

**Two weeks course in Community Ophthalmology  
(29<sup>th</sup> June – 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2009)**

at

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Blindness, visual impairment and various common eye ailments put a lot of social and economic burden on the life of the individual, his family, the community and country. Many children with eye ailment / refractive errors can not attend school or not perform well in studies.

For adequate planning and implementing eye care services it is necessary to identify and define the problem, measure its magnitude and understand the key determinates. The option for intervention should follow the discussion of the key determinants and be consistent with the analysis of the problem.

To advocate for support in eye care it is necessary to ensure that the problem is first perceived as a relevant public health problem, and that the arguments make a compelling case that the problem is significant enough to warrant attention.

**Aims of the course**

Through this course the Institute plans to introduce the concepts of Community eye health to the residents in ophthalmology. The residents will enhance their knowledge, skills and understanding of eye disease in the community and how to organize and plan eye services in Government, NGO or private sector. The institute will introduce the participants to the global initiative for the elimination of avoidable blindness by the year 2020 “**VISION 2020 The Right to Sight**” and hands on training synopsis / dissertation writing.

**Objective of the course**

To introduce the participants to principles of assessing the magnitude of different eye diseases.

To identify different options / models of eye care services to improve coverage and quality of eye care services.

To introduce the participants to research methodology, including Topic selection, Design strategies, sample size collection, sampling and data collection.

To provide the participants an opportunity of hands on training on Synopsis / dissertation writing, data collection, data entry into SPSS and Analysis.

Seats available for each course = 20 (First Come, First serve basis)

**Eligibility Criteria**

Resident trainee in ophthalmology in an approved teaching Department by CPSP

Minimum of one year experience in Ophthalmology

**Duration of the course 02 weeks**

**Registration with PICO:** Rs. 2000 refundable on the completion of the course.

**Tuition Fee:** PICO will arrange the tuition fee of the participants.

**Facilitation at Peshawar:** Rs 15,000 per participant as traveling and living allowance will be available for all the participants.

**Last Date for submission of form along with security fee of Rs.2000,  
15<sup>th</sup> June 2009.**