

About The Coordinator



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Dr N Anuradha N is currently the Faculty at Elite School of Optometry (ESO) and Program In-Charge for school children eye health at Sankara Nethralaya. She is the vision screening coordinator for community outreach activities of Elite School of Optometry. Her responsibilities include teaching Visual Optics, Public Health and Community Optometry, Epidemiology, Clinical refraction and Comprehensive optometry skills training. Her research interests include school eye health, community optometry, refractive errors, optometric education and quality of life studies. Dr Narayanan obtained her Bachelor and Doctorate degrees from Elite School of Optometry, India. Prior to taking up teaching and community activities at Sankara Nethralaya, Dr Narayanan was the Optometrist-in-charge of the LASIK clinic at Sankara Nethralaya, India from 1998. She has authored books on optometry education, school children screening and contributed chapter on occupational optometry

apart from the publications and conference presentations. She, as a faculty in the college for Optometry has been responsible for social accountability in optometric education through outreach initiatives.

Under her leadership ESO achieved the LIMCA record of screening 8469 children in one day. She has coordinated the screening for 279,823 school children between 2011-2017. Single day screening strategy, phased and structured protocol for school vision screening, implementation of interventions to improve compliance, upgrading existing protocols for school vision screening, installation of Tamil logMAR charts for self-testing in public places, planning and implementing creative awareness campaigns, arrangement of rallies, training of optometrists and optometry students for community service, training volunteers as vision and Sight ambassadors are the key roles of the coordinator. She is also responsible for the regular comprehensive free eye camps conducted by ESO.

Awards:

1. 2003: 'Outstanding Optometrist of the year' - Sankara Nethralaya, Medical Research Foundation
2. 2003: Dr E.V.MEMORIAL Scientific Session "Best Paper Award" for 'Observer Variability and Repeatability of measurements with Tscherning Aberrometer.'
3. 2009-10: Best Junior Faculty Award, Elite School of Optometry, Chennai, India
4. 2015-16: Best Senior Faculty Award, Elite School of Optometry, Chennai, India
5. 2015-16: "Best Researcher in Optometry" –Dr Narasimhan Memorial Award
6. 2016-17: "Best Researcher - Clinical Science in ophthalmology"- Ruby Banik Award

Awards for community activities and Grants:

1. 2009-10: Award for Maximum Eye Donation pledge Forms, Sankara Nethralaya, Medical Research Foundation
2. 2010: Lions club of Chennai Eden Citation for completion of primary school children vision screening in ten zones of Chennai Corporation in 4 months
3. 2012: Award for Community service, Sankara Nethralaya, Medical Research Foundation

4. 2012: LIMCA book of Records for vision screening of 8462 children in one day- 2014, Elite School of Optometry, Chennai, India
5. 2013: Award for Community service , Sankara Nethralaya, Medical Research Foundation
6. 2012-13: Maximum Eye Donation pledge Forms Sankara Nethralaya, Medical Research Foundation
7. 2013-14: Sri Parameswara Iyer and Smt Kamala Bai Award for Faculty of Elite School of Optometry, Elite School of Optometry, Chennai, India
8. 2015-16: Maximum Eye Donation pledge Forms Sankara Nethralaya, Medical Research Foundation

Grants

1. ESSILOR Travel Grant Asia Pacific Optometry Conference-2003
2. Travel Grant Asia Pacific Optometry Conference -2011
3. IUSSTF award for Exchange visitor- Short term scholar to Indiana University, Indiana, U.S.A. May- June 2014
4. Sri Parameswara Iyer and Smt Kamala Bai Award for community service
5. Orbis India Grant for the school eye screening project, Kanchipuram

Publications

1. Anuradha N, Krishnakumar Ramani. Role of optometry school in single day large scale school vision testing Oman J Ophthalmol. 2015 Jan-Apr; 8(1): 28–32
2. Anuradha Narayanan, Shuba Kumar, Krishna Kumar Ramani. Spectacle Compliance among Adolescents: A Qualitative Study from Southern India Optom Vis Sci 2017;94:582-587
3. Anuradha N, Neha Gupta, Aswini Bharathi R and Krishna Kumar R . Which spectacle frames do children like. A community and hospital based perspective. Optometry Today March 2018. P: 34-38

4. Narayanan A, Krishna Kumar Ramani. Effectiveness of interventions in improving compliance to spectacle wear and referral in school vision screening. Clin Exp Optom. 2018
5. Narayanan A, Kumar S, Ramani KK. Spectacle compliance among adolescents in Southern India: Perspectives of service providers. Indian J Ophthalmol 2018;66:945-50.
6. Anuradha N Optometrists need to excel in spectacle dispensing. Optometry Today June 2018;28-30