


GUIDELINES FOR FUNCTIONING OF EYE CARE FACILITIES UNDER NPCB&VI

1. All eye care facilities to carry out routine clinical activities including OPD, IPD and Surgical procedures, in all areas except the containment areas in red zones.
2. But all due precautions for preventing spread of infection to be taken like Social distancing, wearing of face masks, face Shield, Goggles etc. and Frequent Hand Wash/Hand rub (as per MOHFW additional guidelines for non COVID hospitals.
3. Ensure minimum patients at any given time in the premises and maintain social distancing norms of 1-2 meters between the patients.
4. SOPs regarding the above points may be made and strictly enforced.
5. Ensure minimum touch of OPD Cards, Trial Frame, Trial Lenses and other paraphernalia being used in the Eye OPD and their frequent disinfection.
6. Ensure patient wears a face covering and uses a hand rub before entering the OPD and does not have symptoms resembling Covid Infection.
7. A special Consent form should be got filled by the patient before any invasive procedure is undertaken, disclaiming responsibility from development of future Corona infection in the patient. This fact should be well explained to the patient.
8. No outreach camps to be undertaken. No mobile vans to be sent in the field.
9. Tele-ophthalmology and Teleconsultation practices to be explored and encouraged specially in difficult areas.
10. IEC messages through digital means only.
11. No eye ball retrieval from homes, however HCRP can be continued in Non-Covid dead patients, for need of corneas for therapeutic purposes only.
12. During surgical procedures, the surgeons and the OT team should follow the guidelines and precautions as for other surgeries (as per MOHFW additional guidelines).
13. Pre-surgical Covid test on patients is not mandatory.


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