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Date: 15 March 2018
From: Elizabeth Kurian (ekurian@missionforvision.org.in)
Subject: Required Optometrist for primary eye health at Mission for Vision

Position : Optometrist	Reporting To : Head Programme Development
Age : 25 – 35 years	Positions Reporting into : 0 to 3
Location : Chennai	Work Time : Monday to Saturday
Education : Graduation (minimum)	Experience : Minimum 3 years in optometry
Salary : Based on experience	Ability to read, write and speak Tamil mandatory

The purpose of this designation is to provide technical support to the Programme Development team in executing eye health interventions. The position will be providing training and capacity building to the field staff to enhance their skills in executing their task. It will work closely with other eye health consultants for ensuring implementation of the quality protocols. The position will play a key role in project designing, monitoring, and evaluation.

Roles of responsibilities:

Building capacity / Training:

- Develop training curricula and modules for training of MFV staff and community level stakeholders.
- Take technical sessions in capacity building programmes of the staff and the community level stakeholders.
- Review the impact of the training by assessing its impact in line with the training objectives at project level.

Project Monitoring / Review:

- Undertake project visits for monitoring the technical aspects of the project interventions associated with eye health.

- Provide technical guidance to the project team on various aspects of eye health interventions being carried out by them.
- Follow-up with the project team regarding implementation of the recommendations provided on technical aspects.

Project Conceptualization / Designing:

- Review the project designs to ensure its robustness in addressing the eye health needs of the community.
- Engage with stakeholders to understand the eye health needs of the community in the designated area.
- Undertake assessment of the technical capacity of the potential partner agencies in executing the project.

Documentation / Representation

- Prepare documents pertaining to the eye health interventions in the project such as IEC materials and manuals.
- Prepare learning documents and collate resources for sharing with the team members to enhance their outlook.
- Represent the organization at various forums by presenting the findings and learnings from the projects.

Quality Assurance

- Ensure that the field level activities associated with eye testing; camp organization etc are conducted as per the standard operating procedures.

Preference will be given to those who have experience working in community eye care and can join immediately.

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Date: 14 March 2018

From: Sridevi Sunderarajan (sridevi@vision2020india.org)

Subject: VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA announces a PHOTO CONTEST.

Photo Contest Announcement - eye care for all

As the theme of the contest suggests, the photos have to depict giving the gift of sight to all sections of the society - women, children, men, senior citizens; marginalised population, to all economic sections and across all geographical locations - be it hilly terrain, urban slums, remote villages, low density area or wherever health care has not reached.

A total of 25 photos will be selected from all the entries received for display at the venue of the annual conference at Guwahati on 9 & 10 June 2018. And the best 3 photos will be selected for prize distribution at the conference.

ELIGIBILITY

- Entries are invited from eye hospitals and organisations working in eye care in a not for profit mode.
- Photographs that have already been published elsewhere or are the property of a third party are not eligible.
- The photograph submitted must reflect the work of the contributing organisation.

GUIDELINES

- Entries are restricted to 3 photos from each organisation
- Please give a caption briefly describing where, what, who, when.
- Please avoid photo shopping
- Photos could be either colour or black white
- Photos should be in a compatible format like jpeg and high resolution
- Give name of organisation along with photos submitted

Last date for submitting photographs: 22 March 2018

Mail photos/ links to: sridevi@vision2020india.org. Website: www.vision2020india.org

Date: 13 March 2018

From: Revanth Reddy (revanth.kumar@indiavisioninstitute.org)

Subject: Common vitamin could halt glaucoma

A vitamin you've probably got in your bathroom cupboard could help treat glaucoma.

Researchers from Melbourne's Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA) are currently trialing vitamin B3 supplements as a way to prevent or reverse blindness as a result of glaucoma. In previous studies, including one conducted in the United States, B3 was found to replenish the molecule that helps produce energy for those cells.

It's hoped the new trial will prove the vitamin could be used to support existing therapies for glaucoma, including eye drops and surgery.

"Our study hopes to confirm that vitamin B3 can protect nerve cells from dying, in a similar way that adding oil to a faulty car engine can still allow it to run more smoothly," Research Fellow Dr Flora Hui said in an official statement.

The trial could be a game-changer for the 60 million glaucoma sufferers worldwide.

Article available at: <http://science.sciencemag.org/content/355/6326/756>

Date: 16 March 2018
From: Sheeba Swarna (sheeba.swarna@indiavisioninstitute.org)
Subject: March Marks the 30th Anniversary of the First Laser Vision Correction Procedure Performed in the World

March 25, 2018 marks the 30th anniversary of this extraordinary advancement in vision correction history. The world's very first laser vision correction procedure was performed by Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island's own Marguerite McDonald, MD in 1988.

An unexpected opportunity arose in 1988 when Ms Alberta Cassady, a 62 year old woman with cancer of the orbit, requiring exenteration, which is essentially the removal of the eyeball and the contents of the eye socket. With a massively disfiguring procedure looming, and a poor prognosis even with the surgery, Mrs. Cassady bravely offered to let the team perform experimental surgery on her eye.

After receiving permission from the Food & Drug Administration, Dr. McDonald had the honor of performing the first laser vision correction procedure in the world, PRK, on Mrs. Cassady on March 25, 1988, which was the vivarium used by the LSU Eye Center in New Orleans. Her remarkable bravery and generosity in the face of such tragedy provided vital information that allowed the FDA to accelerate the approval process.

Laser vision correction has come far, but it all started with Dr. McDonald and her colleagues, and the selfless act of one brave woman. "Looking back on the procedure we performed on Mrs. Cassady so many years ago, I am so proud and excited to see how far laser vision correction has come," says Dr. McDonald.

PRK has evolved dramatically and is popular all over the world, including the U.S.; in some countries, it is the most popular form of laser vision correction. The most prevalent type of laser vision correction, however, is LASIK, which was introduced after PRK; it is one of the most commonly performed elective surgeries, with more than 28 million procedures performed worldwide. Now, LASIK is most commonly performed using all-laser femtosecond technology.

Complete article: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2018/03/prweb15290188.htm>

Date: 16 March 2018
From: VIOR (viior.chennai@vasaneye.in)
Subject: Vasana EyeQ 2018 - Inter college optometry quiz

Vasan Institute of Ophthalmology and Research, Chennai invites to an intercollegiate optometry quiz - Vasana EyeQ 2018 . Come, join us & witness the budding optometrists from 22 colleges in South India, compete for the title & exciting cash prizes.

Date: March 25th, Sunday, 9.30am to 2pm
Venue: Sivagami Petachi auditorium, MCTM school campus, Mylapore

Quiz participants are expected to be present by 9am. No registration fee for attendees.
Please contact at 9585548940 or vior.chennai@vasaneyeye.in by 20th March to confirm your presence for the event.

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