



## Oculoplasty in India

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### Greetings!!!

It gives me immense pleasure to put down my thoughts for this prestigious IJOOO. Oculoplasty can no longer be considered a nascent subspecialty in India. Our OPAI has over 600 members and is already in its 28<sup>th</sup> year of existence. Every year the quantity and quality of work, publications and paper presentations are taking a quantum leap and one such shining example is this journal.

The youngsters in our group are so enthusiastic. This creative subspecialty helps us to explore and do things tailored to each and every case keeping the basic guidelines in mind and finally continue to do what works best in our hands. However the thirst to explore, learn from others, keep trying to better ourselves and excel in what we do should be our motto.

The trend in our OPAI meetings is to provide opportunities especially to the youngsters to present their work and I do hope this will continue forever.

The Web site has started functioning and I look forwards to each and every member to contribute actively to the discussions in the Forum. This will be archived as serve as a ready reckoner or a PPP (Preferred Practice Pattern).

The eyes are the windows to the World.... We as orbit and oculoplastic surgeons are blessed as we are exposed to evaluate the patient systemically and approach their management in a more holistic way. We can interact with colleagues in other Departments and guide them too when needed.

Sophisticated modalities of imaging, minimally invasive surgical techniques, tumor markers, navigational assisted surgery, immunomodulators for therapy, newer and better implants etc. are making our work more and more exciting.

We are fortunate to be blessed with exemplary teachers and seniors who have set a gold standard for us to emulate.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue which is packed with so many goodies....

Cheers!!!

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