

## Activities:

**Sankara Eye Hospital** is an ISO certified, state-of-the-art multi-speciality eye hospital located at Pammal, a well developed suburb of Chennai City, about 6km from Chennai Airport. This hospital was established in 1984 for the prevention, control treatment and relief of human disease. Since 1997, the hospital has been an exclusive eye care centre with a singular vision of providing high quality care to all segments of society.

**KANNOLI** is a rural outreach program on eye care with a thrust on villages around Chennai, Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur & border Districts where the core of the activities of the mission is centered. Camps are conducted in the villages every day, screen the village folk for any ailments of Eye and identify the people who need surgical correction. These persons are brought to the base hospital at Pammal where the necessary surgery with Intra Ocular Lens (**IOL**) is performed with the best postoperative care absolutely **FREE OF COST**.

The hospital performs 50 cataract surgeries daily. The patients are admitted one day before surgery and discharged the day after. They are reviewed at their village itself within 10 days & again after one month. They are then issued with reading glasses.

After having successfully implemented the project of curable cataract blindness for the past fifteen years, giving vision to **more than ONE lakh FIFTY SEVEN thousand people**, the hospital has the state-of-the-art equipments to tackle the irreversible blindness and other complications arising from diabetes. The hospital is in a position to handle this massive project through the camp facilities already established by the hospital in all rural cataract screening centres.

The hospital has specialties like Glaucoma, Vitreo Retinal (medical & surgical), Paediatric Ophthalmology, Eye Banking, Keratoplasty (Corneal Transplant) and free transport available from Pallavaram to the hospital at Sarathi Kalyana Mandapam, opp .to Singapore Shoppe.

**Vanavil - screening of school children for visual defects:** Vivekananda Educational Society has given us an opportunity to screen **31561** children of **25 Vivekananda** schools in Chennai. **962** children were identified with visual defects. The Society has sponsored for orientation to the teachervolunteers and for manufacturing spectacles. We have also screened **9305** children of **8 Government** schools in Kanchipuram District and identified **373** children needing spectacles. Various Lions & Rotary clubs sponsored for manufacturing the spectacles. The spectacles were distributed at free of cost.

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[www.kannoli.net](http://www.kannoli.net)

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<http://www.giveindia.org/m-1003-sankara-eye-hospital-pammal.aspx>



## SANKARA EYE HOSPITAL

(ISO 9001:2008 certified institution)



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"One of our duties as human beings is to avail ourselves of every opportunity to do good to others."

*Kanchi Mahaswami*

"The edifice of our life ought to be raised on the foundation of universal love."

*Kanchi Mahaswami*

"Total commitment to our action becomes possible only when the itch of selfish desire is absent and therefore the action is honest."

*Jagadguru Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi*

"Look upon others as thyself. May all people be happy and prosperous."

*Jagadguru Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi*

## Vision

Providing charitable medical and other voluntary services to poor, needy, downtrodden and economically backward people.

## Mission

To provide free or subsidized medical relief to the poor, needy, downtrodden and economically backward sects of people through outreach programmes. Help those in need of eyesight, who don't have near and dear to take care, who can't make it to a hospital on their own.

## History of Pammal Sankara:

- There was a need for quality education and health care.
- Blessed by His Holiness Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam
- Sri Sankara Vidyalaya started in 1983 with LKG to 5th standard, with 130 students.
- Supported by Rotary Club of Meenambakkam, under their theme "Discover a New World of Service".
- Sri Sankara Health Centre was established at Pammal and started the outpatient clinic in December 1984.
- M/s. Appaswamy Real Estates gifted 26 thousand sqft land at Sri Sankara Nagar in 1988 for the construction of the hospital building.
- A 20 bed general hospital was commissioned in 1990 with the funds generated through Rotary Club's efforts.
- To cater to the needs of general medicine, maternity and surgery.
- The hospital was upgraded to 60 beds in April 1993.
- His Holiness Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam launched the Kannoli-Vision Saver Project of Rotary Club of Madras Fort in December 1994.
- Thus, Eye care became a part of this general hospital.
- This hospital was converted into an exclusive ophthalmic hospital from April 1999.
- To provide comprehensive high quality eye care especially to the rural poor in the districts of Kanchipuram, Tiruvallur, Chennai and Chittoor (AP).
- Reaches out to those who are in need by providing service at their doorsteps through outreach programmes.

## Academic:

### SANKARA ACADEMY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY:

National Board of Examinations, New Delhi has approved our institution for conducting Diplomate in Ophthalmology for two candidates who passed in CET as Primary and for two as Post DO.

Eighteen months FELLOW in Comprehensive / General Ophthalmology and Medical & Surgical Retina for Indian / Foreign Ophthalmologists are offered by candidates who passed DO/MS/DNB. A high volume of surgical exposure under the supervision of experienced ophthalmologists is given. The hospital has SIX Fellowship positions in General Ophthalmology.

Short Term Fellowships in Small Incision Cataract Surgery and Phacoemulsification techniques for 2 / 4 weeks is offered.

A two year job oriented Diploma in Optometry course approved by Bharat Sevak Samaj, New Delhi is offered. Candidates who have passed +2 with Science group are eligible to apply.

Sri.Sunder Chanrai has shown keen interest to develop training of three Nigerian Ophthalmologists every year in the latest phaco techniques at Pammal under the banner **SANKARA ACADEMY of OPHTHALMOLOGY**. Dr.Ashok has been advised suitably. Sri.Sunder has agreed to meet the expenditure of **60000 USD** per annum. The first Nigerian candidate DrEmmanuel Megbelayin is likely to start his training programme from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012.

