

Poster Presentations

Ocular Leprosy

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Eye Care to Inmates of Aged and Destitute Homes (Snehalayas) of The Leprosy Mission

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The Leprosy Mission, India runs five Snehalayas- Mercy homes for those Leprosy affected persons having no one to care for them. One of the activities of TLM community eye care programme is to provide comprehensive eye care to these inmates and to enable them to lead an independent and better quality life. The eye care activities include regular eye check-up by the TLM Ophthalmic team providing spectacles, Cataract surgical services, mobility training and Daily living skills enabling them to lead an independent life. There are 205 inmates in 5 Snehalayas. The ocular morbidity among the inmates will be described. 10 inmates are irreversibly blind. They have been given mobility training. The improvement in the quality of life and the independence in mobility of these inmates will be illustrated through photographs. **Key words:** eye care, aged and destitute homes.

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Ocular Morbidity of Leprosy in-Patients at Philadelphia Leprosy Hospital, Salur, Andhra Pradesh, India

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The ocular involvement in leprosy can take the form of both infiltrative and inflammatory lesions. While inflammatory changes appear early, the symptoms of infiltrative changes may be delayed by many years. Ocular lesions in leprosy are very damaging and 6 monthly examinations are generally recommended. Since ocular involvement can be disabling, leading to loss of employment and curtailment of normal activities, it is essential that eye care and prevention of sequelae of damage to the eyes be a part of routine care of leprosy patients. A study was undertaken to assess the impact of POID activities on the ocular morbidity pattern of leprosy patients. A sample of 596 medical case records of all admissions to the leprosy wards of Philadelphia Leprosy Hospital, Salur in the calendar year 2006 were analyzed and relevant inferences were drawn. **Key words :** ocular disorders in leprosy, ocular morbidity in leprosy.