

Global Eye Health Workshop
DRAFT PROGRAM

Theme: Advancing Management of Corneal Diseases in Low-Resource Communities: Challenges, Innovations and Impact

Dates & Location: 13 November 2025: Victorian Eye and ear Hospital, Melbourne, Australia
14 November 2025: Melbourne Convention Centre, Melbourne, Australia

Organising Chair : Prof. Nitin Verma & Prof. Mark Radford

Thursday 13 November 2025 – Practical Workshop: Lectures and Wetlab

TIME	ACTIVITIES	VENUE
1230-1700	<p>Introduction to Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery Workshop Chair: Dr. Vignesh Raja (ISMSICS)</p> <p>Topics Introduction - Prof. Nitin Verma Wound construction - Dr. Seema Mandhare Prolapse of nucleus - Dr. Muhammad Imran IOL implantation and closure - Dr. Minu Mathen</p> <p>Challenges - Dr. Minu Mathen, Dr. Seema Mandhare and Dr. Vignesh Raja</p> <p>Cloudy cornea Small pupil Mature and Intumescent Brown, black cataract Subluxation SICS skills for the phaco surgeon - Dr. Vignesh Raja</p> <p>Managing complications - Wound related - Dr. Minu Mathen Rhexis related - Dr. Minu Mathen Nucleus prolapse related - Dr. Muhammad Imran IOL implantation - Dr. Minu Mathen Vitrectomy in SICS - Dr. Muhammad Imran</p>	Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital (VEEH)

Friday 14 November 2026 – GEH Workshop

TIME	ACTIVITIES	VENUE
0900-0915	Welcome & Remarks – Prof. Nitin Verma & Prof. Mark Radford	Room 203/204, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
0915-1045	<p>Session 1 - Diagnosis & Management in Low-Resource Settings</p> <p>Management of Common Corneal Conditions: <i>Including practical approaches for infections (bacterial, fungal, viral), keratitis (infectious, viral, non-infectious), trauma (chemical, other), pterygiums, and corneal ulcers.</i> Including case presentations.</p> <p>Chairs: Dr. Rasik Vajpayee, Dr. Lucilla Ah-Ching Sefo</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Rasik Vajpayee (15 mins) Topic: “Surgical management of corneal disease in low resource settings”</p> <p>Case presentations (10 mins each):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Jambi Garap – “An overview of the type of Cornea cases seen at PMGH in 2024 - management protocol/outcome and discuss the outcome of our X6 penetrating keratoplasty” 2. Dr. Alma Nacuva – “Fungal Keratitis” 3. Dr David Pahau & Dr. Alice Irafa – “A rare case of Infectious Orbital Myiasis” 4. Dr. Robert Ko 5. Dr. Antonio Tafaeteau <p>Questions (5 mins)</p>	Room 203/204, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
1045-1115	Morning Tea Break	

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1115-1230	<p>Session 2 - Focus on Keratoconus</p> <p>Unique challenges: Diagnosis and management in resource-limited settings: <i>Diagnostic methods - keratometry, corneal topography, slit-lamp exam</i>); <i>Barriers to early diagnosis (lack of equipment, training, access to specialists).</i></p> <p>Chairs: Prof. Stephanie Watson, Dr. Alistair Papali'i-Curtin</p> <p>Speaker: Prof. Stephanie Watson (15 mins) Topic: "The real world of keratoconus"</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Alistair Papali'i-Curtin (15 mins) Topic: "Keratoconus in Aotearoa: Turning a Hidden Burden into National Vision"</p> <p>Case presentations (10 mins each):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Varanisese Naviri 2. Dr. Mundi Qalo 3. Dr. Nola Pikacha <p>Questions (15 mins)</p>	Room 203/204, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
1230-1330	Lunch & Networking Break	
1330-1450	<p>Session 3 - Appropriate Technologies & Education Opportunities for Low-Resource Communities</p> <p>Chairs: Prof. Mark Radford, Dr. Elish Jain</p> <p>Topics & Speakers:</p> <p>Introduction (Prof Mark Radford) (5 mins)</p> <p>Appropriate technology, including AI. (Speaker: Dr. Michael Coote) (15 mins)</p> <p>Teleophthalmology and its impact: An Aravind experience (Speaker: Dr. Rodney Morris) (15 Mins)</p> <p>Innovative Therapeutics: Use of ready-made therapeutic lenses, affordable bandage contact lenses, and point-of-care diagnostics for infectious keratitis (Speaker: TBD) (15 mins)</p> <p>Global education opportunities (Speakers: Dr. Anna Tan) (10 mins)</p> <p>"Sustainability" (Speaker: Dr. Alok Sen) (10 mins)</p> <p>"WhatsApp ophthalmic groups for remote consultation and knowledge sharing" (Speaker: Dr. Jason Cheng) (10 mins)</p> <p>Questions (10 mins)</p>	Room 203/204, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

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1450-1500	Workshop Closing Remarks Chairs: Prof. Nitin Verma & Prof. Mark Radford	Room 203/204, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
1500-1530	Afternoon Tea Break	
1530-1630	Session 4 – GEH Public Session Chairs: Prof. Nitin Verma & Prof. Mark Radford Topics & Speakers: RANZCO: Prof. Nitin Verma SNC: Dr. Elesh Jain ANZEF: Dr. John Kennedy PacEYES: Dr. Alma Nacuva IAPB: Brandon Ah Tong	Room 203/204, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre