

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

March 2021

Advisory Board Meeting

The second Advisory Board Meeting was held on 5th Feb'21

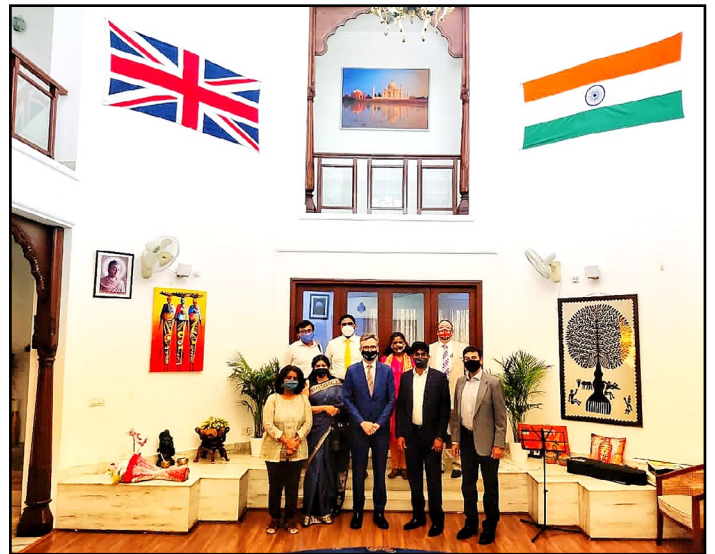
Dr. G.N. Rao, who is the Chair of the Advisory Board highlighted the fact that the unique feature of IHOPE was its multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional collaborative team. He said that with the kind of expertise the project had, it was a great opportunity to mine and analyze database of patients through the inhouse EMR system at LVPEI. The learning outcomes of doing this could be tremendous.

Dr Raja Narayanan gave a brief overview of what IHOPE has been able to accomplish over the last 6 months. He mentioned that we were looking at a combination of Big Data, Health Economics and Public Health with clinical research being at the core, trying to bring together all 3 disciplines to ultimately guide intervention at a policy level. From asking the right questions to hypothesis generation, to study design, data collection, data analysis and finally publications, one would cover the whole gamut, and this center was an end-to-end system in that sense.

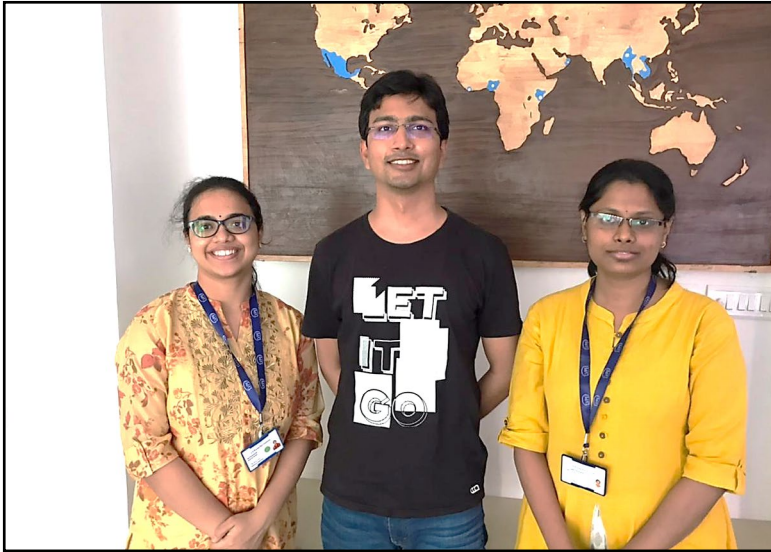
Projects related to Myopia in the public health space and Technology Diffusion and cost effectiveness study were discussed in detail with the Ad Board and their suggestions on the same will be incorporated before the next meeting.

