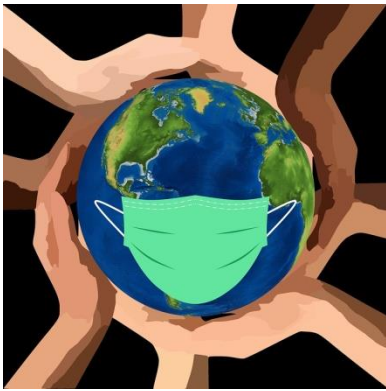


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"Creating excellence in eye & vision care through optometry regulation & education"



Stay Home Stay Safe

Optometry Council of India (OCI) requests all citizens of India to follow recommendations of the government of India - "Stay Home, Stay Safe" & maintain social distancing in order to combat COVID-19. OCI would like to extend its gratitude to all who volunteered to represent as task force to assist the government. These names were shared with the Honorable Health Secretary Ms. Preeti Sudan & we have received an acknowledgment letter.

Website and Membership Renewal

OCI website was overhauled and we have added new tabs to the membership list such as "renewed and active". This tab was not present in the previous website, therefore the members who renewed only recently will show up as "renewed and active". We are in the process of updating everyone's status and appreciate your patience regarding the same. We also would like to remind our members about membership renewal. As you are aware, these testing times have also increased online education. We at OCI would like to inform our members that OCI is in the process of accrediting a few online courses and has already accredited a few corporate online courses. We would encourage you to take advantage of these online courses with Continuing Education (CE) credits and benefit from them.

Look what's inside!!

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World Optometry Day (WOD)- Programs and Initiatives

Super Heroes !!

Optometrist of the Year Award-
Optom. Rajesh Wadhwa

Optometrist's Contribution to
Public Health- Dr Srinivas
Marmamula

Best Case Report- Prasad
Sawant

Young Optometrist Award 2019-
Unnati Vaish

Awards:

OCI announced four awards which will be given out on an annual basis, namely:

- Optometrist of the year award,
- Optometrist's contribution to Public Health,
- Best case report and
- Young optometrist award.

A committee of 5 members for each of the above category was formed which consisted of at least one OCI board member, one sponsor of the award and three eminent optometrists from the field being judged. OCI thanks everyone who applied for the awards and congratulates the winners. OCI would also like to thank the sponsors- Jaggi instruments, Essilor India and CooperVision for their support and their representatives who lent their time to review all applications.



World Optometry Day (WOD) - Programs and Initiatives



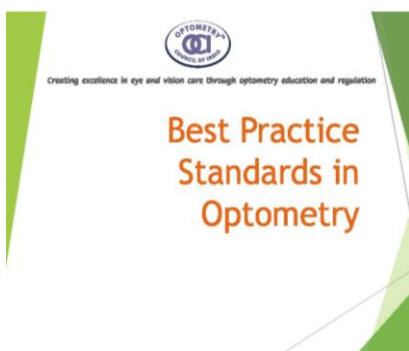
Awareness initiative:

OCI had planned a few awareness initiatives by partnering with optometry colleges all across India. This eye care awareness was aimed at school children. However, due to the closure of schools and COVID-19 lockdown this could not be implemented. However, this project will be implemented when we reach normalcy.



Best Optometry Practice Standard document

OCI launched the "Best Practice Standard" in optometry document in September 2017. This document was based on both the GOC (UK) and the OCANZ (Australia and NZ) documents. At this point we would like to acknowledge the contribution of Dr Premnandhini Satgunam, (LVPEI), Optom Saranya (Acchuta College of Optometry) and Optom Sailaja towards this document. Without their support OCI would not have been able to put this document together.



We have been working on seeking endorsements on this document from state associations and also optometry colleges. This will help in the advocacy of "best optometry practice standards". Till date we have received few endorsement letters from a few state associations and also alumni association. We request all of you to go through the document and try to implement these standards in our practices. This will help optometry reach higher levels and also will ensure optimal patient care which is our primary responsibility as health care personnel.

SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE



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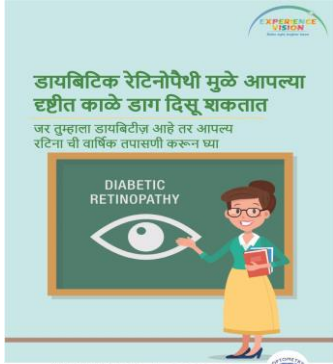


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"OCI gives me a new lease of life, a clear address to propagate my profession and it has been helping me to focus on new horizons" Optom Leo Santhiyagu Raj



Experience Vision: Project by Bausch + Lomb India in Partnership with OCI



A project by B+L India in partnership with OCI

The final report of this project has been sent to Bausch & Lomb. Bausch & Lomb has also been very supportive in sending out individual certificates of appreciation to all participants in the project. These certificates have been sent, however due to lockdown, not received by the participants. We urge the participants in this project to send OCI office pictures of the certificate on receipt.

Diabetic retinopathy workshops for optometrists

OCI in partnership with L V Prasad Eye institute and with sponsorship from Zeiss has successfully conducted a one day Diabetic retinopathy training workshops (one each month) commencing from September 2019 in Cochin, Delhi, Indore, Pune and Kolkata. We will be conducting a few more in Mumbai, Vishakhapatnam and Bangalore in coming months. The response to this one-day workshop has been very humbling. This is the stepping stone to an online Melbourne certification course which is free for optometrists. OCI sincerely urges interested optometrists to contact our office.



Thank you, Monica, for being a Visionary Leader

OCI board hereby informs that Ms. Monica Chaudhry has stepped down as Chair of OCI due to personal reasons. She has served right from the time OCI commenced registration in 2014 and has been a great pillar of strength and support. OCI wishes her well and looks forward to her guidance and support in all its future endeavors. OCI board has nominated Mr. Jayanta Bhattacharjee as the interim chair for a period of 3 months until the office opens post lockdown and we have a board meeting.



THANK YOU