

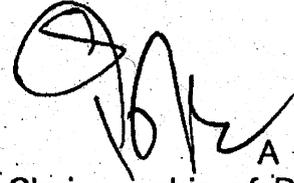
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A Committee of Experts was constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. B.D. Athani, Special DG, Dte. GHS to reassess the existing duties and formulate the Revised Duty Chart of Para-Medical Ophthalmic Assistants (PMOAs) under National Program for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment (NPCB&VI). The Committee in its meeting held on 02.09.2016 finalized its recommendations and the same have been accepted by the competent authority in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for implementation under NPCB&VI.

2. Accordingly, the Duty Chart of Para-Medical Ophthalmic Assistants (PMOAs) under National Program for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment (NPCB&VI) promulgated in 1992 through a booklet published under title "Present Status of National Program for Control of Blindness (NPCB) 1992" by Ophthalmology Section, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, is hereby modified for implementation with immediate effect as under:-

1. At primary eye-care level (PHCs and CHCs)

a. Independent duties

- Test visual acuity, refraction and prescription of glasses.
- Screening and identification of eye diseases like cataract, glaucoma, childhood blindness, uncorrected refractive errors,



squint, trachoma, corneal opacity, Uveitis, diabetic retinopathy.

- Screening for color vision(not for issuing certificate)
- Dispensing of spectacles.
- Health Education and training of primary level functionaries and volunteers.
- Enucleation of the eyes in cases of corneal donation after death (after requisite training only).
- Organization and management of: documentation, counseling, screening camps, school eye health, community health education sessions, coordination with other departments, tele-ophthalmology and epidemics..

b. Duties under supervision of Medical Officers or Eye Specialists

- Providing primary eye care including treatment for eye diseases like trachoma, conjunctivitis, allergies of eye lids and conjunctiva, dry eye, vitamin A deficiency, lachrymal system disorder, superficial corneal abrasion.
- Ocular emergencies: Identify, initiate primary medical treatment (First Aid as per the protocol) and urgent referral to an Ophthalmologist immediately, any emergency cases like chemical burns, perforating injuries of eye ball or lids corneal Ulcers.
- Minor surgical procedures like epilation, removal of conjunctival foreign bodies.
- Follow up of post-operative cases as per the instruction of the operating surgeons.

2. Secondary eye care level at District Level (under supervision of Ophthalmologist)

- Assessment of vision, refraction (manual and automated), prescription of glasses
- Assessment of binocular vision and color vision.
- Tonometry, Evaluation of lachrymal duct patency.
- Visual field testing, diplopia and hess charting
- Contact lens fitting, low vision aids after getting appropriate training
- Recording patients history and preliminary eye examination
- Pre-operative workup:- Biometry, blood pressure checking,

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- blood sugar checking, slit lamp examination.
- Coordination with primary level
- Non invasive investigation technique after training
- Prosthetic eye implant fitting.
- Operation theater and wards (after proper training)
- administration of pre and post-operative medications as per doctor advise, counseling of patients, sterilization of instrument and equipments, setting up of surgical trolley and any other work assigned by the eye surgeons.

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