUTREACH OUT PATIENT

Comprehensive Eye Camps	3,615	605	2,087	3,732	4,213	NA	127	607	NA	91	NA	1,026	NA	16,103
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Diabetic Retinopathy camps	342	281	NA	6	808	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,437
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Glaucoma Camps	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
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Refraction Camps	597	258	913	2	91	NA	324	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,185
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Mobile Refraction Unit	NA	NA	NA	4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4
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School Screening camps	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
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Paediatric Camps	NA	NA	300	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	300
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Vision Centres	22,839	5,510	11,351	3,966	7,264	NA	977	NA	1,195	NA	NA	NA	NA	53,102
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Community Centres / City Centres	8,507	1,857	2,568	NA	2,534	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	15,466
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Total OP Examinations	1,12,319	19,156	53,071	51,283	50,804	6,505	6,888	14,545	7,161	6,395	3,200	20,389	5,447	3,57,163
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Total Number of Camps	15	7	16	23	11	NA	1	3	NA	1	NA	5	NA	82
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SURGERIES

Service Proportion of Cataract Surgeries

Paying	3,482	446	1,357	1,695	1,506	328	292	671	241	255	154	804	141	11,372
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Free (Direct)	3,542	308	819	1,823	1,136	145	245	359	442	185	NA	318	121	9,443
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Camp	1,422	123	650	1,775	1,553	NA	29	NA	205	4	14	NA	106	5,881
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Total Cataract Surgeries	8,446	877	2,826	5,293	4,195	473	566	1,235	687	454	154	1,228	262	26,696
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Note: NA - Not Applicable



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