

to learn special and complex operations by assisting the senior post graduate student or the faculty in operations of cases of the specialty and be responsible for the post-operative care of these cases.

In **first phase**, the post graduate student is given training in preparations of cases for operation, pre-medication and regional anaesthetic blocks. In the **next phase**, the post graduate student assists the operating surgeon during the operations. In the **third phase**, the post graduate student operates independently assisted by senior post graduate student or a faculty member. She/he is required to be proficient in some operations and show familiarity with others.

## *Syllabus*

### **Course contents:**

These are only broad guidelines and are illustrative, there may be overlap between sections.

#### ***I. Basic Sciences:***

##### 1. Orbital and ocular anatomy

- i. Gross anatomy
- ii. Histology
- iii. Embryology

##### 2. Ocular Physiology

##### 3. Ocular Pathology

##### 4. Ocular Biochemistry

General biochemistry, biochemistry applicable to ocular function

##### 5. Ocular Microbiology

General Microbiology, specific microbiology applicable to the eye

##### 6. Immunology with particular reference to ocular immunology

##### 7. Genetics in ophthalmology

##### 8. Community Eye Health

#### ***II. Optics***

- a. Basic physics of optics
- b. Applied ophthalmic optics
- c. Applied optics including optical devices
- d. Disorders of Refraction

#### ***III. Clinical Ophthalmology***

- i. Disorders of the lids
- ii. Disorders of the lacrimal system
- iii. Disorders of the Conjunctiva
- iv. Disorders of the Sclera

- v. Disorders of the Cornea
- vi. Disorders of the Uveal Tract
- vii. Disorders of the Lens
- viii. Disorders of the Retina
- ix. Disorders of the Optic Nerve and Visual Pathway
- x. Disorders of the Orbit
- xi. Glaucoma
- xii. Neuro-ophthalmology
- xiii. Paediatric ophthalmology
- xiv. Ocular involvement in systemic disease
- xv. Immune ocular disorders
- xvi. Strabismus and Amblyopia
- xvii. Ocular oncology

## ***TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS***

### **Teaching Methodology:**

The theoretical knowledge is imparted to the post graduate student through distinct courses of lecture demonstrations, seminars, symposia and inter- and intra-departmental meetings. The students are exposed to recent advances through discussions in journal clubs and participation in CMEs, and symposia.

**The post graduate students are imparted clinical training in several ways:**

1. ***Group Discussion***

The junior post graduate students may present the symposium to their senior postgraduates where it is fully discussed before finally being discussed in front of the faculty or senior eye specialists. A free and fair discussion is encouraged. These discussions enable the post graduate students to prepare for a general discussion in the class.

2. ***Clinical Case discussion***

- a. Bedside discussion on the rounds and outpatient teaching take their toll with patient management. Therefore in addition to these, clinical case discussions should form part of a department's schedule at a fixed time every week. This could range from 1-2 hours and could be held at least once a week. The choice and manner of presentation and discussion varies widely and is left to the discretion of the department. Every effort should be made to include as wide a variety of cases as possible over three years with multiple repetitions. Problem oriented approach is better as it aids in decision making skills.

- b. In addition to bedside teaching rounds, at least 5-hr of formal teaching per week are necessary.
- c. Consultant case presentation is another approach which should be encouraged as it aids in solving complex problems and also is forum for discussion of interesting cases.
- d. Case discussions on the patient's records written by the student is to be encouraged as it helps exercise the student's diagnostic and decision making skills. It also helps the consultant in critical evaluation of the student's progress academically.
- e. Case presentation at other in-hospital multidisciplinary forums.
- f. The postgraduate students shall be required to participate in the teaching and training programme of undergraduate students and interns.
- g. Department should encourage e-learning activities.

### 3. **Seminars**

Seminars should be conducted at least once weekly. The duration should be at least one hour. The topics selected should be repeated once in 3 years so as to cover as wide a range of topics as possible. Seminars could be individual presentations or a continuum (large topic) with many post graduate students participating.

### 4. **Journal clubs**

Journals are reviewed in particular covering all articles in that subject over a 6 months period and are discussed by the post graduate student under the following headings.

- 1) Aim
- 2) Methods
- 3) Observations
- 4) Discussions and
- 5) Conclusions

The post graduate student to whom the journal is allotted presents the journal summaries to the senior postgraduates. They are expected to show their understanding of the aspects covered in the article and clarify any of the points raised in the article, offer criticisms and evaluate the article in the light of known literature.

- 5. A postgraduate student of a postgraduate degree course in broad specialities/super specialities would be required to present one poster presentation, to read one paper at a national/state conference and to present one research paper which should be published/accepted for publication/sent for publication during the period of his postgraduate studies so as to make him eligible to appear at the postgraduate degree examination.