Sankara Academy of Ophthalmology has been training the ophthalmologists in latest techniques of phaco & SICS. So far five candidates in phaco and five candidates in SICS have been trained.



Continuous Medical Education is conducted at the hospital every week.

FOR MORE DETAILS, visit our website:

<http://phacotraining.kannoli.net/index.html>

## Performance:

During the last fifteen years, the hospital has performed **more than ONE lakh FORTY FOUR thousand FREE** cataract surgeries, of which 92% are free, covering a population of more than **ONE** crore.

The hospital conducts regular eye camps every day in Kanchipuram, Thiruvallur, Chennai & Chittoor (AP) districts. Presently, the hospital performs, on an average, **50** cataract surgeries per day.

The Vitreo Retinal Department is well equipped & performs medical & surgical activities, serving the needy.

The details of the medical attention given in the various disciplines are furnished below.

Disciplines	Free	Paying	Total
Outpatient	39287	24574	63861
No. of camps	623	0	610
No. of patients screened	69595	0	69595
IOL surgeries	12961	1820	14780
Fundus Flouresceine Angiography	79	426	505
Laser procedure	13	344	357
Vitreo Retinal surgeries	19	74	93
Glaucoma surgeries	79	127	206
Minor surgeries	47	215	262

With the munificent support of M/s.RMP Infotec Private Limited & Sri.Jawaharmal Chandan, Pammal Sankara Eye Bank was established. The bank retrieved **82** corneas. We have utilised **54** of which **26** have been transferred to others for corneal transplantation.

We have incurred a total expenditure of **Rs.597.38 lakhs**, against our revenue of **Rs.687.32 lakhs** during the year.

We have long term Fixed Deposits of **Rs.444 lakhs** and one short term Fixed deposit of **Rs.8 lakhs** as on 31.03.2012.

We have purchased one Optikon Phacoemulsification unit on 11.07.2011 at a cost of Rs.8.50 lakhs.

I am happy to inform that:-

- 9 Dr.Saroja Shankar Trustee of Sri Venugopaldaswami Trust and Smt Rajamma Public Trust has donated **Rs.1.80 lakhs** to procure two Multi-Para monitors and two Pulse Oximeters.
- 9 through M/s.Give India, we are able to receive donation of **Rs.19.19 lakhs** for our revenue expenses.
- 9 We have procured one 32 seater Eicher Skyline mini bus for the transport of our patients. The total vehicle cost is **Rs.12.89 lakhs**. We have obtained a loan of Rs.11,50,000/- from Indian Bank. An EMI of Rs.25,200/- will be paid to Bank from July 2011 for 60 months.
- 9 HelpAge India has agreed to support 1100 FREE cataract surgeries with IOL. We have received the 90% of the project cost of **Rs.7.92 lakhs** in January 2012.
- 9 A team from LAICO, Madurai has visited our hospital on 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011 as a part of SSI supported "Moving beyond cataract – Addressing comprehensive eye health through a systems approach". In continuation, our doctors & staff attended a Vision Building & Strategic Planning Workshop at LAICO between 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012. The main highlights are:
  - o A surgical target of 19,000 surgeries for the year 2012-13
  - o 15% paying surgeries
  - o Introduction of 5% subsidized surgeries (Rs.2000/-)
  - o 15% other speciality surgeries
  - o Comprehensive eye screening camps
  - o To promote day care
  - o To improve DR referrals through DR camps
  - o stop camps within 10km radius
- 9 our hospital is approved to undertake surgical patients (Retina, Cornea, Glaucoma & Pediatric) under Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme.
- 9 Government of India has extended its earlier approval to raise donations under section 35AC of IT Act of 1961 during the financial years 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 enabling the donors to avail 100% tax exemption.
- 9 A separate cabin has been created to accommodate the Liaison Officer of TN Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme in the main reception hall at a cost of **Rs.1.45 lakhs**.

- 9 Optical shop was modified and added additional frames for display at a cost of **Rs.1.02 lakhs**.
- 9 The west end roof of the third floor has been covered with galvano aluminum roofing at a cost of **Rs.6.65 lakhs** to protect the seepage on roof as well protect the outdoor centralised units of OT A/C plants.
- 9 The medical retina clinic (FFA, OCT and Green laser with one consultation room) was created in the Eye Bank and shifted. The Eye Bank was shifted to the first floor (Guest room). The Humphery perimeter and Yag Laser was shifted to the medical retina room and this room was created as an additional Consultant station. The total expenditure of modification is **Rs.50,737/-**.
- 9 we have installed 4 Air-conditioner in Room No.107, 108 of the first floor, Medical Retina room and Optical shop at a cost of **Rs.1.18 lakhs**.

I record my thanks to one & all who have been associated directly or indirectly in all our activities during this year. I also thank our doctors, staff & volunteers for their unstinted cooperation for achieving the lofty ideas / ideals set forth by the management. I look forward for the continued support in the years to come.

#### **Our partners in rural eye care:**

- District Blindness Control Society, Kanchipuram & Tiruvallur
- Sightsavers
- Mission For Vision
- B.P.Jain Auditor's Trust
- Chennai Willingdon Corporate Foundation
- The People and the Government of Japan
- Essar Group
- Isa Dampathi Yegnesa Charitable Trust
- Various Nationalised Banks & Insurance cos.
- Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation
- Lions Clubs International
- Chennai Petroleum Corporate Limited
- Shriram Group of Companies
- RMP INFOTEC PRIVATE LIMITED