



## LV Prasad Eye Institute

(A Hyderabad Eye Institute organization)

**Prashant Garg**

Executive Chair

### Letter of Nomination

Dr Srinivas Marmamula is the Network Associate Director for Public Health Research and Training L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI). He is one of the very few specialists working in Geriatric Eye Health research in India.

Supported by the prestigious DBT Wellcome Trust India Alliance Earlier Career Fellowship, Dr Srinivas Marmamula embarked on a mission to assess the impact of clinical interventions on eye health for avoidable causes of vision loss in the elderly, through the Hyderabad Ocular Morbidity in Elderly Study (HOMES). It has resulted 14 publications with a few more in the pipeline. This study revealed a large burden of vision loss, dual sensory impairment (combined hearing and vision loss), and multi-morbidity among the elderly population in residential care. This longitudinal epidemiological study also revealed the positive impact of interventions such as spectacles and cataract surgery on visual functioning in the elderly. Research should translate into action. Following this dictum, Srinivas initiated a service delivery project to cover all the homes for the aged centres in Hyderabad region. Till date over 110 homes are covered and over 3000 elderly residents were provided with eye examinations and services.

Dr Marmamula was awarded with DBT Wellcome India Alliance Intermediate Career fellowship last year to carry out a large population-based longitudinal study to establish the correlation between ageing, disabilities and eye health. This study is envisaged to provide valuable insights and help plan holistic eye health care for the elderly in India.

After pursuing a Diploma in Ophthalmic Techniques from LVPEI in 1993, Dr Marmamula went on to do his PhD in Optometry / Public health from the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney, Australia in 2011. This was followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at Dana Center for Preventive Ophthalmology, Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University, USA. His journey from joining as an Ophthalmic Technician to rising to the ranks of a leadership position of Network Associate Director is one of inspiration, determination and grit. With over 100 peer-reviewed publications to his credit, Srinivas continues to inspire his younger colleagues.

A researcher, academician and teacher par excellence, Dr Marmamula is an emerging leader and public health scientist. I vouch for his accomplishments, and his passion to make a positive impact in the area of eye health, particularly elderly eye health. I am happy to nominate him for the prestigious SUN Pharma Foundation Research Award 2023.

  
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