- 6. **Out-Patients:** For the first six months of the training programme, post graduate students may be attached to a faculty member to be able to pick up methods of history taking and ocular examination in ophthalmic practice. During this period

the post graduate student may also be oriented to the common ophthalmic problems. After 6 months, the clinical post graduate student may work independently, where he receives new and old cases including refractions and prescribes for them. The post graduate students are attached to a senior post graduate student and faculty member whom they can consult in case of difficulty.

7. **Wards:** Each post graduate student may be allotted beds in the in-patient section depending upon the total bed capacity and the number of the post graduates. The whole concept is to provide the post graduate student increasing opportunity to work with increasing responsibility according to seniority. A detailed history and case record is to be maintained by the post graduate student.

**Relevance of beds and admissions in Ophthalmology has really gone down at present, as most of the surgical and special investigative procedures are being performed on out-patient basis. Most of the teaching has to be imparted in out-patients department and special Clinics.**

8. **Rotations: Specialty clinics**

The student may rotate in the following subspecialty clinics:

- Anterior segment and cataract
- Glaucoma
- Oculoplastics
- Paediatric ophthalmology and strabismus
- Retina and Uvea
- Cornea, Contact lens and low vision
- Neuroophthalmology
- Refractive Clinic

9. **Practicals in Ocular Histopathology**

The post graduate students may be provided with fully stained slides of the ocular tissues along with relevant clinical data and discuss the diagnosis and differential diagnosis on the basis of the information provided

10. Attend accredited scientific meetings (CME, Symposia, and Conferences).
11. Additional sessions on basic sciences, biostatistics, research methodology, teaching methodology, hospital waste management, health economics, medical ethics and legal issues related to ophthalmology practice are suggested.
13. Maintenance of **log book:** Log books shall be checked and assessed periodically by the faculty members imparting the training.

**During the training programme, patient safety is of paramount importance; therefore, skills are to be learnt initially on the models, later to be performed under supervision followed by performing independently; for this purpose, provision of surgical skills laboratories in medical colleges is mandatory.**

## ***ASSESSMENT***

### **FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT, ie, during the training**

**Formative assessment should be continual and should assess medical knowledge, patient care, procedural & academic skills, interpersonal skills, professionalism, self directed learning and ability to practice in the system.**

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#### **General Principles**

Internal Assessment should be frequent, cover all domains of learning and used to provide feedback to improve learning; it should also cover professionalism and communication skills. The Internal Assessment should be conducted in theory and clinical examination.

**Quarterly assessment during the MS training should be based on following educational activities:**

- 1. Journal based / recent advances learning**
- 2. Patient based /Laboratory or Skill based learning**
- 3. Self directed learning and teaching**
- 4. Departmental and interdepartmental learning activity**
- 5. External and Outreach Activities / CMEs**

**The student to be assessed periodically as per categories listed in postgraduate student appraisal form (Annexure I)**

### **SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT, ie., assessment at the end of training**

**The summative examination would be carried out as per the Rules given in POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS, 2000.**

**The Post Graduate examination shall be in three parts:**

#### **1. Thesis:**

Every post graduate student shall carry out work on an assigned research project under the guidance of a recognised Post Graduate Teacher, the result of which shall

be written up and submitted in the form of a Thesis. Work for writing the Thesis is aimed at contributing to the development of a spirit of enquiry, besides exposing the post graduate student to the techniques of research, critical analysis, acquaintance with the latest advances in medical science and the manner of identifying and consulting available literature.

Thesis shall be submitted at least six months before the Theory and Clinical / Practical examination. The thesis shall be examined by a minimum of three examiners; one internal and two external examiners, who shall not be the examiners for Theory and Clinical examination. A post graduate student shall be allowed to appear for the Theory and Practical/Clinical examination only after the acceptance of the Thesis by the examiners. From regulations)

## **2. Theory Examination:**

The examinations shall be organised on the basis of 'Grading' or 'Marking system' to evaluate and to certify post graduate student's level of knowledge, skill and competence at the end of the training. Obtaining a minimum of 50% marks in 'Theory' as well as 'Practical' separately shall be mandatory for passing examination as a whole. The examination for M.D./ MS shall be held at the end of 3rd academic year. An academic term shall mean six month's training period.

