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Quote

Good management is the art of making problems so interesting and their solutions so constructive that everyone wants to get to work and deal with them.

-- Paul Hawken

Editorial

Aravind's eye care services are not confined to direct patient care initiatives; the organization is equally conscious of creating awareness amongst the general public, about the various preventive and rehabilitative aspects of eye care. Every year one of Aravind's main centres arranges eye care exhibitions of such kind for the benefit of public. This year, it was Aravind – Madurai that hosted the exhibition and it was well-received by the public.

Aravind regularly updates its diagnostic and treatment capabilities with a view to provide the best possible care to the patients. Recently, the centre at Coimbatore acquired cataract refractive suite, which would help improve the quality of vision post cataract surgery.

It was such an exciting moment for the staff at Aravind – Madurai when Sri. Subroto Bagchi, CEO, Mindtree Consulting visited the organization and gave an inspiring talk based on real-life experiences.

Aravind doctors came out with flying colours at the recently held Annual Conference of the Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

Aravind NewsTeam

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Awards at the Annual Conference of Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association

Coimbatore, August 8-10

Dr. K. Veena

- *Quick photo assessment – An innovative way of school eye screening* (Best paper Award in the session on Community Ophthalmology)

Dr. Shabana Bharathy, Aravind – Coimbatore

- *Family screening in glaucoma patients and its outcome* (Best paper award in the session on Glaucoma)

- *Trabeculectomy with scleral patch graft for advanced glaucoma in Ehler Danlos Syndrome* (Best E-Poster)

Dr. Karan Kumarasamy, Aravind – Coimbatore won First Prize in Ophthalmology General quiz.

Dr. HariPriya Aravind has been selected for the Dr. M.N. Endowment Award for the paper, *Aravind Pseudoexfoliation Study – Intraoperative, Immediate and 2 Years Post-operative Results*. The award will be presented during the next annual conference of the TNOA.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Kannae Nalamaa 2014

Aravind – Madurai, August 22-24



Aravind – Madurai organized a three-day awareness exhibition for public with a view to educate them on proper eye care. The exhibition had many models and demonstrations instead of the usual posters. More than 3000 people visited the exhibition. A free eye check up and refraction test was arranged for the public on the final day. [Click here to see the video](#)



CME HELD AT ARAVIND EYE HOSPITAL

Retina CME

Aravind – Tirunelveli, August 17



A one day CME on Retinal Diseases and Hands on Ophthalmoscopy for general practitioners, general physicians, pediatricians, diabetologists, neurologists, nephrologists, post graduates and house surgeons was conducted at Aravind - Tirunelveli. Invited speakers included Dr.Syed Ibrahim, Paediatrician, Royal Hospital and Dr.V.T.Rajesh, Paediatrician, Muthamil Hospital, Apart from them, Aravind faculty also joined. The purpose of the CME was to provide the participants with the fundamentals of ophthalmology, practice and advances within the field, as well as to provide an opportunity for networking with professionals of diverse backgrounds in health care.



NEWS AND EVENTS

Aravind – Coimbatore Launches Cataract Refractive Suite

Aravind – Coimbatore, August 1

Aravind – Coimbatore recently established cataract refractive suite which makes use of laser and thus eliminates the use of surgical blades in cataract surgery. The equipment consists of four components with the first component generating a reference image for the surgery by providing all critical measurements. The second contained the laser for making incision in the eye and third component would help the surgeon to remove the cataract lens and implant the intraocular lens in the eye. The final component contained an advanced operating microscope. The equipment would help improve the quality of vision post-cataract surgery.



Motivational Talk

Aravind – Tirunelveli, August 1



Mr. R. Ganesan, Founder - Life Improvement Mind Engineering (LIME) was invited to deliver a motivational lecture for the new MLOP recruits. Mr. Ganesan, a certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, NLP Trainer and Reiki Healer has conducted more than 1000 programmes in various educational institutions and organizations.

At another programme organized on August 11, Mr.Ganapathy Subramanian and Ms.Vaijaindi Murugan were invited as guest speakers. Both these resource persons are eminent Tamil teachers and are famous for their performance in debate competitions. The audience truly had an enriching experience.

Aravind – Pondicherry, August 5

Swami Suddhananda Giri from Yogoda Satsanga Society of India visited Aravind - Pondicherry and gave a

motivational talk on Balanced Life is a Successful Life. The audience had a thoroughly enriching experience.



MindTree CEO Visits Aravind

Aravind – Madurai, August 2



Sri. Subroto Bagchi, CEO, Mindtree Ltd; visited Aravind to get an exposure to its operational model and held detailed discussion with the senior leadership team. He also visited Aurolab, vision centre and the research institute to get an in depth understanding about the work being done.



Innovation from Instruments Maintenance Department

Aravind – Salem



Instruments Maintenance team at Aravind – Salem developed an immersion prager shell – probe holding screw. While the supplier charges Rs. 788 for this small spare part, the cost of the product developed indigenously is just Rs. 30. This locally manufactured screw is also found to be exactly similar to the original one manufactured by the company.



Freshers' Day Celebrations

Aravind – Pondicherry, August 14



Newly joined MLOPs and DNB residents performed cultural programme on the occasion of Freshers' Day celebrations. The MLOPs and doctors expressed their talents through song and dance.