Updates

Dr. Anthony Vipin Das, met Mr. Alex Ellis, the new British High Commissioner to India, in a welcome reception organized by Mr. Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner in Hyderabad. They discussed strategies to strengthen the bond between India and UK on the research front and also looked at potential collaborations with the NHS and NICE in the UK.

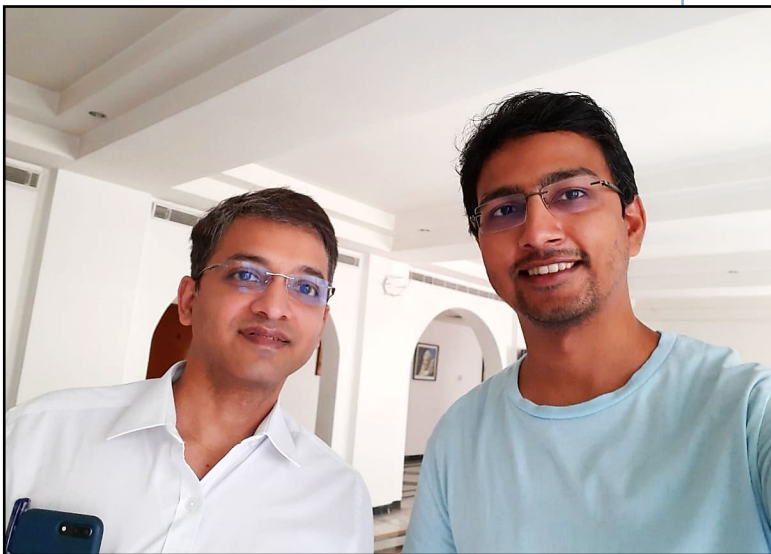


Updates



Dhruv with team mates Sai Prashanthi and Nimeshika from LVPEI

Dhruv Goel, a doctoral student from IIMA, and a part of the IHOPE team, visited LVPEI in Hyderabad, to work on the Technology Diffusion Project.



Dhruv with Dr. Raja Narayanan
IHOPE PI @ LVPEI

Dr. Raja Narayanan contacted Ayushman Bharat for the mapping of procedures and reimbursements related to eye care.

Updates



The eyeSmart EMR reached 1 million patient consults at customer sites across the world.



This vision of eyeSmart EMR is to provide technology tools to deliver efficient, equitable and excellent eye care to all those in need globally

Presentations



Topic: Vision and Diabetes

Date: 18.2.2021

Organized By: Diabetes Society (RSSDI)

Key message - Diabetes control can prevent blindness due to diabetes. It is important to check the eyes in diabetics even when the eyes feel normal.

Over the last couple of decades, blindness and low vision due to diabetic eye complications have increased in large regions of the world including in India. The magnitude and trends of vision-threatening disease are startling and amongst systemic risk factors for progression of these eye disorders, diabetes and hypertension are the top ones.

Dr. Raja Narayanan was a panelist at this forum.

(Youtube link to the session -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_GPjkgQT_A



Topic: DME 360 degrees

Date: 27.2.2021

Organized By: Allergan

Key message - A multi-disciplinary approach is required for managing diabetic retinopathy. Regular communication between retina specialists and endocrinologists is important for optimal referral and adequate treatment.

Dr. Raja Narayanan was the Moderator of this webinar involving an endocrinologist, nephrologist, cardiologist and retina specialist. Dr. Jill Keefe and Dr. Rohit Khanna were a part of this webinar too.

Presentations



Topic: “Spectacles for Every Indian - Making it a Reality”.

Date: 22.03.2021

Organized By: India Vision Institute

Key message - Uncorrected refractive error is the largest cause of vision loss. This session discussed as to why are spectacles still not accessible to a large number of Indians with refractive error, what can be done to correct and eradicate this, how can the optical industry better partner with all concerned in eliminating blindness and how can technology assist the large population with refractive error.