**There shall be four theory papers.**

- Paper I:** Basic Sciences related to Ophthalmology, Refraction & Optics
- Paper II:** Clinical Ophthalmology
- Paper III:** Systemic Diseases in Relation to Ophthalmology
- Paper IV:** Recent Advances in Ophthalmology and Community Ophthalmology

## **3. Clinical/Practical and oral/viva voce examination**

### **Clinical**

- 1 long case
- 2 short cases with different problems
- 2 fundus Cases
- 1 refraction case

**Oral/Viva voce Examination shall be comprehensive enough to test the post graduate student's overall knowledge of the subject and shall include:**

- i. Instruments
- ii. Pathology specimens
- iii. Drugs, X-rays, USG/OCT/CT/MRI Scans, etc.
- iv. Visual fields and other ophthalmic diagnostic charts

## **Recommended Reading:**

### **Books (latest edition)**

1. Ophthalmic Surgery: Principles and Techniques. Blackwell Science. Albert DM.
2. Principles and Practice of Ophthalmology. Albert DM, Jakobiec. W B Saunders
3. Principles & Practice of Ophthalmology. Gholam A Paymen
4. The Current American Academy of Ophthalmology Basic and Clinical Science Course (13 volumes)
5. Duke Elder's Practice of Refraction. Abrams D. Churchill Livingstone.
6. Text book of Ophthalmology. Yanoff and Duker
7. Retina. Stephen J Ryan:
8. Ophthalmic Ultrasound: Sandra Byrne and Ronald Green.
9. Cornea: Fundamentals, Diagnosis, and Management. Krachmer JH, Mannis MJ, Holland EJ. Mosby Elsevier.
10. Ophthalmology. Yanoff N, Duker JS. Mosby Elsevier.
11. Review of Ophthalmology. Friedman NJ, Kaiser PK, Trattler WB. Elsevier Saunders, Philadelphia.
12. Corneal Transplantation. Vajpayee RB. Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (P) Ltd, New Delhi.
13. Fundamentals of Clinical Ophthalmology Series. Coster D. Cornea. Blackwell Publishing Limited.
14. The Contact Lens Manual. A practical guide to fitting. Gasson A, Morris A J. Butterworth Heinemann Elsevier.
15. Steinert's cataract surgery.
16. Shields Text book of glaucoma
17. Smith and Nozik : Uvea
18. Rootman's diseases of the orbit
19. Eyelid, conjunctival and orbital tumors. An atlas and textbook. Shields JA, Shields CL. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.
20. Intraocular tumors. An atlas and textbook. Shields JA, Shields CL.
21. Pediatric Ophthalmology. Taylor and Hoyt: Saunders Ltd.
22. Management of Strabismus and Amblyopia. Pratt-Johnson and Tilson: Thieme Verlag.
23. Handbook of Pediatric Eye and Systemic disease. Wright, Spiegel and Thompson.
24. Binocular Vision and Ocular Motility. Theory and Management of Strabismus. Von Noorden GK. Mosby.
25. Surgical Management of Strabismus. Helveston:
26. Strabismus: A Decision Making Approach. Von Noorden and Helveston:
27. Thyroid Eye Diseases. Char DR. Williams and Wilkins, Baltimore.

28. A Manual of Systematic Eyelid Surgery. Collin JRO (ed). Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh.
29. Refractive Surgery. Agarwal A, Agarwal A, Jacob Soosan. Jaypee.
30. LASIK Complications, Prevention and management. Gimbel HV, Penno EEA. Slack Inc.
31. Management of Complications of Refractive Surgery. Alio JL, Azar DT. Springer.
32. Quality of Vision: Essential Optics for the Cataract and Refractive Surgeon. Holladay JT. Slack Inc.
33. Ocular Pharmacology: Havener
34. Anatomy: Wolff 's Anatomy of the Eye and Orbit
35. Physiology: Adler's Physiology of the Eye
36. Textbook of Ophthalmology (2 volumes). Easty DL, Sparrow JM. Oxford Oxford Medical Publications.
37. The Eye. Basic Sciences in Practice. Forrester JV, Dick AD, McMenamin PG, Lee WR. W B Saunders.
38. A Stereoscopic Atlas of Macular Diseases: Diagnosis and Treatment. Gass JDM.
39. Neuroophthalmology. Glaser JS. Lipincott Williams & Wilkins. .
40. Clinical Ophthalmic Pathology. Harry J, Misson G. Butterworth/Heinemann.
41. Inherited Retinal Diseases. A Diagnostic Guide. Jimenez Sierra JM, Ogden TE, Van Boemel GB. Mosby.
42. Clinical Ophthalmology. Kanski JJ. Butterworth/Heinemann.
43. ABC of Resuscitation. Colquhoun, M. C., Evans, T. R., Handley, A. J. BMJ Publishing Group.
44. Walsh and Hoyt's Clinical Neuroophthalmology (5 volumes). Miller NR, Newman NJ, Williams and Wilkins.
45. The human eye. Oyster CW Sinauer Associates. Sunderland. Massachusetts
46. Paediatric Ophthalmology. Taylor D. Blackwell Science.
47. Decision Making in Ophthalmology. Van Heuven WAJ, Zwann J. Mosby.
48. Parsons' Diseases of the eye. Sihota and Tandon.
49. Wills Eye Manual
50. International Council of Ophthalmology Residency Curriculum available at <http://www.icoph.org/>

### **Journals**

03-05 international Journals and 02 national (all indexed) journals