Independence Day Celebrations

Aravind, August 15

Aravind Eye Hospitals across the centres celebrated the 67th Indian Independence Day with a variety of programmes. Special flower arrangements were made in the hospital premises to mark the occasion. Sweets were distributed to the staff.



Infrastructure Development

Aravind – Pondicherry, August 28

Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry launched the state of the art technologies, cataract refractive suite and intralase FS laser for bladeless refractive surgery. Dr. K. V. Raman, Director of Health and Family Welfare Services, Puducherry and Dr. S. Mohan Kumar, MS, IGGGH & PGI, Puducherry attended the function and formally inaugurated the

technologies. Dr.R. Venkatesh, Chief Medical Officer addressed the press meet on the benefits of the new technology.



Hospital Day Celebrations

Aravind – Theni, August 30



Aravind – Theni celebrated the 29th hospital day on August 30 with a variety of programmes. Aravind's senior leaders were present during the occasion.



Excursion Programme for MLOPs

Aravind – Pondicherry, August



As part of welfare activity, MLOPs above 5 years of service at the hospital were taken on a trip to Yercaud. Another group was taken to Mahabalipuram and Vandalur. The staff had a rejuvenating experience from the hectic work schedule.



CONFERENCES ATTENDED ELSEWHERE

Annual Conference of the Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association (TNOA)

Coimbatore, August 8-10



Dr. R. Venkatesh

- *Learning phaco chop: Pearls and pitfalls (Instruction course)*
- *Quality of life and cost economics, quality of life and glaucoma (Instruction course)*
- *Trabeculectomy -Changing trends and management of unexpected outcomes (Instruction course)*
- *Doing a safe trab – Moorfields system*
- *Filtering blebs and dysfunctional blebs: Rescue of failed filter*
- *Phaco Vs. SICS problem of choice (Round table discussion)*

Dr. Tiruvengada Krishnan

- *A Clinicalcomicrobiological update on viral keratitis – How to manage this enigma*

Dr. K. Veena

- *Diagnosis made easy*
- *Quick photo assessment : A innovative way of school eye screening*
- *Effective strategies in treating diplopia of varied etiologies*
- *Diplopia - Non surgical management*

Dr. S. Balamurugan

- *A comprehensive understanding too often recurring – strategies to tackle*

Dr. Dayakar Yadalla

- *Bimanual nucleus prolapse in cataract surgery*

Dr. V R Saravanan

- *Central serous retinopathy: The typical and atypical scenarios*
- *Acute hydops management and PK*
- *Management of common macular disorder*
- *ARMD - In a concise format*

Dr. Saurabh Arora

- *Transpupillary thermotherapy*

Dr. George J. Manayath

- *Low fluence photodynamic therapy*
- *Management of Common macular disorder- CSR*

Dr. Kalpana Narendran

- *Recent trends in amblyopia management*

Dr. Aruna Radhakrishna

- *Guidelines for prescribing glass in children*

Dr. Sandra Ganesh

- *Tackling the lazy eye PEDIG conclusions 1*
- *Seeing double- effective strategies in treating diplopia of varied etiology- Etiology & causation*

Dr. Rajesh Prabhu

- *Tackling the lazy eye PEDIG conclusions 2*

Dr. Ganesh V Raman

- *Trabeculectomy- Recognizing and managing a failing bleb*

Dr. Kalpana Narendran

- *Paediatric Cataract Surgery*
- *Clinical evaluation of a case with diplopia*

Dr. Viji Rangarajan

- *Management of orbital blow out fractures-Management and postoperative complications*

Dr. Revathi Rajaraman

- *Microbial keratitis- expanding profile and clinic diagnosis*
- *Acute hydops management and PK*

Dr. Anita Raghavan

- *Surgical management when and what*

Dr. Parag K. Shah

- *Atypical pediatric retinal diseases and tumours*



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MONTHLY PATIENT STATISTICS

August - 2014

Hospitals	Madurai	Theni	Tirunelveli	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Dindigul	Tirupur	Salem	Udumalpet	Total
HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS										
Paying (New & Review)	47,804	6,744	23,920	31,106	23,376	5,463	3,688	9,499	2,494	154,094
Free (Direct walk-in)	14,717	1,786	6,474	8,998	7,372	26	439	174	890	40,876
OUTREACH OUT PATIENTS										
Regular Camps	11,974	1,280	4,078	9,764	10,699	-	408	868	-	39,071
Diabetic Retinopathy camps	556	47	-	1,347	741	-	-	-	-	2,691
Refraction Camps	1,181	195	453	-	1,187	-	-	-	-	3,016
Mobile Refraction Unit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	394	-	394
School Screening camps	1,186	352	276	5,688	15,761	-	-	-	-	23,263
Paediatric Camps	-	-	142	42	447	-	-	-	-	631
Vision Centres	12,585	4,636	6,977	2,497	3,494	-	746	-	850	31,785
Community Eye Clinics	3,866	1,684	1,994	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,544
Total OP Examinations	93,869	16,724	44,314	59,442	63,077	5,489	5,281	10,935	4,234	303,365
SURGERIES										
Paying	2,942	354	2,343	1,244	1,136	161	92	432	94	8,798
Free (Direct)	2,930	218	1,209	1,237	957	65	47	44	105	6,812
Camp	3,743	248	896	2,292	1,913	-	55	214	29	9,390
Total Surgeries	9,615	820	4,448	4,773	4,006	226	194	690	690	25,000

