

OPHTHALMOLOGY ADVANCES

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Eliminating Blindness in Sri Lanka: Challenges and Options

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Globally 2.2 billion people have vision impairment. Majority of the blind live in the developing world. In Sri Lanka the prevalence of blindness is 1.7% among over 40 age group with cataract as the leading cause. Major challenges at present include cataract, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and correction of refractive errors with existing limited resources. Integrated people-centered eye care through synergy of ophthalmologists, optometrists, and other members of the health care team with the support of professional bodies, NGOs and government will be the way forward to meet these challenges in eliminating blindness.