



L V Prasad Eye Institute

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An epidemiological researcher and public health expert, **Dr Srinivas Marmamula** is one of the pioneers and a leading authority in elderly eye care in India. His work is driving significant advancements in improving the eye health of the elderly. A staunch advocate for the eye care needs of the elderly, he has conducted extensive research to understand the burden of vision impairment, its impact, and its associations with other comorbidities, including depression and cognitive impairment within the elderly population. His research has resulted in 14 publications, with several more in progress. These publications offer valuable insights into understanding the eye care requirements of elderly individuals residing in residential care in India. They identify existing gaps and present innovative solutions to address these challenges. He initiated his research in this area led to a large-scale service delivery initiative, covering 112 Homes for the Elderly in Hyderabad. This initiative has benefitted 3200 elderly residents by providing free eye examinations and referral services.

Dr Marmamula's research played a pivotal role in developing Elderly Eye Care Clinics within the tertiary eye care facilities of the L V Prasad Eye Institute Eye Care Network. His contribution to the development of novel rapid assessment tools for evaluating the burden of vision impairment using minimal resources is noteworthy. The methods pioneered by Dr Marmamula are being replicated in regions around the world.

Recognized as one of the top 200 research optometrists globally and ranked first in India, he has over 100 publications to his name. An outstanding researcher, he has been awarded the 'early career' and 'intermediate career' awards from the DBT Wellcome Trust India Alliance.

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