Dr. Rohit Khanna was a panelist in this session

Discussion available here -

<https://www.facebook.com/175785669161554/videos/13420795316807>

Media Mentions



Dr. G.V.S. Murthy
Indian Institute of Public Health
Hyderabad

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telegana/low-covid-caseload-in-telegana-could-be-due-to-antibodies/article33468567.ece>

Article by Prof. GVS Murthy was published in Eenadu Telegu newspaper on February 25th 2021. The article focused on the aspect of Complacency towards COVID-19 and how and why can one prevent it.



Dr. Partha Majumdar
National Institute of Biomedical Genomics
Kalyani

Science, cooperation and cash behind Covid-19 vaccines : The different shots and how they were developed at breakneck speed

www.telegraphindia.com/india/science-cooperation-and-cash-behind-covid-vaccines/cid/1810465

Calendar of Events

In Feb'21 we had invited Dr. Jill Keeffe, Faculty, LVPEI to present on Basics of Health Economics - QALY/DALY and Global Burden of Disease. This session was moderated by Dr. Rohit Khanna, who is a key collaborator for IHOPE.

The webinar recording can be accessed through our website at www.ihope2020.org/media/



I HOPE brings to you a webinar on
Basics of Health Economics

Sunday, 21st February 2021
11 am - 12 pm IST

Speaker



Dr Jill Keeffe
Faculty
LV Prasad Eye Institute

Dr Rohit Khanna
Director
GPR ICARE
LV Prasad Eye Institute



Moderator

Registration

In Mar'21 we had Prof. Jay Bhattacharya from Stanford University talking to us about Economic Epidemiology of Covid-19. This session was moderated by Prof. Chirantan Chatterjee from IIMA, who is the Co-Principal Investigator at IHOPE.



I HOPE brings to you a webinar on
ECONOMIC EPIDEMIOLOGY OF COVID-19

Friday, 26th March 2021
7.30pm - 8.30 pm IST

Speaker



Dr Jay Bhattacharya
Professor of Medicine
Center for Health Policy and the Center
for Primary Care and Outcomes Research
Stanford University

Prof. Chirantan Chatterjee
ICICI Bank Chair in Strategic Management
Chairperson, CMHS
Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad



Moderator

TEAM IHOPE



Dr. Raja Narayanan



Prof. Chirantan Chatterjee



Dr. Anthony Vipin Das



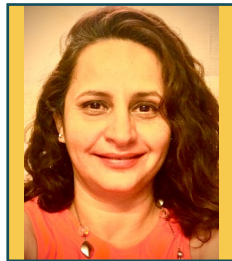
Dr. GVS Murthy



Dr. Rohit Khanna



Dr. Mehul Mehta



Arnaz Dalal



Dr. Ponnari Gottipati



Md. Hasnat Ali



Sai Prashanthi



Sri Lalitha Nimeshika



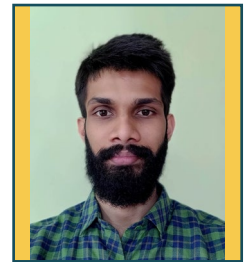
Anindya Chakrabarti



Dhruv Goel



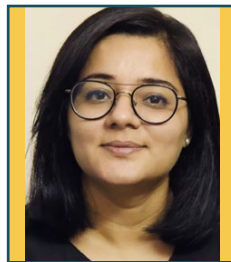
Puja Roy



Vaishakh Nair



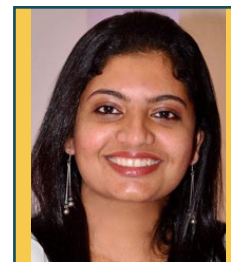
Dr. Anirudh Gudlavalleti



Dr. Kriti Shukla



Dr. Melissa Lewis



Dr. Rashi Raj

Clinical Research Training Program Fellows



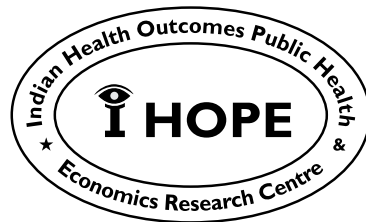
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