



6-7 July 2024 | (Saturday and Sunday)
Two Pre-Conference Sessions on 5th July, 2024 | (Friday)



Hosted by:

Christian Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana, Punjab

VISION 2020 to 2030:

INSIGHTS AND PATH AHEAD

**A National Conference on Community
Ophthalmology**

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ABOUT THE THEME – VISION 2020 TO 2030: INSIGHTS AND PATH AHEAD

VISION 2020 to 2030: Insights and Path Ahead aptly encapsulates the essence of the National Annual Conference of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-India. As we navigate this pivotal decade, the conference serves as a beacon, offering profound insights gleaned from the past while charting an informed course for the future. By delving into these insights, we gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the realm of vision care. This tagline emphasizes the imperative to not only comprehend the strides made in the past but also to envision and strategize for the next ahead, aiming to ensure a brighter and more inclusive future for eye health across India.

MESSAGE

It is our pleasure to invite you to the **18th edition** of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight-INDIA national conference at Christian Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana, Punjab. Known as the “Manchester of India,” due to its thriving textile industry, Ludhiana is an industrial hub with a history dating back to centuries. Situated on the fertile plains of the Sutlej River, this bustling metropolis is the largest city in Punjab and an important center for trade, commerce, and education.

Eye hospitals from across the country and VISION 2020 INDIA's 170 members hospitals will come together along with public health research institutions and international NGOs working in eye health. It will be an amazing experience of mutual sharing of knowledge and good practices in community ophthalmology. The scientific program is being developed in such a way that deliberations will help in creating a road map for achieving our mission of universal eye health considering the lessons learned over the last two decades.

Please join us in deliberations, networking, collaborations and find ways to improve eye health scenario in the country. Let's strive together for India free of avoidable blindness where every citizen enjoys the gift of sight and the visually challenged have enhanced quality of life as a right.

President

VISION 2020 India
Dr Rajesh Saini

Professor and HOD of Ophthalmology

**Christian Medical College
and Hospital, Ludhiana**
Prof. (Dr.) Nitin Batra

Chief Executive Officer

VISION 2020 India
Phanindra Babu Nukella, Ph.D.

WHO CAN ATTEND

Head of the eye care organisations, ophthalmologists, programme planners, administrators, managers, optometrists, coordinators, outreach & paramedical/technical staff from government & non-government institutions/organisations working in the eye health and related sectors and students/fellows.

Conference Programme: a snapshot

5 July 2024, Friday 0930 – 1700 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Pre-Conference session 1 – Quality and Accreditation of Eye Hospitals■ Pre-Conference session 2 – Skill Enhancement for Allied Ophthalmic Personnel
6 July 2024, Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Registration: 0830 – 0930 hrs■ Scientific Session: 0930 hrs■ Common Session: 1430 – 1530 hrs■ Annual General Body Meeting: 1545 to 1645 hrs■ Inauguration: 1800 hrs
7 July 2024, Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Scientific Session: 0900 – 1330 hrs

SCIENTIFIC TRACKS

Track 1: Synergies and strategies for comprehensive inclusive eye health

Aligned with the 'Right to Sight' the overarching motto of the VISION 2020 program, this track identifies synergies needed and highlights strategies to improve access to high quality comprehensive eye care services for all including the most marginalized populations. The core learnings and challenges over the last 20 years in implementing such strategies and defining a path ahead is the key.

Track 2: Quality and Sustainability in eye care

A dynamic learning to promote quality as per accreditation and beyond. Engage & immerse for organisational excellence needs one to sustain resources – human & finance and also taking responsibility for our planet. The session would balance the quality standards and the role of eye care sector in ensuring the environmental sustainability and aims at creating triggers among the hospital management for demonstrating good practices. The good practices that emerged over the last 2 decades of implementation are the highlights in the quality and environmental sustainability.

Track 3: Innovative approaches to reach the unreached

Innovative ways to achieve Universal Eye Health through Integrated People Centered Eye Care (IPEC) and role of technology. Cost effective approaches of outreach generated with 20 years of implementation experience realizing IPEC principle will be the focus in this track. Strategies for Vision 2030 in Sight focussing the unreached is the core of this track.

Track 4: Skill enhancement for Allied Ophthalmic Professionals

NOTE: This track will be conducted as a pre-conference program only on 5 July 2024, Friday.

Optometrists and ophthalmic assistants form the backbone of both community eye care and different levels of eye care delivery in the health system, from primary to tertiary level and can lead public health research. Continuous upgradation on recent advances in eye care and capacity building of these professionals becomes a mandate at different levels to provide quality eye health care. This year's annual conference will have different skill enhancement workshops towards this goal. Delegates after attending the pre-conference program on 5 July can continue in the main conference on 6-7 July to learn more and contribute.

Track 5: Sharing Knowledge Repository: Towards organization's excellence & growth

Free oral presentations based on abstracts reviewed and selected by the Scientific Committee.

Timelines and Registration (Pre-Conference Session) – "Quality and Accreditation of Eye Hospitals" on 5 July 2024

Timelines	Registration fee	GST	Total (Rs.)
Pre-conference Session on Quality and Accreditation of Eye Hospitals (on 5 July 2024, Friday)	1271	229	1500

Last date for registration: 31 May 2024

Timelines and Registration (Main Conference) – "VISION 2020 to 2030: Insights and Path Ahead" (6-7 July 2024, Saturday and Sunday)

Timeliness	Registration fee	GST	Total (Rs.)
VISION 2020 INDIA MEMBERS			
■ Early Bird: 30 April 2024	1695	305	2000
■ 1 May - 7 July 2024	2542	458	3000
NON-MEMBERS			
■ Early Bird: 30 April 2024	2119	381	2500
■ 1 May - 7 July 2024	3390	610	4000
Students, anytime (including Pre-Conference on 5 July 2024 - Track 4: Skill enhancement for Allied Ophthalmic Professionals)	1271	229	1500

Note: Delegates will have to separately register for Pre-Conference session on Quality and Accreditation on 5 July 2024, and the "Main Conference on 6-7 July 2024.

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, LUDHIANA (THE HOST)

Christian Medical College & Hospital, Ludhiana is a 130-year-old institution with a legacy of healing, education and research. It was founded by Dr. Edith Mary Brown as the North Indian School of Medicine for Christian Women in 1894, the first medical college for women in Asia. The institution became coeducational in 1953 and was renamed Christian Medical College & Hospital.

The Department of Ophthalmology at Christian Medical College, Ludhiana was established in the year 1945. The Department has the distinction of being a pioneer in the Community Ophthalmology outreach programme in North India. It was started in 1958 under the guidance of Dr. Victor C Rambo and covered the northern states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir. Further under the leadership of Dr. Arin Chatterjee these services were extended to the states of Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand. For the last 60 years, our outreach services have continued to provide state of the art eyecare services to the needy and underprivileged segment of our society. To aid us in these services, various international and national organisations namely, CBM, ORBIS, Ludhiana CMC Board USA and local NGOs have supported us throughout our journey. In addition to providing outreach services, being a part of the teaching institution, we have been actively involved in training budding ophthalmologists, optometrists, nurses, and ophthalmic technicians. We are equipped with state-of-the-art technology and equipment and offer all subspecialty ophthalmology services including glaucoma, paediatric ophthalmology, retina, cornea, low vision and oculoplasty.

For more details, please visit <https://www.cmcludhiana.in/>

VISION 2020: THE RIGHT TO SIGHT-INDIA (THE ORGANISER)

VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA (VISION 2020 India) is a registered not-for-profit eye care forum, and is a key driver of the joint global initiative of the World Health Organization (WHO) and International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) for reducing avoidable visual impairment. It is a collaborative effort of INGOs, NGOs, Dr. R P Centre, AIIMS to coordinate and support for improved eye care programmes; gain and share knowledge and together develop solutions together to achieve quality, comprehensive and equitable eye care. The primary objective of VISION 2020 India is to: *“Intensify and accelerate prevention of blindness activities so as to achieve the goal of eliminating avoidable blindness through policy environment and strengthening the capacity of eye care institutions.”* For more details, please visit www.vision2020india.org.

HOW TO REACH LUDHIANA

- 1. By Air:** The nearest airport is Chandigarh, which is 90 kms from Ludhiana and takes approximately 2 hours to reach. The next nearest airport is Amritsar which is about 140 kms from Ludhiana and takes 3 hours to reach by road.
- 2. By Train:** Ludhiana Junction is the main railway station and is only 2 kms from CMCH Ludhiana. It is well connected to all the major cities. Several fast trains run between Delhi and Ludhiana and the travelling time is approximately 4 hours.
- 3. By Road:** Ludhiana is situated on National Highway 1, part of the Grand Trunk Road connecting Delhi to Amritsar. The travelling distance between Delhi and Ludhiana by road is 310 kms and takes approximately 5 hours.

CONFERENCE ORGANISER

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